

## Balloting

All balloting must be conducted with strict conformity to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Province of Ontario.

**Z:** Comp. Scribe Ezra, having received a favourable report from the Committee of Inquiry please read the name(s) of who we will be balloting on.

*Scribe Ezra: reads applicant's name, address, occupation and sponsors.*

*At this point Z. may request a motion to conduct the ballot collectively.*

**Z:** Companion Senior Sojourner, please ask the Outer Guard to file from the door.

**Z:** Companions Senior Sojourner (S.S.) and Junior Sojourner (J.S.) – you will prepare and distribute the ballot

*(The white and black balls are distributed to the members, starting with Z. then H. and then J. After all the ballots have been distributed, the Sojourners should give themselves each a white ball and a black ball).*

**Z:** Have all members received one white and one black ball?

**Z:** Comp. S.S. – You will present the ballot box to the Council for inspection.

*(The white ballot box is then checked by the Principals starting with the Third Principal. The Jr Sojourner does not accompany the Sr. Sojourner during the inspection).*

**Z:** Remember, Companions, white ball in the white box elects, black ball in the white box rejects. Look well to your ballot.

**Z:** Companion Sojourners you will collect the ballots.

*(The ballots are collected, starting with Z. then H. and the J. After collecting ballots from all the members, The Sojourners will avert his eyes so as not to see how each member ballots, doing so in full view of the members.)*

**Important:** *The Junior Sojourner then follows the Senior Sojourner at all times. During the ballot the black ballot box is never presented to any member until they have first been presented with the white ballot box.*

**Z:** Has every Companion balloted?

**Z:** Companion S.S. you will present the white ballot box to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Principal, then to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Principal and then myself for inspection.

*(If the collective ballot is unfavourable, Z will declare the ballot void and then call for a ballot for each applicant separately. A ballot is unfavorable on the receipt of more than one black ball in the white ballot box. If the ballot appears to be satisfactory to Z., he will instruct the S.S. to place the white box, open, upon the dais).*

**Z:** Would any member of the Chapter care to examine the ballot?

*(It is important that a Companion verify the integrity of the ballot so that everyone is assured that the ballot was conducted fairly).*

**Z:** Companion 3<sup>rd</sup> Principal, How do you find the ballot?

Companion 2<sup>nd</sup> Principal how do you find the ballot?

I too, find the ballot favourable to the applicant(s) and declare that Bro.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is a candidate for receiving degrees.

I declare the ballot closed.  
*(Knocks once with his sceptre).*

*The process of balloting is the same for any Comp. desiring to affiliate to a chapter.*

**Z:** Companion Sojourners you will destroy the ballot. Sojourners then return to their stations.

Rt. Ex. Comp. George Fairbairn  
Grand Third Principal  
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