

Western – 2026 Provincial Council Meeting

HOW TO USE THIS LEGISLATION BOOKLET AT PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

This document describes in detail amendments submitted to the Western Provincial Council for consideration. Any Bylaw or Ritual amendment that passes will be considered at the 2027 Grand Chapter Congress. Bylaw amendments must achieve a 2/3 majority vote at Congress to pass.

Proposals related to National Policy and Procedures may be discussed and voted upon by the Council, but ultimately all National Policy and Procedures are administered by the Fraternity's elected Board of Directors. The Board, of course, will take any recommendation passed by a majority vote of the Provincial Council very seriously.

- Any language with ~~strikethroughs~~ would be deleted if the proposal or amendment passes.
- Any language listed in ALL CAPS indicates language that would be added if the amendment or proposal was adopted.
- Language in *italics* is included occasionally for explanatory purposes.

EXAMPLE:

~~Bylaw~~ - would be deleted

BYLAW - would be added

Bylaw - would be an explanatory note offering more detail or interpretation

RITUAL PROPOSAL 1

SUBMITTED BY:

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DATE: January 20, 2026

What does this proposal do?

Currently, the Pledging Ceremony rests on the shoulders of one member to conduct the entire ceremony, and, as such, the ceremony feels clucky, disjointed, and rushed at times. The goal of this proposal is to establish the High Tribunal as part of the Pledging Ceremony, adding in two members, listed as the Historian and Scribe, to help the Head Master execute the Pledging Ceremony. This should allow the Head Master to retain an air of importance and give the ceremony more substance just by having others involved in the movements of the ceremony.

The proposal also adds clarifying language as to how the room should be set up for every ceremony, making an alter cover and candles mandatory for each ceremony, and adding a visual to help chapters understand what their ceremony should look like. The proposal also adds wording to remind chapters to arrange their pledges by alphabetical order, as they should during initiation, as this will reflect in their initiate numbers once the initiation ceremony is complete.

How does this proposal impact our organizational Strategic Priorities and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives?

This proposal does not negatively impact any aspect of our Strategic Priorities or DEI initiatives.

Next Steps if Approved:

Add to the Agenda for Grand Chapter Congress 2027 in New Orleans, LA so the Grand Chapter can discuss and vote on these potential changes.

History of Proposal:

This proposal was Approved by the Western Provincial Council and was voted on during the 2025 Grand Chapter Congress where the proposal was not adopted by the Grand Chapter.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Ever since changing this ceremony and putting all of the responsibility onto one member, the ceremony has felt clucky and weird. The HM sits there giving an amazing speech, then weirdly gets up to hand out pins, then sits back down and finishes the ceremony with only a few more lines of exposition. Adding back in the High Tribunal will allow others to be involved in the ceremony, giving it more impact, and allowing the HM to stay seated while looking upon the new Neophytes with admiration as they receive their pins.
- The proposal also requires that chapters use a tablecloth and LED candles at each ceremony. This is already being implemented by many of our chapters, but it codifies its requirements now to ensure more uniformity.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Some may say that this is an unnecessary change.
- Some chapters may not have the budget to purchase new LED candles and a nice alter cover/tablecloth and or pillow.

Financial Impact:

- Staff time to update Ritual book
- Any changes to Ritual include a cost for printing which may include a charge to the chapters as determined by the Board of Directors.
- Cost to chapters that do not currently use LED candles during their Pledging Ceremonies

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date:

If passed at the Western Provincial Council meeting in March 2026, this Ritual proposal would be voted on at GCC 2027 in New Orleans. If approved, changes would be implemented with the distribution of the updated Ritual by the Central Office staff.

Proposal Details (and/or exact Policy, Bylaw or Ritual Language proposed -- use ALL CAPS for new language and strikethrough for deletions.)

1 Page 33. The Pledging Ceremony

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3 All members present, as well as the candidates, should wear semi-formal or business attire, and a
4 serious and solemn atmosphere should prevail throughout the ceremony.

