

The Holy Order of The Maccabees



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During the turbulent period of the sixties and seventies there were many highly placed and organized assaults on Black Leadership and Black organizations. These assaults were designed to disrupt and destroy any attempts by Black People to gain a sense of self determination and self-reliance.

The Pan African Orthodox Christian Church (PAOCC) faced these same issues as a rapidly growing dynamic church movement committed to the empowerment of a disenfranchised group of people.

The Honorable Jaramogi Abebe Agyeman (Rev. Albert B. Cleage Jr.), Founder and First Holy Patriarch of the PAOCC understood the need for a committed and highly trained group of adherents to insure the safety and sanctity of a developing Black Nation within a Nation.

The Honorable Jaramogi Abebe Agyeman established the modern day Order of the Maccabees as the security force for the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church (PAOCC).

The name "Maccabees" was adopted from the ancient Maccabees chronicled in the early books of the Bible (Maccabees I and Maccabees II) which were removed from most modern-day bibles.

The Biblical books of the Maccabees described the group of freedom fighters (Maccabees) who fought a victorious war against western Greek domination and culture, thereby restoring Israel to independence as a nation with freedom to worship in adherence to the Covenant as ordained by God.

The Maccabees of the PAOCC were elevated to the status of "Holy Order" in recognition of their adherence to the Covenant and their duty to Serve and Protect sanctioned by Divine Order and Command.

The Maccabees were organized and ably led by General Masai Balogun (Rev. James Dismuke) as Commanding General until his joining the Ancestors in September 1993.

Over the years the Holy Order of the Maccabees have distinguished themselves as the Vanguard of service to the PAOCC, with many members of the Order being elevated to positions of leadership in the PAOCC, in the ministry, and otherwise. This includes the current Presiding Bishop of the PAOCC, The Honorable Jaramogi Menelik Kimathi (Bishop Demosthenes Nelson), himself a long serving member of the Maccabees.

In keeping with the sophisticated and international development of the PAOCC, the Maccabees have positioned themselves in the professional arena by establishing fully credentialed, licensed security agencies.

Under the leadership of General Chiri Karega (Marvin Roby), the current Commanding General, the security agencies are now licensed in the states of Michigan, Georgia, Texas, and pending licensure in the state of South Carolina.

The Holy Order of the Maccabees are a very proud group of men and women devoted to the Will of God and the belief in God's Commandment to become our "Best Selves" as the highest expression of worship.

"We walk the path of Service that Great African Warriors walked in the past, with faith that we will be infused with God's Awesome

Power. We offer Ourselves as Willing Instruments so that God's Will can be realized in the world Today. We pledge our Total Commitment to our Holy Patriarch and the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church and our reason for being is to Protect and Serve Them. We are the Holy Order of the Maccabees!"

From the Maccabee Oath