

Resolution Number 367

Harmony Grand Chapter – Order of the Eastern Star of Missouri

WHEREAS, Harmony Grand Chapter – Order of the Eastern Star of Missouri origins began in the state of Ohio. The Ohio Grand Chapter and its Jurisdiction (currently Amaranth Grand Chapter-Order of the Eastern Star of Ohio) began in 1878. Harmony Grand Chapter-Order of the Eastern Star of Missouri and its Jurisdiction will celebrated in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, Founder’s Day on April 4, 2009. Harmony Grand Chapter-Order of the Eastern Star functions as the parent body of four subordinate female entities under the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri and its Jurisdiction- Prince Hall Affiliate; and

WHEREAS, an order of Dispensation was read from the Ohio Grand Chapter, O.E.S. giving authority to confer upon eight ladies under the supervision of Master Masons Rev. S. H. Shaffer, MD; who had served as Grand Associate patron of the Ohio Grand Chapter along with other Master Masons: Zachariah Delaney, H.O. Woods, W. M. Harrison. Rev. James Powell, Rev. J. T. Buck, Rev. Moses Dickson, W.M. Houston, B. F. Rogers, Harvey Houston, Allen Gunnell and M. F. Fields conferred the Order of Eastern Star and Queen of the South Degrees on April 22, 1887 in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, at the Negro Masonic Hall, 412 N. 11th Street. On April 22, 1887 Electa Charter, Order of Easter Star was established. Sister Lucy A. Delaney served as Worthy Matron with 28 members and officers; and

WHEREAS, Electa Chapter met with the Ohio Jurisdiction for three years, at which time four additional chapters were organized in Missouri under the Ohio Jurisdiction: Eureka, Corinthian, Ruth and Esther. On December 26, 1890 Brother O. M. Wood Grand District Deputy met with the Worthy Matrons of Missouri Chapters formed under the Ohio Jurisdiction after establishing regulatory requirements the Order of Eastern Star Grand Chapter of Missouri and Jurisdiction was established. During the next year nine new Chapters were added: Adah-Kansas City, Ruth-Kansas City, Golden Gate-St. Joseph, Esther Independence, St. Paul-St. Paul, Minn, Adah Star-St. Louis, Rising Star Plattsburg, Starlight, Platte City and Adah –Moberly; and

WHEREAS, in 1902, the name, The Order Eastern Star Grand Chapter of Missouri, was changed to, The United Grand Chapter – Order of the Eastern Star of Missouri and its Jurisdiction. By July of 1920 more chapters had been listed in the Missouri Jurisdiction: Electa, Lone Star, Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Corinthian, Adah Star, Rising Sun, Queen of Sheba, Melrose, Euclid, A. L. Lee, Addie Allen, Eureka, St. Paul, Bright Light, Rebecca, St. James Star Light and many others; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 1921, the name United Grand Chapter –Order of the Eastern Star of Missouri and its Jurisdiction was changed to Harmony Grand Chapter –Order of the Eastern Star of Missouri and Its Jurisdiction. As Harmony Grand Chapter remains etched in history there are more than 66 Chapters throughout the State of Missouri with the majority being located in the City of St. Louis, Missouri that remain under it’s parental direction; and

WHEREAS, Harmony Grand Chapter – Order of the Eastern Star of Missouri and its Jurisdiction and its great Sisterhood is to be commended for their many community and charitable contributions throughout the City of St. Louis and the State of Missouri.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Sister Priscilla L. Harris-Grand Worthy Matron and, Past Grand Worthy Matrons: Josephine Stokes-Wheat, Sister Barbara A. Jones, Sister Evelyn B. Topps, Sister Mary Francis Wright, And Brother Raymond Banton-Grand Worthy Patron, and Past Grand Worthy Patrons: Harrell E. Nance, Michael Jones, Arthur Hill, James Thomas and Worthy Matrons of Districts 1 and V and Sister Mischa Lattimore Walker, PM #120/PGGS to commemorate their celebration of Founder’s Day of Harmony Grand Charter-Order of the Eastern Star of Missouri and its Jurisdiction in the City of St. Louis April 4, 2009. Introduced on the 4th day of April, 2009 by:

Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward

Adopted this the 4th day of April, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