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6 The layout of the room may differ based on the space available. As many nationally recognized
7 chapter officers as possible should be positioned in a semicircle behind the ~~Head Master~~ HIGH
8 TRIBUNAL (HEAD MASTER, SCRIBE, AND HISTORIAN) who is in the front of the room,
9 facing the candidates (SEE DIAGRAM BELOW FOR REFERENCE). The officers may be
10 either seated or standing as the situation allows. Chairs for the candidates should be positioned in
11 one or more rows facing the officers. The members of the chapter should be seated quietly
12 behind the candidates throughout the ceremony. There should be as many brothers in attendance
13 as possible.

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15 An altar setting ~~may~~ IS TO be placed in the front of the room including a nice tablecloth, ~~and~~
16 four LED candles, AND A CUSHION, UPON WHICH THE PLEDGE PINS SHOULD BE
17 ARRANGED READY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE CANDIDATES. ~~This is not required, by~~
18 ~~when available is a meaningful addition to the ceremony.~~ The ceremony should be made as
19 impressive and dignified as possible.

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21 ~~When it is time to begin, the candidates will take their pre-assigned seats with the brothers seated~~
22 ~~behind them. Once brothers and candidates are seated, the officers should take their position at~~
23 ~~the front of the room.~~

24
25 WHEN IT IS TIME TO BEGIN, THE HIGH TRIBUNAL AND OFFICERS SHOULD TAKE
26 THEIR POSITIONS AT THE FRONT OF THE ROOM AND BROTHERS SHOULD TAKE
27 THEIR SEATS. THE CANDIDATES WILL BE LED IN FROM THE ASSEMBLY ROOM, IN

28 ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY LAST NAME, AND WILL TAKE THEIR PRE-ASSIGNED
29 SEATS.

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31 When everything is in readiness the Head Master or officer conducting the Pledging Ceremony
32 should proceed as follows:

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34 Head Master: [Reading the names of the candidates slowly and distinctly, IN ALPHABETICAL
35 ORDER BY LAST NAME] Delta Sigma Pi was founded at New York University, School of
36 Commerce, Accounts and Finance, on November 7, 1907, and is a professional fraternity
37 organized to foster the study of business in universities; to encourage scholarship, social activity
38 and the association of students for their mutual advancement by research and practice; to
39 promote closer affiliation between the commercial world and students of commerce and to
40 further a higher standard of commercial ethics and culture and the civic and commercial welfare
41 of the community .

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43 Page 35.

44 [Head Master pauses until candidates all respond in the affirmative.]

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46 [Continuing] Then by virtue of the authority vested in me as Head Master of _____ [Give
47 the Greek letter designation of the chapter, or in the case of an installation, the Grand Chapter.]
48 Chapter of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, I ~~hereby invest you with this symbol of~~
49 ~~your pledgeship, the crown and Delta of our arms, and I declare you to be an elected neophyte of~~
50 ~~our brotherhood~~ DECLARE YOU TO BE AN ELECTED NEOPHYTE OF OUR
51 BROTHERHOOD. THE SCRIBE, ASSISTED BY THE HISTORIAN, WILL NOW INVEST
52 YOU WITH THIS SYMBOL OF YOUR PLEDGESHIP, THE CROWN AND DELTA OF
53 OUR ARMS. BROTHERS SCRIBE AND HISTORIAN.

