**Resolution 2-18**

**CREATION OF**

**CENTENNIAL EVENT PARTICIPATION AND DONATION MEDALS**

WHEREAS, National Sojourners is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2018-2019; and,

WHEREAS, this is a once-in-a-lifetime event for the Order and each of its members; and,

WHEREAS, the Order and its leadership desires to encourage and reward individual support for Chapter and nationally sponsored Centennial celebration events throughout the nation; and,

WHEREAS, support for National Sojourners may be provided in both actual individual participation and in contributions to our charitable funds that support Americanism and Patriotism; and,

WHEREAS, the “Centennial Event Participation Medal” is to incentivize and recognize individual performance for active participation in Nationwide and Area-wide events during the Centennial Year as detailed in the Centennial Tool Kit; and,

WHEREAS, the “Donation Medal” is to incentivize and recognize individual Sojourners for making contributions of $1,000 or more to a fund of National Sojourners, more especially during the Centennial Year; and,

WHEREAS, the “Centennial Event Participation Medal” and the “Donation Medal” bearing the Centennial Bar may only be earned during the Centennial Year from 24 June 2018 to 9 June 2019, although the Donation Medal, but without the Centennial Bar, may be earned at any anytime following the close/end of Centennial Year; and,

NOW THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that National Sojourners create two new medals for supporting National Sojourners—the “Centennial Event Participation Medal” for physical support, and the “Donation Medal” for monetary support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NR 1.4 be amended as follows:

1. Add a new paragraph 2.h. to read as follows:

h. The Centennial Event Participation Medal shall consist of a blue ribbon with two gold vertical stripes, each of which gold stripes shall be inset from the right and left outer edge of the ribbon. Suspended from the ribbon shall be a gold medallion bearing an image of the raised part of the seal of the National Sojourners in the center of the medallion having a blue circle border inside a gold outer ring. The blue circle shall bear the inscription “100 YEARS,” which shall be flanked by “1919” on the left side, “2019” on the right side, and “PROUDLY SERVING THE CAUSE OF PATRIOTISM” on the bottom of the medallion.

2. Add a new paragraph 2.i. to read as follows:

i. The Donation Medal shall consist of a green ribbon bearing three thin white vertical lines, one in the middle and the other two inset from each of the outer edges of the ribbon. These outer thin white lines shall be flanked by a bold blue, gold, blue vertical stripe with the inside blue stripe touching the outer edge of each outer thin white line. Suspended from the ribbon shall be a golden medallion in the shape of a Maltese cross superimposed over a sunburst with a blue circle in the center bearing an image of the raised part of the seal of National Sojourners with “EXIMIA” above the seal and “DONATORI” below the seal. The outer edge of the Maltese cross shall be in gold with the cross having a blue background. “EXIMIA DONATORI” shall be in gold lettering and on a blue field.

(1) A gold bar device bearing the word “CENTENNIAL” shall be authorized to be worn on the Donor Medal ribbon for a monetary donation paid during the period 24 June 2018 through 9 June 2019 to any fund of National Sojourners **or** for a signed pledge of a monetary donation occurring during the same period in the sum of $1,000 or more, which pledge shall be paid in full by 30 June 2023.

(2) A Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster device shall be authorized to be worn on the Donation Medal for each additional donation of $1,000 paid in full beyond the initial Centennial Year contribution. A Silver Oak Leaf Cluster device shall be issued to and authorized to be worn on the medal upon a donor earning 5 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.

(3) A Star device shall be issued to and authorized to be worn on the Donation Medal following the receipt by the National Secretary-Treasurer of a copy of a codicil or other evidence of a testamentary bequest effecting a testamentary donation/bequest in the amount of $1,000 or more to a fund of National Sojourners.

3. Amend paragraph 11.b. to read as follows:

b. The elected National Line Officers Medal, elected National Heroes of '76 Medal, Legion of Honor Medal, Past National President's Medal, Past National Commander's Medal and Donation Medal (with all devices) will be funded through the National Budget.

4. Add paragraph 12 to read as follows:

12. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE. The following National Sojourners Medals shall be worn in following order of precedence on a member’s left breast, from the wearer’s right to left, and may be in one or two rows:

a. Houghton Memorial Award Medal. The medal is the second highest National Sojourners award. No devices are authorized.

b. National Sojourners Membership Medal. This medal shall be worn by all National Sojourners and may include a star to indicate MIP status, a bar to indicate current or past office, a service bar for 25- or 50-year membership, and a pin to denote membership activity. A maximum of three devices are authorized.

c. Past National President’s Medal. This medal may be worn by those members who have served as National President and is to be worn in lieu of the National Sojourners Membership Medal. No devices are authorized. This medal may also be worn on a National Sojourners Neckband.

d. Van Deventer Medal. This medal is the highest award in Heroes of ’76 and contains a Minuteman and numerals for the year of award. No other devices are authorized.

e. Past National Commander’s Medal. This medal may be worn by those members who have served as National Commander, is worn in lieu of the Heroes Medal. No devices are authorized. The medal is not worn on a Heroes Neckband.

f. Heroes Medal. This medal shall be worn by all Heroes of ’76. The only device authorized to be worn on the medal is the Past Commander’s bar.

g. Donation Medal. This medal, with or without the Centennial Bar, may be worn by a member who has earned that right as herein provided. Bronze and silver oak leaf clusters and/or a star device may be affixed to and worn with the medal if earned by the medal recipient as herein provided.

h. Centennial Event Participation Medal. This medal may be worn by any member earning the medal during the Centennial Year as herein provided.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon the passage of this resolution, any other provision of the National Regulations affected by this resolution and not specifically amended or referenced in this resolution shall be amended to read and shall be interpreted to be in conformity with this resolution.