1. Thou shall not arrive late.
2. Thou shall make every effort to meet every guest.
3. Thou shall proceed quickly to thy seat and remain standing until seated by the president when the horn sounds.
4. Thou shall not disturb the mess with annoyances such as cell phones.
5. Thou shall not leave the mess whilst convened. Military protocol overrides all calls of nature.
6. Thou shall always keep thy glass charged while toasting.
7. Thou shall be properly attired.
8. Thou shall not question thy president or head table.
9. Thou shall eat thy meal appropriately.
10. Thou shall express approval by the banging of a closed fist on thy table. Clapping and tapping of thy silverware is prohibited.
11. Thou shall not quibble with the president.
12. When thy mess adjourns, thou shall rise and wait for president and guests to exit.
13. Thou shall enjoy thyself to the fullest.

Grog Bowl Procedures

Any member of the mess may report a violation of the mess rules by standing and sounding off:

Mister/Madame Vice, Point of order!

When recognized, that member may announce the noted violation and request that the perpetrator is sent to the grog bowl. When the perpetrator is directed to the grog by the head table, the violator will without speaking and at attention proceed directly to the grog bowl, squaring all comers. Once at the grog you must do the following:

1. Salute the grog.
2. Fill the cup with the grog at least 1/3 full.
3. Drain all contents without removing cup from lips.
4. Tip cup upside down over head.
5. Remove and properly discard cup, salute grog, and return to seat in same manner as when directed to the grog.

Should the violator's head get wet when the cup of grog is turned upside down, the violator must drink again. If this procedure is not followed as printed one must drink again.