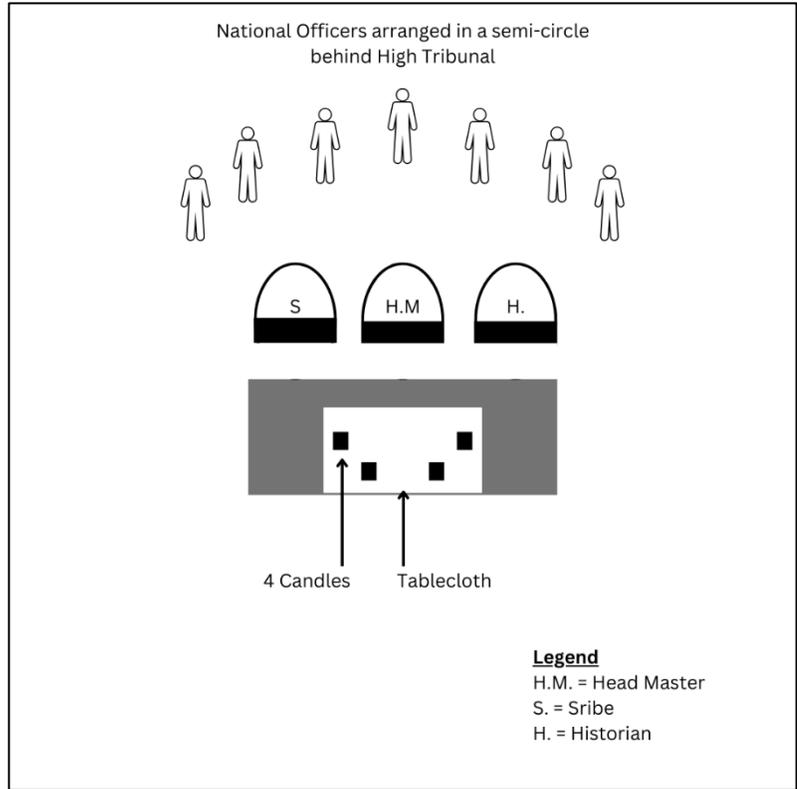
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55 [The ~~Head Master~~ SCRIBE AND HISTORIAN hands the pledge insignia to each candidate.
56 When all have been pledged, THE SCRIBE AND HISTORIAN RETAKE THEIR PLACES AT
57 THE HEAD TABLE. ONCE READY, the Head Master continues:]

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59 The pledge insignia which you have just received is to be worn when appropriate on the left side
60 of the outer garment, be it the lapel, blouse or sweater. [pause] If able, you may now place and
61 clasp your pin.

Diagram added to Page 33



NOTES:

Passed

Passed as amended

Failed

RITUAL PROPOSAL 2

SUBMITTED BY:

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DATE: January 20, 2026

What does this proposal do?

In the current version of the Ritual, the Head Master introduces the Scribe who, alongside the Historian, distributes the badge of the Fraternity without any information on what to do with it or where it goes once they have the badge in hand. The Scribe then talks about the symbology, the colors, the meaning, etc. all while the neophytes are simply holding the badge. It is not until the very end of the Scribe's section that we ask the neophytes to actually place and clasp their badge, when some have already forgotten where it is supposed to go. This is due to the change in Ritual where we simple hand the badge to the neophytes instead of putting the badge on them ourselves. While that previous change is good, the verbiage at the end of that section of ritual feels like an after thoughts "oh yeah, place the badge on yourself now".

All too often, the Head Master immediately moves on to the Historian's section and our neophytes are left either trying to quickly clasp the badge or are focused so intently on doing so they miss sections of the Historian's part. In many past instances, pledges place the badge in the wrong location, give up on placing the badge and hold it, or end up dropping the badge. All of these instances happened across various Initiation Ceremonies in fall 2023.

By changing the order of this Ritual (describe the significance, distribute the badge, allow the Scribe to dictate how long to give the neophytes to place and clasp their badge, and then move into describing the symbology, colors, and meaning) we would hope to strengthen the impact of receiving your badge on Initiation day.

How does this proposal impact our organizational Strategic Priorities and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives?

This proposal does not negatively impact any aspect of our Strategic Priorities or DEI initiatives.

Next Steps if Approved:

Add to the Agenda for Grand Chapter Congress 2027 in New Orleans, LA so the Grand Chapter can discuss and vote on these potential changes.

History of Proposal:

This proposal was approved by the Western Provincial Council and was voted on during the 2025 Grand Chapter Congress where the proposal was not adopted by the Grand Chapter.

Positive Considerations:

Avoid confusion for our Neophytes during the Initiation Ceremony. That ceremony should be written and performed so that there are no distractions from the information being presented. By making these changes we would be updating a section of a ceremony that has the potential for distraction and embarrassment.

