

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

Guidelines for Candidates for the Grand Line

These guidelines are published at the discretion of the Most Illustrious Grand Master to ensure that Companions considering running for elective Grand Council officer positions are informed and prepared.

- Individual elections will proceed “top down”, beginning with the office of MIGM.
- Nominations may be made from the floor without these guidelines having been followed previously; however, candidates so nominated are obviously at a disadvantage versus those better prepared.
- Nominations may be made by a Nominating Committee appointed at the discretion of the MIGM; this will be the normal process for those who have followed these guidelines.
- Nominating Committee deliberations will be informed by:
 - reviews of the performance of officers already in the Grand Line by their predecessors;
 - letters of support for and Masonic resumes of candidates not already in the Grand Line.
- The Companions of a candidate’s home Council should be well aware of his qualifications for office; after any necessary debate, they should vote on whether their Recorder should circulate a letter of support for him, with his Masonic resume attached, to other Councils throughout the state.
- Before formally seeking office, a candidate should become acquainted with Companions throughout his District and beyond, that they may assess his abilities and character, and that he may better understand their needs and desires as members of our Craft.
- A candidate’s predecessors in office know the responsibilities, prerogatives, powers, duties, costs, etc. associated with Cryptic Grand Council service: before deciding to seek office, a potential candidate should contact the current and several past holders of both the office he intends to seek initially (typically Grand Steward) and any further offices towards which he aspires ultimately (typically Grand Master); those whom he approaches should counsel him with candor.