



The Original Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America

The Original Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America; Organized June 10, 1893, in Chicago, IL by John G. Jones, 33°, of Chicago, IL. The proceedings of the organization of Palestine Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Chicago, IL. June 2, 1893, which is the first Temple of the Mystic Shrine established among the Colored Shriners in North and South America. John G. Jones, Charles F. Thomas, Alexander Brown, Charles C. Landry, John W. Dunmore, Richard M. Handcock, William Oliver, D.W. Dempsey, Joseph Wynn, Robert W. Gray, Charles Williams, James Barbour, R.C. Waring, Payton W. Randolph, William L. Darrow, S.H. Hudlin, W.R. Wilburn, Frank J. Ellston, J.D. Carter, William Hamilton, J.H. Lewis, George Johnson, Samuel Green, William Atkerson, W.H. Selden, Morris Jones, John H. Weekly, J.C. Clayton, William H. Payne, Henry Turner, Isaac Turner, Charles A. Smith, John Q. Grand, John Maxwell, Willis Montgomery, Walter D. Jones, Benjamin Bruson, John Walker, William Graves, Robert H. Chatman, Robert C. Payne, a. Gray, William Hall, James Wilson, S.A. Hall, Jefferson Waring, Benjamin Moody, Fred Leek, B.B. Tucker, Andrew Anderson, Orange Allen, John Davis, Henry Morris, George Mathews, William Clark, Gilvert Johnson, George Steward. These masons assembled at Masonic Hall no. 2730 State Street in the city of Chicago, IL, for the purpose of organizing Palestine Temple of the Mystic Shrine and having the Degrees of the Mystic Shrine conferred on the above-named Masons except John G. Jones of Chicago, who had degrees of the Mystic Shrine conferred upon him on the day previous.

Bro. Alexander Brown by request called the meeting to order and states the object of the meeting; that it was for the purpose of having the Degree of the Mystic Shrine conferred upon the Brethren who assembled here, except Noble John G. Jones who had the degree of the Mystic Shrine conferred upon him and to organize a Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Moved by Bro. Charles F. Thomas that Bro. John G. Jones act as secretary of the meeting. Motion carried. Moved by Bro. D.W. Dempsey that this Temple will be named Palestine Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Motion carried.

Bro. John G. Jones then said inasmuch he was the only one present that had the Mystic Shrine degree conferred upon him which had been done on yesterday June 1, 1893, by Noble R. Pasha that he would only confer that Mystic Shrine Degree upon seven of the brethren first, and after that the seven Brethren could aid and assist him in conferring the Mystic Shrine degree upon the rest of the brethren present. And the same was accordingly done. After the degree of the Mystic

Shrine had been conferred on all the brethren present, it then being 11:00, a collation was served to all the brethren present and speech making was made by a member of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Moved by Noble R.M. Handcock that we now proceed to the election of officers for Palestine Temple. The following officers were elected to office in Palestine Temple when it was organized in Chicago, June 2, 1893:

Illustrious Potentate Noble John G. Jones, 33°
Chief Rabban Noble John W. Dunmore, 33°
Assistant Rabban Noble C. Williams, 32°
High Priest and Prophet Noble a Hampton, 32°
Recorder Noble Alexander Brown, 32°
Treasurer Noble D.W. Dempsey, 33°
Captain of the Guards Noble W.R. Wilbour, 32°
Oriental Guide Noble Peyton W. Randolph, 33°
First Ceremonial Master Noble William Oliver, 32°
Second Ceremonial Master Noble Charles F. Thomas, 32°
Outside Guard Noble Joseph Wynn, 32°
Inside Guard Noble James Parker, 32°

Several of the Chicago papers spoke in glowing terms of the success of the colored masons in Chicago. Moved by Noble John M. Williams that Noble John G. Jones continue to act as Recorder temporarily for the balance of the evening for the Temple. Motion carried.

A resolution was offered by Noble William Oliver that the members of this Temple together with officers assembled on June 10, 1893, in the city of Chicago and on that date organized the Original Imperial Grand Council Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America.

On June 10, 1893, the Original Imperial Grand Council Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America was granted a Charter. Moved by Noble Alexander Brown that we now proceed to organize the Imperial Grand Council of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America. The following resolution was carried by Noble C.C. Landry, 32° which was adopted:

Whereas: every Supreme Grand Body possesses the inherent power to form a constitution as the fundamental laws of its action and enact such By-Laws, rules and regulations and adopt such General Laws for the government of the members of the Order for the protection and guidance of its Supreme Grand Body now Known and designated as the Original Imperial Grand Council of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America, and Whereas, this Original Imperial Grand Council of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America is the Supreme Legislative, Judicial and Executive power and authority of the Order, and that this Original Imperial Grand Council possesses the power and authority to organize Temples of the Mystic Shrine, to expel and suspend its members, revoke Charters of Temples, and adopt the Constitution and By-laws for the government of Subordinate Temples and also the Original Imperial Grand Council.

Therefore, upon these principles which have never been denied or disputed, this Original Imperial Grand Council of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America is hereby this 10th day of June, 1893, regularly and Constitutionally organized and do now adopt the following Constitution and By-laws and the General Laws for the guidance and government of the Order; and do now elect the Grand Officers of this Original Imperial Grand Council, which are as follows.:

Imperial Potentate Noble John G. Jones, 33°
Imperial Deputy Potentate Noble Payton W. Randolph, 33°
Imperial Chief Rabban Noble D.W. Dempsey
Imperial Assistant Rabban Noble Charles F. Thomas, 33°
Imperial Oriental Guide Noble Austin Hamilton, 32°
Imperial Treasurer Noble William L. Darrow, 33°
Imperial Grand Recorder Noble J.H. Lewis, 33°
Imperial First Ceremonial Master Noble S.H. Hudlin, 32°
Imperial Second Ceremonial Master Noble J.B. Carter, 32°
Imperial Captain of the Guard Noble Joseph Wynn, 32°
Imperial Outside Guard Noble W.R. Wilburn, 32°