Negative Considerations:

- Some may say the change is unnecessary and may confuse some of the members who know the ritual as it currently is.
- Financial cost to update and reprint the entire ritual book.

Financial Impact:

- Staff time to update Ritual book
- Any changes to Ritual include a cost for printing which may include a charge to the chapters as determined by the Board of Directors.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date:

If passed at the Western Provincial Council meeting in March 2026, this Ritual proposal would be voted on at GCC 2027 in New Orleans. The Board would determine the date of the next Ritual Book printing.

Proposal Details: (add/or exact Policy, Bylaw or Ritual Language proposed – use ALL CAPS for new language and ~~strikethrough~~ for deletions.)

1 National Ritual: The Initiation Ceremony, Page 54-57

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3 ~~Head Master: [Rising] The Scribe, assisted by the Historian, will now invest the neophytes~~
 4 ~~with the badge of Delta Sigma Pi. You will rise if able when the Scribe reaches~~
 5 ~~you. When you have received your badge, be seated and follow along as the~~
 6 ~~Scribe describes the significance. Brothers Scribe and Historian! [Head Master is~~
 7 ~~then seated.]~~

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9 ~~[The Scribe and the Historian then rise and nod to the Head Master. They then~~
 10 ~~proceed to the altar together, where the Historian picks up the cushion containing~~
 11 ~~the badges and, accompanied by the Scribe, proceeds to the first neophyte. The~~
 12 ~~Scribe removes the badge from the cushion and hands it to the neophyte. This~~
 13 ~~same procedure is followed for each neophyte. Then the Historian and Scribe~~
 14 ~~return to the altar together, where the Historian places the empty plush cushion.~~
 15 ~~Upon returning to their respective stations, the Historian is seated while the~~
 16 ~~Scribe remains in front of the altar facing the neophytes. The display board of the~~
 17 ~~badge should NOT be illuminated at this point.]~~

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19 _____

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21 **Alternate Language for Large Initiations**

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23 Below is the Alternate Badge Distribution Ritual Language for a large initiation, joint or
 24 otherwise. Each chapter (or group of chapters conducting a joint initiation) may elect to use this
 25 or the language on page 54.

27 Head Master: ~~[Rising] The Scribe and Senior Guide, assisted by the Historian and Junior~~
28 ~~Guide, will not now invest the neophytes with the badge of Delta Sigma Pi. You~~
29 ~~will rise if able when the Scribe or Senior Guide reaches you. When you have~~
30 ~~received your badge, be seated. Brothers Scribe, Historian, Senior Guide, and~~
31 ~~Junior Guide! [Head Master is then seated.]~~

32
33 ~~[The Scribe and Historian, followed by the Senior guide and Junior Guide, then~~
34 ~~rise and nod to the Head Master. The Scribe and Historian proceed to the altar~~
35 ~~together, where the Historian picks up one of the cushions containing the badges~~
36 ~~and, accompanied by the Scribe, proceeds to the first neophyte.]~~

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38 ~~[At this point, the Senior and Junior Guide proceed to the altar together, where~~
39 ~~the Junior Guide picks up the remaining cushion containing the badges and,~~
40 ~~accompanied by the Senior Guide, proceeds to the second set (or row, aisle, etc.)~~
41 ~~of neophytes.]~~

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43 ~~[Both pairs of the High Tribunal then proceed as follows:]~~

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45 ~~[The Scribe/Senior Guide removes the badge from the cushion and hands it to~~
46 ~~each neophyte. This same procedure is followed for each neophyte. Then the~~
47 ~~Historian and Scribe, and the Junior Guide and the Senior Guide, return to the~~
48 ~~altar together, where the Historian and Junior Guide place the empty plush~~
49 ~~cushions. Upon returning to their respective stations, the Historian, Junior Guide,~~
50 ~~and Senior Guide are seated while the Scribe remains in front of the altar facing~~
51 ~~the neophytes. The display board of the badge should NOT be illuminated at this~~
52 ~~point.]~~

