

Name: Thomas J. Duch

Residence: Wyckoff, New Jersey

Lodge: 8355



Personal/Educational Information:

B.A. (with High Honors)—Lehigh University

J.D.—Seton Hall University School of Law

Work Experience: (All Current)

City Manager—City of Garfield, New Jersey

Attorney at Law—Practice in Elmwood Park, New Jersey

Attorney for Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic

Why you should be (re)elected?:

My legal background, managerial experience and budgetary skills as City Manager make me a uniquely suitable candidate for this position. I have served as Director of a local Community Bank giving me vital finance experience.

My lifetime membership in the GCU speaks to my commitment to the organization. I am an active member of St. Michael B.C. Cathedral in Passaic, NJ.

I served two terms as Mayor of the City of Garfield and two terms as a N.J. Assemblyman. I currently serve as a member of the Governing Board of St. Mary's Hospital in Passaic, NJ, as a Trustee at the Garfield Boys and Girls Club, and as a Commissioner of the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund, managing insurance for public entities.

As a former National Director of the GCU, I have the experience necessary to return and become a productive Board member immediately. I respectfully request your support of my candidacy.

THOMAS J. DUCH, ESQ.

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Education:

Seton Hall University School of Law, 1981 - JD

Lehigh University, 1978 – BA with High Honors

Professional Experience:

Sept. 2003-Present **City Manager**, City of Garfield, NJ

- Chief Executive of City of 32,000, responsible for day to day operation, including 190 employees.

Nov. 2018 – Present **Attorney** – Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, NJ

Sept. 1983 - Present **Attorney at Law**, Thomas J. Duch, Esq., Elmwood Park, NJ

- General Law practice

Oct. 2004-2012 **Greek Catholic Union of the USA**

- Former National Director and Chairman – Budget Committee

Jan. 1988-1992 **Assemblyman**, Legislative District 36, State of NJ

May 1980-1988 **Mayor**, City of Garfield, Bergen County, NJ

- Created new 20-acre park and recreational facility.
- Constructed \$9 Million, 120-unit, Senior Citizen Housing Facility, funded completely by Grants.

Service and Memberships:

- Lifelong member of Saint Michael's Byzantine Catholic Cathedral, Passaic, NJ
- Member NJ Slovak Heritage Festival Committee
- Member, Governing Board, St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic, NJ
- Commissioner, Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund, 2006-present
- Member of NJ Bar Association and Bergen County Bar Association
- Member, New Jersey Conference of Mayors
- Member of New Jersey Municipal Management Association
- Member, Saint Stanislaus Kostka Pulaski Parade Committee of Garfield, NJ
- Garfield Boys and Girls Club, Trustee 1982 - present

Awards/Honors:

- Visionary Award – Garfield Black History Committee, 2020
- Freddie Porter Scholarship Committee – Citizen of the Year 2019
- Grand Marshal of the Pulaski Day Parade in New York City, 2018
- Garfield UNICO Citizen of the Year, 2018
- Awarded Commanders Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland by President Andrzej Duda, September 2017

Personal:

- Married; 4 Children, 3 grandchildren