

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.  
2022 Grand Conclave  
Constitution and Laws Committee

Proposal No. 22.05

Proposed amendments to the Constitution related to the conduct of the Ritual.

The Constitution and Laws Committee hereby recommends that the following amendments be made to the Constitution of the Fraternity (deletions in strike through; additions underlined):

To amend ARTICLE VIII, Sections 2 and 3 as follows:

SECTION 2. Protection of Esoteric Materials: Chapters ~~should be~~ are charged ~~to~~ with protecting content that appears only in the esoteric sections of the Fraternity's Ritual Manual. Chapters ~~should~~ shall not allow the verbal or written use of the esoteric content beyond the scope of use expressly permitted by the Ritual book itself, the House of Delegates, or Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. Exoteric Ritual (Public): ~~The Board of Directors shall have full charge thereof and shall verify that all Ritual issued by the Chief Executive Officer are properly and completely administered.~~ Amendments or alterations to exoteric ritual must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Note on rationale for this legislation:

In conjunction with outside counsel, an audit of the Constitution, Laws, and Policies of the Fraternity was conducted to determine whether any amendments should be made for legal or other reasons. Amendments to Article VIII were recommended by outside counsel to make it clear Chapters have an affirmative duty to protect the Ritual of the Fraternity, and to eliminate any ambiguity regarding the conduct of the Ritual.

This legislation was originally proposed by the Board of Directors.

Passage of this legislation requires an affirmative three-quarters vote of the House of Delegates.

Eight minutes have been allocated for the discussion of Proposal 22.05.