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55 Scribe: ~~[Facing the neophytes] The badge with which we have just invested you is the~~
56 ~~insignia of Delta Sigma Pi, and may be worn only by a brother of the Fraternity~~
57 ~~in good standing, the brother's parents, partner or spouse. Any brother who~~
58 ~~discovers one of these badges in the possession of any other person has the right,~~
59 ~~and it is a duty, to confiscate the badge and return it to the Fraternity. Your badge~~
60 ~~always remains the property of the Fraternity and is subject to recall for conduct~~
61 ~~unbecoming a brother of Delta Sigma Pi. This badge, when worn by a brother,~~
62 ~~should always be worn nearest the heart, on either the shirt, vest, blouse, dress or~~
63 ~~sweater as the dress requires, but never, under any circumstances, on the coat or~~
64 ~~trousers.~~

65
66 ~~Each part of the badge has some special significance, referring directly to the~~
67 ~~three fundamental principles of Delta Sigma Pi, and the reward which awaits~~
68 ~~each true and faithful brother who follows them. This badge, therefore, should be~~
69 ~~a constant reminder of those principles, and should stimulate your ambition to~~

70 live up to them fully.

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72 [~~At this point, and not before, the spotlight for the display board containing the~~
73 ~~reproduction of the badge should be turned on by the Treasurer, and the Scribe~~
74 ~~should take a position alongside it.~~]

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76 Scribe: ——— [~~Continuing and using a pointer~~] You will notice that the letter Delta,
77 ~~representing Help or Service, is placed in the upper center, or most conspicuous~~
78 ~~part of the badge, whereas the bow knot, the symbol of Helpfulness, is placed at~~
79 ~~the bottom, in the most inconspicuous position. The significance of this~~
80 ~~arrangement is, that while Helpfulness or Service is first in importance, it should~~
81 ~~always be performed humbly and inconspicuously. Therefore, you always should~~
82 ~~endeavor to conduct yourself in such a manner.~~

83
84 ~~In the center of the badge is the symbol of Silence or Secrecy, the skull and~~
85 ~~crossbones, which signifies death to the friendship, respect and brotherhood of~~
86 ~~any member who violates the Oath which seals your lips. In the skull are eyes of~~
87 ~~amethyst. The eyes signify the necessity of vigilance. The amethyst is the stone~~
88 ~~of sincerity.~~

89
90 ~~Encircling the design is a wreath composed of many leaves bound together in the~~
91 ~~form of a circle, the symbol of Unity.~~

92
93 ~~At the top is the crown of success, that success which every brother in Delta~~
94 ~~Sigma Pi is enjoined to consider the only true success; which comes from~~
95 ~~helping and serving the brotherhood and all people.~~

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97 ~~There are three colors in the badge, gold [pause] black [pause] and red. [pause]~~
98 ~~Gold, the emblem of value, signifies Help which, by its very nature, is the~~
99 ~~bestowing of something of value on another, be it time, effort or money. [pause]~~
100 ~~Black, the universal sign of Silence and Secrecy. [pause] Red, the color of~~
101 ~~Blood, signifies Unity, for in the bond of brotherhood we are united as those of~~
102 ~~one blood.~~

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104 ~~Thus, every symbol on this badge serves as a constant reminder of the principles~~
105 ~~of our Fraternity. The goal of success and perfection which every true brother~~
106 ~~seeks can be attained only through watchful application and diligent pursuit of~~
107 ~~these ideals. At this time, if able, please place and clasp your badge. [Scribe is~~
108 ~~then seated].~~

109 ~~[At this point the spotlight for the display board should be turned off, and the~~
110 ~~Treasurer should turn it over to the coat of arms. Do not turn the light on again~~
111 ~~until after the Head Master has presented the Historian.]~~

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115 HEAD MASTER: [RISING] THE SCRIBE WILL NOW DESCRIBE THE SIGNIFICANCE
116 OF THE BADGE OF DELTA SIGMA PI.

