
BALLOTING

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The Order of the Eastern Star is founded on five moral principles as exemplified by those heroines in our Central Star. Each had a fine Christian character, and we who are members of the Star love to hear their virtues oft retold. Those of us who are guided by the light of the Star hope that some of its luster will shed itself upon us as we strive to live the lessons of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Love which are exemplified here.

To each of us is given the privilege of casting a ballot. This is our sacred trust. In this way, we are allowed to select, to choose, and to welcome to our altar only those who have good and high personal character.

Let us regard our ballot in its true worth. Then let our white balls elect those who have good Christian character, and our black cubes reject those whose moral principles we know for sure are lowly and unworthy the light of our Star.

Let us not let personal malice or hate to enter into our hearts and minds and cause us to make an unjust vote. For as Jesus said, "Who among you is without sin, let him be the first to cast a stone."

There are very few of us who are without fault or who have no enemies. We all know that Jesus, who was the most perfect of all men, was crucified by his enemies.

So—each of us is not pleasing to everyone, or can we please everyone. Consequently, it is time to think well of the shame, indignation, and grief that could have been caused to any of us here, if some one had allowed any unkind feeling which she or he might have felt toward us, to affect his or her ballot in our regard.

Always remember that our chapter and Order suffer when ballots are cast on a personal basis. Really worthwhile persons who would be a credit and a pride to our Order and who we'd love to welcome as members are afraid to submit their names. Consider well your ballot.

Optional:

It is a truly unhappy situation when a chapter gets a name for unjust balloting. Usually unkind feelings result' antagonism and resentment one toward another is built up. Individuals retaliate by blackballing one another's friends—on, and on, and on, until the true sense of the ballot is lost, and distrust, dislike, and inharmony reign.

Oh, let us guard well our hearts and minds and use our ballot as the sacred and important trust that it is. Let us stop and consider just how very important it is to be unbiased and fair. Then let us act accordingly and exemplify those sublime virtues so that we can meet and live in peace and harmony.

The End