

# A History of the Order of the Eastern Stars and the Second District

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The Order of Eastern Star is an adoptive rite of Freemasonry with teachings based on the Bible and who's objectives are charitable and benevolent. The acknowledged founder of Order of the Eastern Star was Dr. Robert Morris, a lawyer and educator from Boston, Massachusetts, who was a Master Mason and Past Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Kentucky. Dr. Morris originally intended his creation to become a female branch of Freemasonry, but he failed to overcome the great opposition this idea engendered. After publishing his ritual in 1849-50, he became associated with Robert Macoy. In 1867 Macoy wrote and published a ritual based on the ritual first published by Morris. The first Grand Chapter was organized in Michigan in 1867. In Mainstream Masonry, subordinate (local) chapters operate under a charter from state level Grand Chapters which are responsible to the General Grand Chapter at the International Eastern Star Temple in Washington, D.C. Members of the Order of the Eastern Star must be eighteen years or older and either Master Masons in good standing or a female who is properly related to a Master Mason in good standing. The latter category includes the wives, widows, mothers, sisters and daughters of Master Masons. Each Chapter has eighteen officers, some elected and others appointed. Two officers are specifically male (the Worthy Patron and Associate Patron) while nine officers are specifically female (including Worthy Matron and Associate Matron). While the Worthy Matron is considered to be the presiding officer of the Chapter, the degrees cannot be conferred without the presence of a Master Mason (a Worthy Patron and/or an Associate Patron) presiding. Each Chapter retains the right to decide who shall be a member of the organization. Election to the degrees must be unanimous, without debate, and secret. The successful candidate must profess a belief in a Supreme Being and in Non Prince Hall or Mainstream Eastern Star Chapters are initiated in five degrees, which are conferred in one ceremony. When the organization of the Eastern Star was created, the initiation was intended to be conducted in a series of three degrees. The first was the Eastern Star or Initiatory Degree, the second and third degrees were the Queen of the South and the Order of the Amaranth, respectively. Most Prince Hall Eastern Star Grand Chapters still conform to the original model and only confer the Eastern Star or Initiatory Degree, the Queen of the South and the Amaranth Degrees. The members of the Order of Eastern Star require only the belief in a Supreme Being even though the degrees are based in both the Old and New Testaments. While non-Christians are not specifically barred from membership, it would seem to be difficult to be other than Christian and belong to the Order.

There are two versions of the origin of the Order of the Eastern Star in the Prince Hall Fraternity. The first, and generally accepted version states that on August 10, 1874, Past Master Thornton Andrew Jackson, a member of Pythagoras Lodge No. 9, of the Union Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia (now the MWPH, GL-D.C.) received the several degrees of the Rite of Adoption of the Order of the Eastern Star from Brother C.B. Case, a Deputy of Illustrious Robert Macoy 33°, who at the time was the Supreme Patron of the Rite of Adoption of the World. It also states, that P.M. Jackson received a letter from Bro. C. B. Case granting him the authority to establish Chapters of the Eastern Star among eligible black women. On December 1, 1874, in obedience to the authority granted by M.W. William H. Myers, Grand Master, of the then Union Grand Lodge, Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia, P.M. Jackson established Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, the first Eastern Star Chapter among black women in the United States, in the home of Mrs. Georgiana Thomas, 708-O Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The first Worthy Matron of the Chapter was Sister Martha Welch and the first Worthy Patron was P.M. Jackson.

In December 1874, Grand Master William H. Myers and Deputy Grand Master William A. Talliaferro, of Union Grand Lodge, of the Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia, were invited to receive the androgynous degrees. They both accepted, thus further cementing the ties that bind the Masonic Family together. And so it was approximately one hundred years after the founding of the first Black Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons (African Lodge No.1, 1876), Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star, was officially instituted in the City of Washington in the District of Columbia.<sup>1</sup> On April 28, 1890, Queen of Sheba Chapter No. 3 and on October 20, 1890, Gethsemane Chapter No. 4, Order of the Eastern Star, were established by P.M. Jackson within the Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia. He was also instrumental and helped to establish one (1) Chapter in Alexandria, Virginia, three (3) Chapters in Maryland and three Chapters in Pennsylvania. In each instance when a chapter was organized and established, it was adopted by a

regularly constituted Masonic Lodge. Thus, Brother Jackson was able to bring about more unity within the Masonic Family.