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118 SCRIBE: [FACING THE NEOPHYTES] THE BADGE WE ARE ABOUT TO
119 INVEST TO YOU IS THE INSIGNIA OF DELTA SIGMA PI, AND MAY
120 BE WORN ONLY BY A BROTHER OF THE FRATERNITY IN GOOD
121 STANDING, THE BROTHER'S PARENTS, PARTNER, OR SPOUSE.
122 ANY BROTHER WHO DISCOVERS ONE OF THESE BADGES IN THE
123 POSSESSION OF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS THE RIGHT, AND IT IS
124 A DUTY, TO CONFISCATE THE BADGE AND RETURN IT TO THE
125 FRATERNITY. YOUR BADGE ALWAYS REMAINS THE PROPERTY
126 OF THE FRATERNITY AND IS SUBJECT TO RECALL FOR CONDUCT
127 UNBECOMING A BROTHER OF DELTA SIGMA PI.

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129 EACH PART OF THE BADGE HAS SOME SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE,
130 REFERRING DIRECTLY TO THE THREE FUNDAMENTAL
131 PRINCIPLES OF DELTA SIGMA PI, AND THE REWARD WHICH
132 AWAITS EACH TRUE AND FAITHFUL BROTHER WHO FOLLOWS
133 THEM. THIS BADGE, THEREFORE, SHOULD BE A CONSTANT
134 REMINDER OF THOSE PRINCIPLES, AND SHOULD STIMULATE
135 YOUR AMBITION TO LIVE UP TO THEM FULLY.

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137 THIS BADGE, WHEN WORN BY A BROTHER, SHOULD ALWAYS BE
138 WORN ON THE LEFT SIDE, NEAREST THE HEART, [POINTS TO
139 WHERE THE BADGE SHOULD ALWAYS BE PLACED] ON EITHER
140 THE SHIRT, VEST, BLOUSE, DRESS, OR SWEATER AS THE DRESS
141 REQUIRES, BUT NEVER, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, ON THE
142 COAT, BLAZER, OR TROUSERS.

143

144 SCRIBE: THE HISTORIAN WILL NOW JOIN ME IN INVESTING THE
145 NEOPHYTES WITH THE BADGE OF DELTA SIGMA PI. YOU WILL
146 RISE, IF ABLE, WHEN WE REACH YOU. WHEN YOU HAVE
147 RECEIVED YOUR BADGE, IF ABLE, PLACE THE BADGE ON THE
148 LEFT SIDE OF EITHER YOUR SHIRT, VEST, BLOUSE, DRESS, OR
149 SWEATER, BUT NOT ON YOUR COAT OR BLAZER. ONCE
150 CLASPED, PLEASE BE SEATED. BROTHER HISTORIAN.

151

152 [THE HISTORIAN THEN RISES AND NODS TO THE HEAD MASTER.
153 THE SCRIBE AND HISTORIAN PROCEED TO THE ALTAR
154 TOGETHER, WHERE THE HISTORIAN PICKS UP THE CUSHION
155 CONTAINING THE BADGES AND, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SCRIBE,

156 PROCEEDS TO THE FIRST NEOPHYTE. THE SCRIBE REMOVES THE
157 BADGE FROM THE CUSHION AND HANDS IT TO THE NEOPHYTE,
158 POINTING TO THE LEFT SIDE OF THE CHEST WHERE THE BADGE
159 SHOULD BE PLACED. THIS SAME PROCEDURE IS FOLLOWED FOR
160 EACH NEOPHYTE. THEN THE HISTORIAN AND SCRIBE RETURN
161 TO THE ALTAR TOGETHER, WHERE THE HISTORIAN IS SEATED
162 WHILE THE SCRIBE REMAINS IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR FACING
163 THE NEOPHYTES. THE DISPLAY BOARD OF THE BADGE SHOULD
164 NOT BE ILLUMINATED AT THIS POINT. THE SCRIBE SHOULD
165 WAIT PATIENTLY FOR A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME AS THE
166 NEOPHYTES CLASP THEIR BADGES, ENSURING THAT BADGES
167 ARE BEING PLACED IN THE APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS ON THEIR
168 ATTIRE, AND CONTINUING ON ONCE READY].

