

Statement of Candidacy for General Grand Master

My name is G. Thomas Taylor, and I am a candidate for the office of General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons International. In 2020, I was elected and installed General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. In 2023, I was elected and installed Deputy General Grand Master.

During my tenure on the General Grand Staff, I placed considerable effort in fundraising for the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. During this period, donations rose from ~\$150,000 to ~\$500,000 per year. Many jurisdictions contributed to this effort. As a result, there has been increased energy and enthusiasm for Cryptic Masonry.

As General Grand Master, I hope to build on the enthusiasm for Cryptic Masonry and drive increases in Membership. Member experience and communication are an integral part of building membership. General Grand Officers need to be visible to the craft and listen to their concerns. Communication is a two way process and only through face-to-face contact can a true picture be developed.

I believe the General Grand Council should work in a more business-like manner. Each position should have a job description that includes expectations. Each committee should be given a task to accomplish and be held accountable

In summary, this article highlights the importance of continued innovation and collaboration. It briefly states my plans and goals if elected General Grand Master. As we look to the future, the potential for growth and discovery remains vast. Let us stay committed to pushing the boundaries of what is possible, inspired by our progress and motivated by the challenges ahead. Thank you for all you do, in your Jurisdictions and Councils. We look forward to the exciting developments the future holds. We are Proud of our Past; Excited about the Future

G. Thomas Taylor

Biography

Family:

Married to Sharon Smith Taylor; 3 grown children, George T. Taylor IV; Amy Taylor Wierschke; and Zachary Adam Taylor

Masonic History:

St. John's Lodge #2, New Castle, DE	Past Master
St. John's Chapter #4 RAM, Newark, DE	Past High Priest
Hope Chapter #7 RAM, Georgetown DE	Past High Priest
Gunning Bedford Council #1, Wilmington, DE Master	Past Illustrious
Joppa Council #3, Georgetown, DE	Past Illustrious Master
Trinity Commandery #3, Wilmington, DE	Past Commander
Keystone Council #113 AMD	Past Sovereign Master
Jesse Green Priory KYCH	
Brandywine Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon	
Two-By-Two Lodge #15 Royal Ark Mariner	Past Commander Noah
First State York College #45	Past Governor
York Rite Sovereign College	Associate Regent
Delaware Council #18 Knight Masons	Past Excellent Chief
Sovereign Order of Knight Preceptors	
Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest	Past Preceptor
MSRICF	Past Celebrant

Past Grand Commander Knights Templar in Delaware

Past Most Illustrious Master Cryptic Masons in Delaware

Past Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons in Delaware

AASR, Valley of Wilmington, DE: PTIM, 33 Degree

Appendant Bodies:

Delaware DeMolay

Past Executive Officer,

DeMolay International

Member of the

Supreme Council, served on the Board of Directors, Budget Committee

Trinity Chapel #2 St. Thomas of Acon

Secretary

Royal Order of Scotland

Operatives

Community:

Member New Castle Presbyterian Church

Colonial School District Board of Education ; 18 years; President 2 years, Vice President 10years

Delaware School Boards Association Board member

Distinguish Service Award

Delaware School Boards Legislative Committee member 15 years

Community in Schools Board member

Cisco Academy Board member

Pigeon Run Civic Association

Past President