

# OUR MOSTLY AGNOSTIC GROUP OF DRUNKS

Welcome to **OMAGOD** Chips training! We're glad you've decided to join our family. 😊

Do you remember picking up your white chip? How about your 90-day chip? Your first medallion? Chips celebrate milestones along the road of your recovery and they're important.

Picking up chips is one of the common threads that binds us together. No matter where you come from or which meeting you go to, most meetings have chip ceremonies. Our meeting is no different, but we do it a bit differently.

Here's how we'd like you to do it:

- ④ The white chip is ***the most important chip we give out***. The first thing you need to know is that when you give out this chip at the beginning of the ceremony, you need to be

serious. This isn't the time to joke or make light of it. This is the moment that our members make the commitment to stop drinking. If anyone picks up this chip, make sure you acknowledge them and tell them we're sending them an invitation to Coffee Talk™ after the meeting. You can say something like this:

“This chip is white, which is the international color of surrender. It simply represents the desire to stop drinking. If you're ready to make that commitment, please raise your hand.”

- ④ The rest of the chips are different. While they're still important, they're more of a celebration. Think party time! Congratulate them by name from the participant's list, which should be on your screen at all times\*.
- ④ Other than the white chip, the ceremony should be **brief** and lighthearted. You should wait about ~3 seconds before moving on to

the next chip. You can fill up that time with a quip / joke. Here are some of the ones we've come up with...

### **Go Go Green** (1 month)

- ① You've got money in your pocket instead of the bartender's.
- ① Go Go Go to meetings!
- ① Now you've got some green in your wallet.
- ① It's green, it's legal, and you can keep it in your pocket.
- ① The color of GO – go to meetings, go get a sponsor, go get off your ass, go have fun!
- ① The grass is greener on the AA side!

### **War Torn Corn** (2 months)

- ② The color of the sun, which you see when you wake up instead of when you're getting home.
- ② Say "yellow" to recovery (said like "hello")
- ② Urine, the right place! (it's yellow. Get it?)
- ② Urine, Ur out. AA is a lifestyle not a turnstile.
- ② The caution color. Beware of old behaviors (or our sponsor, or your spouse...)

### **Not Dead Red** (3 months)

- ③ Better red than dead!
- ③ By now you've got a little blood in your alcohol stream.
- ③ No longer the color of your eyes!
- ③ You could have RED the Big Book by now.

### **Don't Wine** (4 months)

- ④ If you throw this chip into the gutter your ass will soon follow.
- ④ Still here, no beer, pee clear and full of cheer!

### **Patient Pumpkin** (5 months)

- ⑤ Orange you glad you're sober now?
- ⑤ Orange you glad you found us?
- ⑤ Orange you glad you're not wearing an orange jumpsuit?
- ⑤ The color of construction, not destruction.

### **Don't Drink Pink** (6 months)

- ⑥ 1/2 way to your cake!
- ⑥ 1/2 way to a shitty relationship!
- ⑥ Aren't you tickled PINK you're sober?

## **Bada Bing Bada Blue (7 months)**

- ⑦ Blue skies ahead of you instead of blue lights behind you.
- ⑦ We're glad you BLUE in to AA!
- ⑦ You don't have to sing the blues anymore!

## **New Way Gray (8 months)**

- ⑧ Duct tape grey – you stuck and stayed!
- ⑧ Battleship grey, 'cuz the war is over.
- ⑧ Sweatpants grey, you're comfy in AA

## **Comeback Black (9 months)**

- ⑨ Gold on black 'cuz you kept coming back!
- ⑨ Black on gold 'cuz you did what you were told.
- ⑨ Once you get black you kept coming back, you didn't drink Jack and that's just a fact.
- ⑨ Black and gold until you grow old.
- ⑨ If your mama can do it, so can you.
- ⑨ Because you've been in the dark long enough!
- ⑨ The absence of all color, like the absence of all liquor (and beers, and wine, and cocktails...)

## Indigo To Meetings (10 months)

- 🕒 Don't be a twerp, pick up a purp.
- 🕒 At 10 months I found out I was colorblind. The news came out of the purple.
- 🕒 I'm color blind and the other day I thought I could see purple, but it was just a pigment of my imagination.
- 🕒 Like a lady cow wearing a pink shirt, orange shorts and a purple backpack you could be adorable (a-Dora-bull) with a purple chip.
- 🕒 Roses are red, violets are PURPLE!!!!!!!
- 🕒 I never knew my grandfather, but I just learned he had a purple heart. It's terrible what alcoholism does to your organs.
- 🕒 I think I look great in purple. It really makes me look like a prince among men.
- 🕒 What did the green chip say to the purple chip? Breathe, damn it! Breathe!

## Badass Blue ( 11 months )

- 🕒 Sobriety is a dream come BLUE.
- 🕒 Big Book blue. You'll get better too!
- 🕒 Best blue you'll ever do!
- 🕒 The chip is blue, so you don't have to be!
- 🕒 This chip is BLUE-tiful
- 🕒 The chip that's too good to be BLUE.

- ① Just a BLUE more days 'till your year!
- ① Don't bite off more than you can BLUE.
- ① It's a done TEAL



The mood changes a bit when someone picks up a medallion. This is a wonderfully big moment in most people's sobriety, and we want to recognize that. Call out the member by name and ask, "How many years do you have?" The backup dancer will unmute them so they can respond, then run the medallion animation. When the animation is finished, ask them "How'd you do it?" The backup dancer™ will keep them unmuted so they can reply.



If there are multiple hands raised, recognize each person separately. You should show the same enthusiasm for each participant.



It's time for the white chip again. Again, you're still serious if someone picks it up, but you can say the following if you'd like to:

"I'm offering the white one twice 'cuz it's just that nice. If you'd like to give up the high cost of low living and give yourself a break, give up the fight and pick up the white."

When you're finished with the chips, please remember to say, "Thanks for letting me chip! If you stayed sober today, this is for you..." The Backup Dancer™ will play the applause and your role is completed!

Thank you for making our meeting such a special occasion. Let us know if you're interested in other (but more boring) forms of service. We're glad to have you in our family! The information below is important. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know.

\* When the backup dancer™ starts the screen share you'll automatically be switched to full screen mode which will hide the participants list by default. To correct this, simply hit esc on your keyboard. This will take you out of full screen mode.

\* You will need to keep your participant list on the screen so you can see the hands being raised. Don't worry about lowering anyone's hand – the backup dancer™ will take care of that for you.

\* There's a keyboard shortcut you'll need to memorize.

- ⌘+ U (if you use a Mac)
- Alt + U (if you use a PC)

This key combination will bring up or hide the participant list. If you can't see your participant list, use that key combination and it will pop up. This works if you're in full screen or not.