The second version of the origin of the Order of the Eastern Star within the Prince Hall fraternity, was advanced by Bro. Joseph Walkes in his book, "The History of the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina." Bro. Walkes stated his research had determined that the first Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star among African American women was established in the "Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons of the State of North Carolina." That Grand Lodge is now known as the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina. As to what date the first Eastern Star Chapter was established in North Carolina, he has no precise date. But he stated; "Hand written Minutes attached to some early proceedings (possibly Grand Lodge) established that Jephtha Chapter No. 1 was working in Washington, North Carolina before August 3, 1872.<sup>2</sup> It is important to note that Walkes states that the 1872 and 1873 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons of the State of North Carolina are not available, and may not have been printed, or if they were printed no copies are currently available.<sup>3</sup> Walkes also provided excerpts from what he claimed were Minutes of meetings of Jephtha Chapter on September 20, 1872, November 1, 1872 and November 8, 1872. Walkes also stated that Bishop James Walker Hood of the AME Zion Church and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons of North Carolina sanctioned the establishment of the Eastern Stars in North Carolina. He also became a member of Jephtha Chapter No. 1, the first Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Stars in that State. But unlike the establishment of Queen Esther Chapter in the District of Columbia which traces the establishment of the Eastern Star in that jurisdiction to the authority granted through Robert Morris, Walkes does not show an original authority for the original Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Stars in the State of North Carolina.

An Eastern Star Grand Chapter is the governing body in a State or territory. It sets up local Eastern Star Chapters or establishes or constitutes them. By today's standards, an Eastern Star Chapter that was not established by a Grand Chapter (original authority) is usually considered Bogus or Clandestine. Author and Masonic researcher David Gray agrees with the premise that the first Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star among African American women was established in Washington D.C. But Gray agrees with Walkes that the first Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star (The Most Eminent Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of North Carolina) among African American women was established in the State of North Carolina in 1880. Julia Foy was its Most Eminent Grand Matron and the former Grand Master of the State of North Carolina, Bishop James Walker Hood was its Most Eminent Grand Patron.<sup>4 5</sup>

At the age of 29, James Walker Hood became an ordained minister in the AME Zion Church. After the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, Rev. Hood a Mason and member of the Grand Lodge that is now the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York, was sent by the AME Zion Church to North Carolina as a missionary to minister to the newly freed African American residents in the State. In addition to his work as a missionary, which resulted in his becoming the first AME Zion Bishop in the Carolinas, as the District Deputy Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of New York for the Carolinas he organized the first Masonic Lodges among African Americans in the State of North Carolina. This among his other accomplishments resulted in his becoming the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted A.Y.M. of the State of North Carolina. As previously stated that Grand Lodge is now the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina. Grand Master Hood is also credited with being instrumental in the establishment of the Order of the Eastern Stars in the State of North Carolina.<sup>6</sup>

On April 17, 1887, under Bishop James Walker Hood, then a Past Eminent Grand Patron of the Most Eminent Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of North Carolina (now the Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star for the State of North Carolina) and Bro. Joseph Stills Curtis a resident of New York and a Past Master of Celestial Lodge No. 3, who was also a member of the Most Eminent Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of North Carolina, acting pursuant to the authority of the then Most Eminent Grand Patron of North Carolina established Alpha Chapter in the City of New York. This was the first Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star that was established in what is now the Prince Hall Fraternity in the State of New York. The first Worthy Matron of Alpha Chapter was Sis. Annie E. Johnson and the first Worthy Patron was Bro. William Lawrence.<sup>7</sup>

In 1890 the name of the Grand Chapter in North Carolina was changed to the Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star for the State of North Carolina and Jurisdiction.<sup>8</sup> By the year 1895, there were five Eastern Star Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Stars for the State of North

Carolina and Jurisdiction operating in the State of New York, they were: Alpha Chapter in the City of New York, Omega Chapter in Elmira, Sheba Chapter, in Binghamton, Sunlight Chapter in Saratoga and Starlight Chapter in Utica. On October 18, 1895 pursuant to the authority of the M.W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York (now the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York), M.W. Edward B. Irving, Grand Master at the time presiding, the above five Chapters plus Rebecca Chapter of Montclair, New Jersey which was also a subordinate Chapter of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star for the State of North Carolina and Jurisdiction were warranted and organized as Eureka Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star for the Jurisdiction of New York. The first Grand Officers of Eureka Grand Chapter were: Worthy Grand Matron, Mary E. Reed, Worthy Grand Patron, Joseph Stills Curtis, Associate Grand Matron, Anna E. Johnson, Associate Grand Patron, Norman Van Buren, and Grand Secretary, Catherine Johns.<sup>9</sup>