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171 ALTERNATE LANGUAGE FOR LARGE INITIATIONS

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173 BELOW IS THE ALTERNATE BADGE DISTRIBUTION RITUAL LANGUAGE FOR A
174 LARGE INITIATION, JOINT OR OTHERWISE. EACH CHAPTER (OR GROUP OF
175 CHAPTERS CONDUCTING A JOINT INITIATION) MAY ELECT TO USE THIS OR THE
176 LANGUAGE ON PAGE 54.

177

178 SCRIBE: [RISING] THE SENIOR GUIDE, ASSISTED BY THE HISTORIAN AND
179 JUNIOR GUIDE, WILL NOW HELP ME INVEST THE NEOPHYTES
180 WITH THE BADGE OF DELTA SIGMA PI. YOU WILL RISE, IF ABLE,
181 WHEN WE REACH YOU. WHEN YOU HAVE RECEIVED YOUR
182 BADGE, IF ABLE, PLACE THE BADGE ON THE LEFT SIDE OF
183 EITHER YOUR SHIRT, VEST, BLOUSE, DRESS, OR SWEATER, BUT
184 NOT ON YOUR COAT OR BLAZER. ONCE CLASPED, PLEASE BE
185 SEATED. BROTHERS HISTORIAN, SENIOR GUIDE, AND JUNIOR
186 GUIDE!

187

188 [THE HISTORIAN, FOLLOWED BY THE SENIOR GUIDE AND
189 JUNIOR GUIDE, THEN RISE AND NOD TO THE HEAD MASTER. THE
190 SCRIBE AND HISTORIAN PROCEED TO THE ALTAR TOGETHER,
191 WHERE THE HISTORIAN PICKS UP ONE OF THE CUSHIONS
192 CONTAINING THE BADGES AND, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SCRIBE,
193 PROCEEDS TO THE FIRST NEOPHYTE.]

194

195 [AT THIS POINT, THE SENIOR GUIDE AND JUNIOR GUIDE
196 PROCEED TO THE ALTAR TOGETHER, WHERE THE JUNIOR GUIDE
197 PICKS UP THE REMAINING CUSHION CONTAINING THE BADGES
198 AND, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SENIOR GUIDE, PROCEEDS TO THE

199 SECOND SET (OR ROW, AISLE, ETC.) OF NEOPHYTES.]

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201 [BOTH PAIRS OF THE HIGH TRIBUNAL THEN PROCEED AS
202 FOLLOWS:]

203

204 [THE SCRIBE/SENIOR GUIDE REMOVES THE BADGE FROM THE
205 CUSHION AND HANDS IT TO THE NEOPHYTE, POINTING TO THE
206 LEFT SIDE OF THE CHEST WHERE THE BADGE SHOULD BE
207 PLACED. THIS SAME PROCEDURE IS FOLLOWED FOR EACH
208 NEOPHYTE. THEN THE HISTORIAN AND SCRIBE, AND THE JUNIOR
209 GUIDE AND THE SENIOR GUIDE, RETURN TO THE ALTAR
210 TOGETHER, WHERE THE HISTORIAN AND JUNIOR GUIDE PLACE
211 THE EMPTY CUSHION. UPON RETURNING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE
212 STATIONS, THE HISTORIAN, JUNIOR GUIDE, AND SENIOR GUIDE
213 ARE SEATED WHILE THE SCRIBE REMAINS IN FRONT OF THE
214 ALTAR FACING THE NEOPHYTES. THE DISPLAY BOARD OF THE
215 BADGE SHOULD NOT BE ILLUMINATED AT THIS POINT. THE
216 SCRIBE SHOULD WAIT PATIENTLY FOR A REASONABLE AMOUNT
217 OF TIME AS THE NEOPHYTES CLASP THEIR BADGES, ENSURING
218 THAT BADGES ARE BEING PLACED IN THE APPROPRIATE
219 LOCATIONS ON THEIR ATTIRE, AND CONTINUING ON ONCE
220 READY].

