

"FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER"

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Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR), the term **Good of the Order** refers to that portion of the agenda or **meeting** during which members may make statements or offer observations about the character or work of the organization without having any particular item of business before the **meeting**.

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Good of the order This is a time set aside for members to offer comments or observations (without formal motions) about the society and its work. The **good of the order** is also the time to offer a resolution to bring a disciplinary charge against a member for offenses committed outside of a **meeting**

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"Good of the Order, General Good and Welfare, or Open Forum. This heading, included by some types of societies in their order of business, refers to the general welfare of the organization, and may vary in character. Under this heading (in contrast to the general parliamentary rule that allows discussion only with reference to a pending motion), members who obtain the floor commonly are permitted to offer informal observations regarding the work of the organization, the public reputation of the society or its membership, or the like. Certain types of announcements may tend to fall here. Although the Good of the Order often involves no business or motions, the practice of some organizations would place motions or resolutions relating to formal disciplinary procedures for offenses outside a meeting (Section 63) at this point. In some organizations, the program (see below) is looked upon as a part of the Good of the Order. "

RONR (11th ed.), p. 362

The regular rules of decorum still apply.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, the authoritative playbook on how to run a meeting, stipulates that meetings should include a segment called the "Good of the Order." This is time that is reserved for participants to offer comments or observations about the organization and its work. It is also time set aside for disciplinary matters involving fellow members.

That's what the phrase "the good of the order" means to those who are skilled parliamentarians.
