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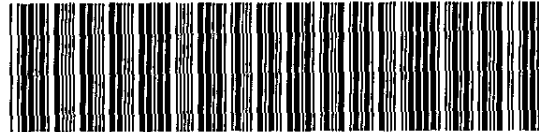


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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
ORDER OF EMANCIPATED AMERICANS  
OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, INC.

ARTICLE I. **NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be ORDER OF EMANCIPATED AMERICANS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, INC.

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ARTICLE II. **PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be 213 E. Clark Street, Quincy, Florida 32351, and the mailing address shall be 707 East G. F. & A Drive, Quincy, Florida 32351.

ARTICLE III. **PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized <sup>as a lodge</sup> for charitable and religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended. This corporation shall operate and manage its affairs and property as determined from time to time in accordance with its By Laws, rules and regulations, and other applicable documents, in the manner as the members direct. The general nature of the corporation shall be to help raise fallen humanity, to care for and wait upon the poor, to care for widows and orphans, to educate and teach the Negro race the right and proper way of living; to conduct and carry on a benevolent endowment department; to bury their dead; establish and organize subordinate associations throughout the State of Florida, the United States and foreign countries;

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to make and publish secret ritual for the uses of said corporate body and subordinate associations.

#### ARTICLE IV. **EXISTENCE**

This organization was originally incorporated on November 12, 1935 and has continuously operated as an association since its inception. However, to be in compliance with current corporate laws, the organization is re-incorporating and the new effective date of the existence of this corporation shall March 24, 2004. The Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved according to law.

#### ARTICLE V. **POWERS**

This corporation shall have all the power of a religious organization and all the statutory power of a charitable, religious corporation and all the powers and duties as set forth in the Bylaws, rules and regulations of the corporations, and other documents and agreements as legally entered into or executed by the appropriate officers of the corporation. The corporation shall have exclusive rights to its rituals, and the power to issue bonds and mortgages, to acquire and take over businesses or any other undertaking that is germane to carrying on the main objects of said corporation; to acquire, buy, own, sell, mortgage convey, dispose and to otherwise deal in real estate and personal property, tangible and intangible property, or mixed property, franchises and privileges of whatsoever kind or character, and wherever located.

#### ARTICLE VI. **MEMBERS**

Applicants for membership and members must be mentally and physically sound; must not use stimulants excessively; must believe in a Supreme Being, a future reward and punishment. Applicants and members may not be under the age of 12 years and must be of good moral

character.

Admission to membership shall be by application and approval by two-third of the membership present at the meeting when the application is considered. Each applicant shall pay an admission fee, the amount of which should be set by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE VII. **DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

The business of the corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may consist of one or more persons, but no more than seven. There shall be a President and a Secretary and Treasurer, or a Secretary/Treasurer of the Corporation. There may be a Vice President and other officers of the Corporation as Directors or the Pastor General decided are needed from time to time.

#### ARTICLE VIII. **INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The initial Board of Directors and Officers of the Corporation shall be:

WILLIAM HOUSTON  
949 POINT MILLIGAN ROAD  
QUINCY, FLORIDA 32351

Dir. & Pres.

JAMES MUSE  
654 MLK Blvd  
Midway, Florida 32343

Dir. & Vice Pres.

CORNELIUS HARRIS  
P. O. BOX 144  
Gretna, Fl 32332

Dir. & Chairman

LEROY MARSHALL  
605 Mt. Hosea Road  
Quincy, Florida 32351

Dir. & SEC.

ESTELLE FOREHAND-DIXIE  
707 EAST G F & A DRIVE  
Quincy, FLORIDA 32351

DIR. & TREAS.

ARTICLE IX. **MANNER OF ELECTION**

Whenever the law of the land requires a specific manner of election, then elections shall be held in accordance with the established law. When no civil law directs the manner of election, the Board of Directors shall be established as follows: The Pastor General shall appoint up to 3 members to serve on the Board of Directors and the members in good standing who attend the Annual Membership meeting of the corporation shall elect up to 3 members, to serve on the Board of Directors by a majority vote. In case of a tie vote, then the Pastor General shall break the tie. Directors may be removed by a majority vote of the members at a duly noticed special meeting; however, the Pastor General shall have the right to veto and override the vote for good cause shown.

ARTICLE X. **INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT**

The initial registered agent shall be ESTELLE DIXIE-FOREHAND whose street address is:

707 EAST G F & A DRIVE  
Quincy, Florida 32351

and whose mailing address is  
707 East G F & A Drive  
Quincy, Florida 32351

ARTICLE XI. **INCORPORATORS**

The founders of this corporation and subscribers to these articles of incorporation are:

WILLIAM HOUSTON  
949 POINT MILLIGAN ROAD  
QUINCY, FLORIDA 32351

Dir. & Pres.

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Dir. & TREAS.

## ARTICLE XII. **AMENDMENTS**

The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation by consent of the Pastor General and a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors. All rights of the members of this corporation are granted subject to this reservation.

## ARTICLE XIII. **BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, amended, changed or repealed in the manner provided by the Bylaws.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we the undersigned subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, have set our hands and seals this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004.

William Houston  
WILLIAM HOUSTON

James Muse  
JAMES MUSE

Cornelius Harris  
CORNELIUS HARRIS

Leroy Marshall  
LEROY MARSHALL

Estelle Dixie Forehand  
ESTELLE DIXIE-FOREHAND

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF GADSDEN

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004, before me, an officer duly authorized, personally appeared WILLIAM HOUSTON, JAMES MUSE, CORNELIUS HARRIS, LEROY MARSHALL, ESTELLE DIXIE-FOREHAND, who are well known, and who executed the foregoing instrument and they acknowledged before me that they executed said instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State aforesaid, this day and year last above written.

Marva A. Davis

MARVA A. DAVIS

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



Marva A. Davis  
MY COMMISSION # DD244513 EXPIRES  
September 12, 2007  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named corporation, at the place designated in the Articles/this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

  
ESTELLE DIXIE-FOREHAND  
Registered Agent

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