



### **Proposed Amendment**

**Motion:** Motion to amend the Ritual attire requirement for the Pin Pledging Ceremony from Ritual attire to Badge attire.

**Rationale:** With growth being a priority for the National Organization and an increasing reliance on Continuous Open Bidding/Recruitment (COB/COR), chapters are holding the Pin Pledging Ceremony more frequently, and often in conjunction with chapter meetings. The expectation for Ritual attire is increasingly burdensome for chapters who are conducting the ceremony, sometimes weekly, and who are conducting meetings in conjunction with the ceremony.

In addition, given that the Pin Pledging Ceremony is to be conducted within 10 days of Ribbon Pledging (which is conducted within 24-hours of bid acceptance) the timeline does not afford new members much time to secure appropriate Ritual attire.

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