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223 SCRIBE: [AT THIS POINT, AND NOT BEFORE, THE SPOTLIGHT FOR THE
224 DISPLAY BOARD CONTAINING THE REPRODUCTION OF THE
225 BADGE SHOULD BE TURNED ON BY THE TREASURER, AND THE
226 SCRIBE SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ALONGSIDE IT.]

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228 [CONTINUING USING A POINTER] YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THE
229 LETTER DELTA, REPRESENTING HELP OR SERVICE, IS PLACED IN
230 THE UPPER CENTER, OR MOST CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE
231 BADGE, WHEREAS THE BOW-KNOT, THE SYMBOL OF
232 HELPFULNESS, IS PLACED AT THE BOTTOM, IN THE MOST
233 INCONSPICUOUS POSITION. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS
234 ARRANGEMENT IS, THAT WHILE HELPFULNESS OR SERVICE IS
235 FIRST IN IMPORTANCE, IT SHOULD ALWAYS BE PERFORMED
236 HUMBL Y AND INCONSPICUOUSLY. THEREFORE, YOU ALWAYS
237 SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO CONDUCT YOURSELF IN SUCH A
238 MANNER.

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240 IN THE CENTER OF THE BADGE IS THE SYMBOL OF SILENCE OR
241 SECRECY, THE SKULL AND CROSSBONES, WHICH SIGNIFIES

242 DEATH TO THE FRIENDSHIP, RESPECT AND BROTHERHOOD OF
243 ANY MEMBER WHO VIOLATES THE OATH WHICH SEALS YOUR
244 LIPS. IN THE SKULLS ARE EYES OF AMETHYST. THE EYES
245 SIGNIFY THE NECESSITY OF VIGILANCE. THE AMETHYST IS THE
246 STONE OF SINCERITY.

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248 ENCIRCLING THE DESIGN IS A WREATH COMPOSED OF MANY
249 LEAVES BOUND TOGETHER IN THE FORM OF A CIRCLE, THE
250 SYMBOL OF UNITY.

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252 AT THE TOP IS THE CROWN OF SUCCESS, THAT SUCCESS WHICH
253 EVERY BROTHER IN DELTA SIGMA PI IS ENJOINED TO CONSIDER
254 THE ONLY TRUE SUCCESS; WHICH COMES FROM HELPING AND
255 SERVING THE BROTHERHOOD AND ALL PEOPLE.

256
257 THERE ARE THREE COLORS IN THE BADGE, GOLD [PAUSE]
258 BLACK [PAUSE] AND RED. [PAUSE] GOLD, THE EMBLEM OF
259 VALUE, SIGNIFIES HELP WHICH, BY ITS VERY NATURE, IS THE
260 BESTOWING OF SOMETHING OF VALUE ON ANOTHER, BE IT
261 TIME, EFFORT OR MONEY. [PAUSE] BLACK, THE UNIVERSAL
262 SIGN OF SILENCE AND SECRECY. [PAUSE] RED, THE COLOR OF
263 BLOOD, SIGNIFIES UNITY, FOR IN THE BOND OF BROTHERHOOD
264 WE ARE UNITED AS THOSE OF ONE BLOOD.

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266 THUS, EVERY SYMBOL ON THIS BADGE SERVES AS A CONSTANT
267 REMINDER OF THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR FRATERNITY. THE GOAL
268 OF SUCCESS AND PERFECTION WHICH EVERY TRUE BROTHER
269 SEEKS CAN BE ATTAINED ONLY THROUGH WATCHFUL
270 APPLICATION AND DILIGENT PURSUIT OF THESE IDEALS. [THE
271 SCRIBE IS THEN SEATED].

272
273 [AT THIS POINT THE SPOTLIGHT FOR THE DISPLAY BOARD
274 SHOULD BE TURNED OFF, AND THE TREASURER SHOULD TURN
275 IT OVER TO THE COAT OF ARMS. DO NOT TURN THE LIGHT ON
276 AGAIN UNTIL THE HEAD MASTER HAS PRESENTED THE
277 HISTORIAN.].

NOTES:

Passed

Passed as amended

Failed