

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC.
7942R Cluny Court
Springfield, Virginia 22153

18 JUNE 2016

NATIONAL CIRCULAR 8.3

Subject: Appointments and Chapter Committees

Reference: National By-Laws Article 5, paragraph 5.5

Purpose: Establish a Chapter Special Emphasis Committees/Programs.

1. **VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE:** Each Chapter is encouraged to "...further the military needs of national defense..." through service to our veterans in any manner of outreach as determined by the members of the Chapter. Examples of outreach include:

- a. To aid and assist returning veterans and their families in time of need, including, but not limited to, assistance in securing adequate veterans benefits, disability allowances, proper health care, psychological care for families who need re-adjustment to the veteran and/or his family, transportation to meet a variety of needs (doctor, grocery store, bank, etc.);
- b. To support for veteran charities, such as the Fisher House, United Service Organizations (USO), etc.; and/or,
- c. To participate in and support other outreach projects in direct support of our troops serving on active duty.


At the option of the Chapter President, this special emphasis program may be assigned to a Veterans Service Committee or be made of part of the mission of the Chapter's Americanism Committee.

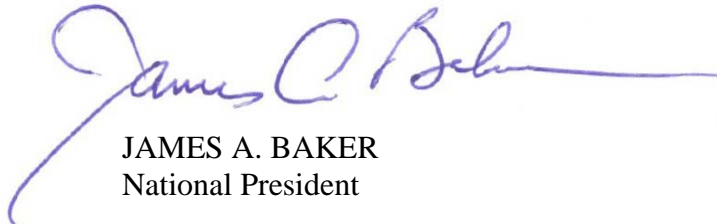
2. **BRIDGE OF LIGHT (BOL):** Each Chapter is encouraged to make a concerted effort to annually visit as many Blue Lodges as possible within its sphere of influence for the purpose of presenting a BOL program, e.g., DVD presentation of *The Story of National Sojourners*, presentation of a Flag Program, etc., while ensuring that all Masonic veterans are recognized as well as identifying potential members. Building our membership is paramount and every eligible Brother must be afforded the opportunity for membership in National Sojourners. Chapters are also encouraged to consider holding a *Lodge of Military Tribute* ceremony. The ritual for this program is available on the Order's website or may be obtained from National Headquarters. Prior to presentation, the Chapter must ensure that the Masonic Jurisdiction where this program is to be conducted/performed has approved the ceremony/program in its jurisdiction. Where a question as to the approval of the ceremony is raised, The Chapter President or Secretary should contact the National Secretary-Treasurer to attempt to answer/resolve the question. This special

emphasis program may be assigned, at the option of the Chapter President, to the Chapter's BOL Committee or to an *ad hoc* committee.

3. CANCELLATION: This National Circular will expire on 17 Jun 2017, unless continued by the next National President.

ATTEST:


WILLIAM R. SANNER
National Secretary-Treasurer


JAMES A. BAKER
National President