

Sisters and Brothers,

I inadvertently missed the attached proposal. Sister Patti submitted it at the same time as her Constitutional proposal. Please accept my sincerest apology for this oversight and consider this possible change to our Book of Instruction.

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Addition to the Book of Instruction

Our Book of Instruction under the section covering "The Ballot" states "The ceremony and solemnity of the balloting process is best impressed upon the Chapter by balloting at the Altar and this practice is encouraged in Kansas. It is permissible however, for the ballot box to be carried to every member present. (Ritual, page 13)" At the present time there is no instruction in our Book of Instruction that explains how this form of balloting should be done. I was present this past year in a chapter that did balloting in this manner. The procedure followed was done very well until it came time for the Associate Conductress to ballot. It was apparent that she was not sure of how she was to ballot.

I therefore am submitting an addition to the Book of Instruction , as follows

Section: The Ballot, add at the end of the section a heading as follows

Ballot Box to be carried to each member present

The manner of preparing the ballot box and declaring the ballot open shall be followed as instructed previously in this section. After the Associate Conductress presents the ballot box to the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron she shall proceed by presenting the ballot box to the Chaplain and continue to present the ballot box to every officer and member present in order around the Chapter room until all present have balloted, ending with the Marshal. The Associate Conductress then returns to the Southwest corner of the marching aisles and approaches the Altar on a diagonal placing the ballot box to the North of the Bible. The Associate Conductress will then ballot and proceed to her position behind Ruth's station as instructed in the previous sections. She and the Worthy Matron shall follow the instructions to finish the ballot as outlined in the preferred form of balloting in this section.

Respectfully Submitted

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