The original Chapters at the establishment of the Grand Chapter were numerically designated according to the dates of their organization. They were listed as Alpha Chapter No. 1, Omega Chapter No. 2, Sheba Chapter No. 3, Sunlight Chapter No. 4, Rebecca Chapter No. 5 and Starlight Chapter No. 6. On January 29, 1903, the first Eastern Star Chapter in the Second District of Eureka Grand Chapter, Queen Esther Chapter No. 9 was established at the Ionic Masonic Temple, 165 Claremont Ave. in Brooklyn.<sup>10</sup> In 1906 the Grand Chapter was re-warranted by the M.W. Grand Lodge, M.W. Henry A. Spencer, was the Grand Master at the time. In that year Anna E. Johnson who, at the Grand Session that year was elected Worthy Grand Matron died in office and was succeeded by Hattie Brown.

At the Annual Grand Session of Eureka Grand Chapter in June of 1912, Sis Alice Campbell was elected Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Campbell has the distinction of having served Eureka Grand Chapter as its Worthy Grand Matron for 25 consecutive years. No other principal officer of either the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Eureka Grand Chapter or any of the Concordant or Appendant bodies of the Prince Hall Fraternity in the State of New York has served in an elected position for that length of time. In 1937 a schism developed between Worthy Grand Matron Alice Campbell of Eureka Grand Chapter, and Grand Master George E. Marshall of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Consequently Sis. Campbell and her supporters declared their independence from the Grand Lodge and attempted to organize an independent Eastern Star Grand Chapter. In 1906 the records of the origins of Eureka Grand Chapter were lost in a fire in the warehouse where they were stored. When Worthy Grand Matron Alice Campbell and her supporters attempted to organize their independent Grand Chapter, they took with them all of the existing records of Eureka Grand Chapter from 1906 up to 1937. With the withdrawal of WGM Campbell and her supporters, most of the subordinate Chapters of Eureka Grand Chapter, Deborah Chapter No. 31 of Hempstead among them, elected to remain affiliated with Eureka Grand Chapter.<sup>11</sup> However the divided loyalties of the Grand Chapter's officers and the membership of the subordinate Chapters caused some members to leave the fraternity. In Jamaica, Queens, 14 members of Celestial Chapter No. 29, including the financial officers left the Chapter, taking with them all of that Chapter's records, paraphernalia and savings.<sup>12</sup> The same situation at the time also occurred in what was then Samson's Chapter No. 41. The remaining members of Samson's Chapter No. 41 petitioned the Grand Chapter, and was granted permission to change the name of the Chapter to Gardenia Chapter No. 41. On September 10, 1937, during the administration of M.W. George E. Marshall, Grand Master at the time presiding, Eureka Grand Chapter was reorganized and re-warranted as Eureka Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated. The Principal Officers of the reorganized Grand Chapter were: Araminia Taylor of Alpha Chapter No. 1 who was designated the Worthy Grand Matron and Roland R. Johnson of Sunshine Chapter No. 34, who was designated the Worthy Grand Patron.

The geographical area of the Second District of Eureka Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star consist of Brooklyn (Kings) and Staten Island (Richmond) Counties. Currently there are Six (6) Eastern Star Chapters subordinate to Eureka Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in the Second District. Five of these Chapters, Sunshine Chapter No. 34, Victoria Chapter No. 45, Fidelity Chapter No. 54, Mount Zion Chapter No. 59 and Emerald Chapter No. 81 meet at 70 Pennsylvania Ave., in Brooklyn. The Sixth Chapter, Silver Queen Chapter No. 43 meets on Staten Island.

As was previously mentioned, on January 29, 1903 the first Eastern Star Chapter in the Second District, Queen Esther Chapter No. 9 was established at the Ionic Masonic Temple, 165 Claremont Ave. in Brooklyn.<sup>13</sup> Little is known about the history of Queen Esther Chapter No. 9. But In 1937, the withdrawal from the Prince Hall Fraternity by the then Worthy Grand Matron Alice Campbell and her supporters divided the loyalties of the members of Queen Esther Chapter No. 9, some of its members including the Principal Officers of the Chapter chose to leave Eureka Grand Chapter and align

themselves with Sis. Campbell's new organization. Eventually with the reorganization of Eureka Grand Chapter, those members of the Queen Esther Chapter No. 9 who remained loyal to Eureka Grand Chapter petitioned the new Worthy Grand Patron, Bro Roland Johnson to form a new Chapter. On November 7, 1938, pursuant to the powers vested in him, Past Grand Patron Johnson, issued a Charter to the remaining members of Queen Esther Chapter No. 9 who remained loyal to Eureka Grand Chapter to work and act as Fidelity Chapter No. 54.<sup>14</sup> The first officers of Fidelity Chapter No. 54 were Monica Harrison, Worthy Matron and Emma Mitchell Associate Matron.

