



Grand Council 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 Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, or Principle Conductor of the Work is entitled to one vote each by virtue of being an elected officer of their constituent Council.

Should one or more elected officers not be in attendance at the Grand Council 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 Illustrious Master and Deputy Master be absent, the P.C.W. can carry all three ballots without a proxy. However, it is advised that should any other members of the Council be present, they carry one or both of those ballots. If a member of the Council 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 Council to be recognized.

A Past Illustrious Master is entitled to a ballot, as he is a permanent voting member of the Grand Council. Should the Companion in question, also be currently serving again in his Council as an Officer, he would also carry the ballot of that office. Thus a Past Illustrious Master that is serving as an Officer again in his Council, would be entitled to (2) ballots. Should the rare occasion that the Companion is the ONLY member of his Council present, he would be entitled to carry 4 ballots. 1 ballot for being a Past Illustrious Master, 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 Council, 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 Council of Utah, has 1 ballot for the office that he is serving in. The Companion does NOT get a ballot for being a Past Illustrious Master and a Grand Council Officer. Should a Companion be currently serving as an officer of his home Council, and also be serving as a Grand Council Officer, he is entitled to Two (2) ballots. While a Companion serving as an officer in both his Council and the Grand Council, could carry Four (4) ballots should no other Companion be present from his Council, this should be the rare exception and not allowed if any other Companions from the same Council are present. Again, should a Companion be serving the Grand Council line (one vote) and none of the officers of his Council are present or any member of his Council, 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 Council present that can carry those ballots with a proxy.



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A Companion that has served this Jurisdiction as the Most Illustrious Grand Master is entitled to a ballot. Should that Companion chose to serve in his home Council 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 Council 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 Council are to be present, that they carry the properly filled out proxy form and ballot.

Dias Officers get a ballot due to the current office that they currently hold. Illustrious Master/Deputy Master/Principal Conductor of Work - (***1 Ballot***)

Past Illustrious Masters get a ballot due to having served their Council. (***1 Ballot***)

Grand Council Officers get a ballot for the office they currently hold, but do not get a ballot for being a Past Illustrious Master. (***1 Ballot***)

Past Grand Illustrious Masters get a ballot for their service to the Grand Council of Utah. (***1 Ballot***)

A Companion that is not a Dias officer of his Council 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 Council.



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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 they are based on the current Grand Council 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.