

Election of Officers

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

Z.: We will now proceed with the election of officers.

Reference the Article(s) from the By-Laws of the Chapter and the Constitution relating to the election of officers as to how the ballot will be conducted.

Comp. Senior Sojourner, please ascertain if there are any members seeking admission and advise them that we are under the business of balloting

If Scrutineers are necessary then they should be arranged before a chapter is opened and a station prepared for them.

Would Comps. _____, _____, _____ please take their place at the Scrutineers table.

The offices to be elected by ballot are; 1st P.; 2nd P.; 3rd P.; Scribe E.; Scribe N.; P.S.; and Treasurer. Note: That when only one nomination is received for any office, then the Companion so nominated may be declared elected without a ballot being taken.

If only one nomination:

We are now open for nominations for the office of: _____.

Ask if any further nominations twice

Comp. _____, do you accept the office?

I declare Comp. _____-elect of this Chapter for the ensuing year.

(One knock with the sceptre)

If there is more than one nomination:

Comp. Senior and Junior Sojourners, you will distribute the ballot papers.

Has every member of the Chapter received their ballots?

The following process is repeated for each office.

Companions, you will now cast your ballot for the office of _____.

Comps., has every member cast their ballot for the office of _____?

Comp. Senior & Junior Sojourners, please collect the ballot.

The Sojourners should collect the ballots in a container so that they do not come in physical contact with the ballot. Once a ballot is collected and presented to the Scrutineers, the Scrutineers report to Z., that Comp. _____ has received the necessary votes.

I declare Comp. _____, _____-elect of this Chapter for the ensuing year.

(One knock with the sceptre)

For each officer to be elected by Open Vote (2 Financial Examiners, Trustee, Outer Guard, Examining Board of 3, etc.)

If only one nomination:

We are now open for nominations for the office of: _____

Ask if any further nominations twice.

Comp. _____, do you accept the office?

If more than one candidate, then a show of hands must be conducted.

I declare Comp. _____-elect of this Chapter for the ensuing year

(One knock with the sceptre)

The Scrutineers will destroy the ballot and take their normal seating.

A Motion of Thanks may be made to the Scrutineers by the 2nd P. Seconded by the 3rd P. The Principals should rise and respectfully address the First Principal. Note: that there are no salutes by any Comp. holding a sceptre.

Companions, you have heard the motion duly moved and seconded, how do we receive it?

I declare, that the Officers of _____ Chapter have been duly elected for the ensuing Masonic year or until someone has been duly elected in their stead and that, that order of business is closed.

(One knock with the sceptre)

Rt. Ex. Comp. George Fairbairn
Grand Third Principal
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