Sunshine Chapter No. 34 was the second Eastern Star Chapter to be organized in the Second District. On June 5, 1922 at the Ionic Masonic Temple 165 Claremont Ave. in Brooklyn the then Worthy Grand Matron, Sis. Alice Campbell and her cabinet issued a Charter to 40 ladies (the wives, widows, mothers, sisters and daughters of Master Masons) to work and act as Sunshine Chapter No. 34. On November 20, 1938, pursuant to the reorganization of Eureka Grand Chapter, the Chapter was re-warranted. The officers of Sunshine Chapter at the time it was re-warranted were: Sadie Hill, Worthy Matron; Albert Robertson, Worthy Patron; Cleopatra Williams, Associate Matron; Cora Meyers, Conductress; Grace Hawkins, Associate Conductress; Louise Graves, Treasurer; Hattie Gould, Secretary; Cora Gormin, Warder and John Hill, Sentinel.

In 1925 Silver Queen Chapter No. 43 was organized in the West Brighton Section of Staten Island. It was the third Eastern Star Chapter to be organized in the Second District. Most of the charter members of the Chapter were also members of St. Phillips Baptist Church on Staten Island. The first officers of Silver Queen Chapter were: Gertrude Clayton, Worthy Matron and Thomas Butler, Worthy Patron. As with Silver Lake Lodge which is the only Prince Hall Lodge on Staten Island, Silver Queen Chapter remains the only Prince Hall Eastern Star Chapter on Staten Island. It currently meets at the Silver Lake Masonic Temple, 203 Port Richmond Ave. in Staten Island.

The fourth Eastern Star Chapter to be established in the Second District was Victoria Chapter No. 45. The warrant to establish the Chapter was issued on November 17, 1923. The first officers of the Chapter were Sis. Mereta Green, Worthy Matron; Bro. William Tebuce, Worthy Patron and Sis. Mabel Eubanks, Associate Matron. As with all of the subordinate Chapters of Eureka Grand Chapter, as a result of the problems resulting from the withdrawal from the Prince Hall family by the then Worthy Grand Matron Alice Campbell and her followers, and the subsequent reorganization of Eureka Grand Chapter, on November 26, 1938 Victoria Chapter was re-warranted. The first officers of the Chapter at the time it was re-warranted were: Olive Tebuce, Worthy Matron; Samuel I. Greene, Worthy Patron; Jane Eason, Associate Matron and Diane Harris, Treasurer.

In 1947 Mount Zion Lodge, a Lodge that was a member of the Hiram Grand Lodge of New York sought information on becoming affiliated with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Having applied and conformed to the requirements of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, on October 15, 1948, with Grand Master Louis Fair presiding and the Officers of the Grand Lodge present, the members of the Lodge were warranted as Mount Zion Lodge No. 90. During that same period, there were female relatives of the members of Mount Zion Lodge who were members of an Eastern Star Chapter, under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Chapter of New York, the female auxiliary of the Hiram Grand Lodge.. With Mount Zion Lodge having become a part of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York, 14 members of that Mount Zion Chapter applied to Eureka Grand Chapter to be admitted as a Chapter. On June 5, 1951 during the second administration of Worthy Grand Matron, Sis Frances E. Francis and Worthy Grand Patron, Bro. Charles C. Quander, those females along with some members of Mount Zion Lodge No. 59 were chartered/warranted as Mount Zion Chapter No. 59, a subordinate Chapter of Eureka Grand Chapter. The first Worthy Matron of Mount Zion Chapter No 59 was Sis. Lillie Abernathy and the first Worthy Patron was Bro. James Evangelist Fraser.

