

## HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

On November 30, 1864, in the City of New York, Illustrious Baron Auguste Hugo de Bulow, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, and an active member of the Supreme Council of France, A.A.S.R., organized a Supreme Council of the State of New York, which title was subsequently changed to the Supreme Council Of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, of the 33rd and last degree of the A.A.S.R. for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies. The officers were as follows:

Illustrious Baron Auguste Hugo de Bulow	Sovereign Grand Commander
Illustrious Patrick Reason	Lieutenant Grand Commander
Illustrious Dr. Peter W. Ray	Adjoint Lieutenant Grand Commander
Illustrious Ramson Wake	Grand Orator
Illustrious George Lawrence	Grand Secretary
Illustrious Alexander Peters	Master of Ceremonies

Illustrious Baron Auguste Hugo de Bulow served as Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council from 1864 to 1870; from 1870 to 1879, Illustrious Patrick Reason; from 1879 to 1892, Illustrious Dr. Peter W. Ray, he being recorded as the third Sovereign Grand Commander; from 1892 to 1897, Illustrious A.B. Allen; from 1897 to 1911, Illustrious D.F. Seville; from 1911 to 1920, Illustrious H.M. Rennick; from 1920 to 1948, Illustrious Dr. W.H. Benderson; from 1948 to 1973, Illustrious Dr. Wm. J. Fitzpatrick; from 1973 to 1989, Illustrious John H. Burns; from 1989 to 1995, Illustrious James M. Boone; 1995 to 2011, Illustrious Rev. James L. Headd; and 2011 to present, Illustrious Edward J. Chapman Sr.

Illustrious Baron Auguste Hugo de Bulow conferred the Scottish Rite Degrees on four brethren and created them Deputy Inspectors General, 33rd degree, as follows:

Illustrious Dr. Peter W. Ray	for New York
Illustrious Jonathan Miller	for Pennsylvania
Illustrious Levi Anderson	for Delaware
Illustrious Lemuel G. Griffin	for Maryland

On October 17, 1898, during the administration of Illustrious D.F. Seville as Sovereign Grand Commander, the Supreme Council was incorporated in Washington, District of Columbia, under the name of National Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of A.A.S.R. 33rd of North America, bearing Instrument No. 3149, recorded in Volume 8, folio 341, of the incorporated records of the District of Columbia.

The above original incorporation was continued in perpetuity on October 14, 1948, by certificate of re-incorporation of the National Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the A.A.S.R. 33rd degree, for North America, bearing Instrument No. 32049 and recorded in Volume 69, folio 389, of the incorporation records of the District of Columbia. That is the incorporation under which it operates at the present time.

The foregoing, according to recent research, being the most accurate history of the National Supreme Council, all other versions of said history as hereinafter given will be corrected to conform herewith.