



## The Original General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons United States of America and Canada Inc.

This department, like many others, was organized by the late Ill. John G. Jones, who served for years from July 8, 1904, as the first General Grand High Priest, until his successor, Ill. J.M Maddox of Montbrook, Fl took office. Ill. Maddox held the office until 1924, when, as he had lost his Masonic standing in his home State of Florida and was forced to vacate his office. At the regular session of the General Grand Chapter at Los Angeles, California in July 1924, Ill. G.W. Smith from Shreveport, LA, was elected General Grand High Priest. Ill. Smith succeeded himself several times.

In 1936, Ill. Lence Richardson of Cleveland, OH was elected General Grand High Priest, and served the office until 1962, when at the Supreme Session in Washington D.C. he was succeeded by Ill. Arthur H. Townes, the M.W. Grand Master of New Jersey, who served in that capacity with Ill. Oliver Mallory of New York as his deputy until July 29, 1970, when Ill. Carl R. Whittaker of Houston, TX was elected as Deputy General Grand High Priest.

At this time, the General Grand Chapter was composed of approximately 50 Chapters in the various states. This body is likewise incorporated and holds its Biennial Sessions at the same time and place as the United Supreme Council. Ill. Carl R. Whittaker of Texas served as Deputy General Grand High Priest under Ill. Arthur H. Townes until July 1980.

In July 1980, at Nassau, Bahamas, Ill. Townes declined the nomination as General Grand High Priest, and he nominated Ill. Carl R. Whittaker, who was elected to the office by unanimous vote. Ill. Townes was voted as being General Grand High Priest Emeritus for the remainder of his life. In July 2000, Ill. Floyd C. McMillan became our eighth elected General Grand High Priest and Ill. Carl R. Whittaker became General Grand High Priest Emeritus in the City of Baltimore.