In June of 1979 Charles Simmons, acting as a representative of the members of a group known as St. James Lodge who were under the jurisdiction of an irregular organization known as the International Free and Accepted Modern Masons in Jamaica N.Y., sought information about gaining admission into the Prince Hall Masonic fraternity. After having fulfilled the prerequisites of the Grand Lodge, on May 2, 1981 they were chartered/warranted by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York as St. James Lodge No. 114. On June 1, 1982 at the first Ladies Night program of St. James Lodge, the then District Deputy Grand Master, Esteban Castillo suggested to the female relatives of the members of the Lodge, that they consider the possibility of forming an Eastern Star Chapter. The Ladies considered the suggestion, and along with some female relatives of Widow Son's Lodge No. 11, they formed a Club (the Emerald Club). On Saturday October 14, 1984 an Occasional Grand Chapter was convened at the Brooklyn

Prince Hall Temple by Sis Alvia S. Jones of Electa Chapter No. 14, Worthy Grand Matron and Bro. Walter Howell of Gardenia Chapter No. 41, Worthy Grand Patron, at which time 40 members of the Emerald Club were initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star, and placed Under Dispensation as Emerald Chapter. On October 5, 1985 under the direction of Worthy Grand Matron, Alvia S. Jones and Worthy Grand Patron, Walter Howell, the members of Emerald Chapter U.D. were warranted as Emerald Chapter No. 81. The first officers of Emerald Chapter No. 81 were: Mary Boyd-Foy, Worthy Matron; Leo Johnson, Worthy Patron; Myrtle Spencer, Associate Matron; Alexandra Phips, Conductress; Patricia Bumbrey-Moore, Associate Conductress; Maxine Owens, Treasurer and Dorothy Harris, Secretary.

During the 109 year history of the Eastern Star Chapters' existence in the Second District their members have served as the principal officers and/or made numerous significant contributions to Eureka Grand Chapter and the Prince Hall Affiliated Appendant Bodies in the State and Jurisdiction of New York. Among these were Sister Octavia Giles Stitt, Sunshine Chapter No. 34 (1940-42), Sister Gladys I. Jones, Victoria Chapter No. 45 (1976-78) and Sister Julia F. Holland Mount Zion Chapter No. 59 (2009-11), all of whom served as Grand Worthy Matrons in the years indicated. In addition to the exemplary service of our Sisters, the following Brothers, Roland R. Johnson Sunshine Chapter No. 34 (1938-40), Samuel I. Greene, Victoria Chapter No. 45 (1940-42), James Usher, Sunshine Chapter No. 34 (2002-04) and Bro. Harvey Ross of Sunshine Chapter No. 34 (2007-2009) all of whom served as Grand Worthy Patrons in the years indicated. Sis Bettie Barbour of Victoria Chapter No. 45, a Past Most Ancient Grand Matron, of the Prince Hall Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho and Past Royal Grand Perfect Matron of the Prince Hall Grand Court, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection who for her long years of service and dedication to the Prince Hall Fraternity was afforded the honor of being named Honorary Past Grand Worthy Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter, P.M. Patricia Bumbrey-Moore of Emerald Chapter No. 81, P.M. Phyllis Johnson and P.M Edna Mayfield both of Fidelity Chapter No. 54 are Honorary Past Imperial Commandresses, of the Imperial Court, Daughters of Isis. Other members of the Second District who have served as the principal officers of a Grand body are: P.M. Maxine Colden, of Mount Zion Chapter No. 59, who served as Most Ancient Grand Matron, of the Prince Hall Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho, P.M. Bobbie O'Garro, Mount Zion Chapter No. 59 who served as the Royal Grand Perfect Matron of the Prince Hall Grand Court, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection and Royal Grand Commandress of the Prince Hall Grand Court, Order of Cyrene. P.M. Grace H. Racker, Sunshine Chapter No. 34, P.M. Alexandra Phips, Emerald Chapter No. 81 and P.M. Minnie L. Hall, Mount Zion Chapter No. 59, all of whom served as State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers of the New York State Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle. P.M. Laura Green and P.M. Hazel Searles of Mount Zion Chapter No. 59, both of whom served as Royal Grand Commandresses of the Prince Hall Grand Court, Order of Cyrene. Currently, P.M. Mary Boyd-Foy of Emerald Chapter No. 81 is serving as the Associate Grand Conductress of Eureka Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of New York, P.M. Dorothy Denard Williams is serving as the State Grand Loyal Lady Priestess of the New York State Grand Assembly, Ladies of the Golden Circle, P.M. Mary Glover, Sunshine Chapter No. 34 is serving as the Vice Most Ancient Grand Matron of the Most Ancient Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho of the State of New York. P.M. Glover is also serving as the Royal Grand Martha of the Prince Hall Grand Court, Order of Cyrene of the State of New York. Last but not least, Sis Ruth Ellerbee of Fidelity Chapter No.54 is currently serving as the 43<sup>rd</sup> Imperial Commandress of the Imperial Court, Daughters of Isis, the Auxiliary of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

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