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The Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine was established on June 3, 1893 in Chicago, Illinois by 13 Prince Hall Masons under the leadership of Brother John George Jones, a Chicago attorney. According to the above-mentioned 1901 document, the Shrine order was conferred upon Jones by Rofelt Pasha, a representative of the Arabian Imperial Council, who was in Chicago attending the convention of the White Shriners. The initial meeting took place in the Apollo Hall on State Street where Palestine Temple was organized.

On June 10, 1893, Jones and his associates organized the first Imperial Grand Council of Prince Hall Shriners. During the first year, the following Prince Hall Shrine Temples were organized: Arabia Temple of Chicago, Mecca Temple of Washington, D.C., Jerusalem Temple of Baltimore, Maryland, Medina Temple of New York City, and Pyramid Temple of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The second Imperial session was held in Chicago on December 26, 1893. A constitution was presented and adopted. There were five Temples on the roster of constituent Temples.

The third Imperial session was held in Kansas City, Missouri on August 17, 1894. A resolution was adopted barring membership of national compact Masons. There were 17 Temples on the roster.

The early history of the Prince Hall Shriners from the fourth session, which was held in Washington, D.C. in October 1895, seems to have been a series of charges, countercharges, suspensions and expulsions. John G. Jones was suspended of his Scottish Rite membership by the United Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction in 1895 and formally expelled by the United Supreme Council and by the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons of Illinois in 1896.

In 1897, a group of Temples withdrew from association with the Jones irregular faction and functioned as independent Temples until September 1899 when Isaac L.W. Holland, Illustrious Potentate of Pyramid Temple in Philadelphia, sent out a call to members of the 60 Prince Hall Shrine Temples to meet with him for the purpose of reorganizing the Imperial Grand Council.

On December 12, 1900, the meeting was held in Philadelphia and the Imperial Grand Council was reorganized. A committee was appointed to draft and present a constitution for the order at its next Imperial session, scheduled to meet in Newark, New Jersey on September 25, 1901. The name of Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles

Mystic Shrine of North America and South America and its Jurisdictions was adopted.

The first elected officers of the newly

organized Imperial Grand Council were Isaac L.W. Holland of Philadelphia, Imperial Potentate; H.T. Hilyard of Philadelphia, Deputy Imperial Potentate; R.D. Ruffin of Alexandria, Virginia, Im-

perial Chief Rabban; C.A. Knox of Pittsburgh, Imperial Assistant Rabban; Hiram Carter of Philadelphia, Imperial

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