



Grand Chapter of Utah Voting Delegates

Balloting on legislation or election of officers is done by those delegates that are entitled to a vote. Determining who is entitled to a ballot and how many, has been difficult to determine in the past years. With the following information, it is hoped to alleviate some of the confusion.

A sitting Excellent High Priest, Excellent King, or Excellent Scribe is entitled to one vote each by virtue of being an elected officer of their constituent Chapter.

Should one or more elected officers not be in attendance at the Grand Chapter Sessions to cast their vote, any one of the elected officers that are present can carry the vote for the absent officer without a proxy. For Example, should the High Priest and King be absent, the Scribe can carry all three ballots without a proxy. However, it is advised that should any other members of the Chapter be present, they carry one of those ballots. If a member of the Chapter is present and not an elected officer, and is to carry a ballot for the absent elected officer, they must have a proxy that is signed by the Officer and the member carrying the proxy. Also, this proxy must be stamped with the seal of the Chapter to be recognized.

A Past Excellent High Priest is entitled to a ballot, as he is a permanent voting member of the Grand Chapter. Should the Companion in question, also be currently serving again in his Chapter as an Officer, he would also carry the ballot of that office. Thus a Past High Priest that is serving as an Officer again in his Chapter, would be entitled to (2) ballots. Should the rare occasion that the Companion is the ONLY member of his Chapter present, he would be entitled to carry 4 ballots. 1 ballot for being a Past High Priest, 1 ballot for the office he is in, and (2) for the two remaining officers that are absent. Should the Companion be the only member present from his Chapter, and not be a currently serving Officer, he would need three (3) signed and stamped proxy forms in order to carry those additional ballots.

A Companion that has been Elected or Appointed to serve as an Officer of the Grand Chapter of Utah, has 1 ballot for the office that he is serving in. The Companion does NOT get a ballot for being a Past High Priest and a Grand Chapter Officer. Should a Companion be currently serving as an officer of his home Chapter, and also be serving as a Grand Chapter Officer, he is entitled to Two (2) ballots. While a Companion serving as an officer in both his Chapter and the Grand Chapter, could carry Four (4) ballots should no other Companion be present from his Chapter, this should be the rare exception and not allowed if any other Companions from the same Chapter are present. Again, should a Companion be serving the Grand Chapter line (one vote) and none of the officers of his Chapter are present or any member of his Chapter, he can carry the ballots of those officers with the properly signed and stamped proxy forms. However, the Companion should not be allowed to carry all four ballots if there are any members of his Chapter present that can carry those ballots with a proxy.



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A Companion that has served this Jurisdiction as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest is entitled to a ballot. Should that Companion chose to serve in his home Chapter again, and be elected to one of the three Dias offices, he would also carry that ballot for a total of Two (2) ballots. If none of the other Dias officers of the Chapter are present, he can carry one (1) or both of those ballots without a proxy form. But, again it is advised that if any other members of the Chapter are to be present, that they carry the properly filled out proxy form.

Dias Officers get a ballot due to the current office that they currently hold. High Priest/King/Scribe - **(1 Ballot)**

Past High Priests get a ballot due to having served their Chapter in the position of High Priest. **(1 Ballot)**

Grand Chapter Officers get a ballot due to the office they currently hold, but do not get a ballot for being a Past High Priest. **(1 Ballot)**

Past Grand High Priests get a ballot for their service to the Grand Chapter of Utah as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. **(1 Ballot)**

A Companion that is not a Dias officer of his Chapter can only carry a Ballot, if he is carrying a Proxy form that has been signed by the Absent officer and the Companion and has been sealed by the Recorder of the Chapter.



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These balloting instructions are for the Companions that have been appointed to oversee the registration of voting delegates. There are no exceptions or substitutions to these instructions as these instructions are based on the current Grand Chapter Constitution. Any change must be submitted as Legislation to amend the Constitution regarding voting/balloting, which must be supplied to the Jurisprudence committee in the appropriate time.