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**Rationale for Proposal:**

If a Brigade Officer for ANY reason is removed from his position, it should be that Brigades responsibility to replace him. Exception being Staff because the Division Commander selects his own Staff.

There is plenty of time between DEC meetings for a Brigade meeting and an election for the replacement and have him sworn in at the next DEC meeting.

To do otherwise puts too much control in the Division Commanders' office.

**ARTICLE 21, Section 5; as it is now.**

Any voting member of the Executive Council shall be removed from office by the Division Commander for missing two (2) consecutive meetings without a legitimate reason and proper notification of the Division Commander at least two days prior to the scheduled Executive Council Meeting. After the first absence without cause, the offending officer shall be sent a warning in writing from the Division Commander by certified mail (signed receipt requested). An emergency will be the only exception. The Division Commander shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next scheduled election and swearing in for the position appointed. In the case of Brigade Officers, the Division Commander shall appoint a person from the affected Brigade until the next scheduled election of the affected Brigade.

**Article 21, Section 5; as it is proposed to be.**

Any voting member of the Executive Council shall be removed from office by the Division Commander for missing two (2) consecutive meetings without a legitimate reason and proper notification of the Division Commander at least two days prior to the scheduled Executive Council Meeting. After the first absence without cause, the offending officer shall be sent a warning in writing from the Division Commander by certified mail (signed receipt requested). An emergency will be the only exception. **In the case of Staff**, the Division Commander shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next scheduled **DEC meeting where he can be sworn in**. In the case of Brigade Officers, (**Brigade Commander or Councilman**) the Division Commander shall notify **the affected Brigade and allow that Brigade to hold a Brigade meeting to elect a replacement for that position to be sworn in at the next DEC meeting**.