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TO: Vice Supreme Masters
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FROM: Dennis J. Stoddard
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RE: New Service Baldrics

Date: January 10, 2023

Worthy VSM and DM,
You have received my memo referencing the new service baldric.

Obviously, I failed to communicate this issue clearly as we are already receiving calls and emails asking questions such as, "Can I still wear my color if I'm a FVSM or PFN."

As for placing orders, it is the responsibility of each member to place their order, with correct size needed, with the English Company. The supreme assembly will not purchase baldrics for any member.

As for the transitional period, naturally we would like each member to order his new baldric ASAP. I'm certain that it will take some time for everyone to get on board.

Keep in mind that the members have been eager about getting the new baldric so I would expect them to place their order. Of course, the responsibility of the VSM and DM is to see that our members are dressed out properly with new service baldrics. Your team members and staff need to order the proper baldric for their position held.

There will be **no red patch** or baldric for the regular member. They continue to wear the original service baldric currently in use.