

# Grand First Principal 2001 - 2002

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba Canada



George Russell Taylor  
July 1938, Glasgow, Scotland  
3 April 2018, Selkirk, Manitoba

## BIOGRAPHY

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## Masonic History

Most Excellent Companion Taylor was born in July 1938 in Glasgow, Scotland. After leaving school he apprenticed as an electrician. He married his wife Joan in 1959. To this union was born two sons, Andrew, born in Glasgow in 1965 and David, born in Montreal in 1967.

George Russell Taylor was born in Glasgow and on leaving school, apprenticed as an electrician. He spent two years in the National Service and was a wireless operator in the Royal Signals being stationed in Germany in

1960-61. He also worked in construction and in the shipyards. He then immigrated to Canada in 1966 where he worked in an iron ore mine in Labrador starting in 1966, later moving to Winnipeg in 1973, where he worked for CP Rail and later in Selkirk where he worked and retired from Manitoba Rolling Mills

MEC Taylor began his Masonic journey where he joined Robert Burns Lodge #440 under the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1965. After moving to Canada affiliated with Lisgar Lodge No 2 and was the Worshipful Master in 1994.

He was exalted into Prince of Wales Chapter No 11 in 1984 and was First Principal in 1990 and 1991. George served well this Grand Chapter as Grand First Principal in 2001-2002.

He was a member of Portage Council No 17 Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada and was the Thrice Illustrious Master in 1995 and 1999. He was also a member of Bethany Preceptory and King Edward Preceptory and was Preceptor of King Edward Preceptory in 2000.

He was Worthy Knight of Selkirk Conclave No 6, Red Cross of Constantine, and a Past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star in 1998.

As a member of his Lodge, Chapter, Council and Preceptory he was invited to join the Manitoba Crocus College No 89, York Rite Sovereign College of North America where he served as Governor in 2003.

Being a past presiding officer in these same four Masonic orders, Most Excellent Companion Taylor became a member of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour in 2001 and served as Prior in 2011 - 2012.

Most Excellent Companion George Russell Taylor passed to the Grand Chapter above on April 3, 2018.