**NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INCORPORATED**

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**NATIONAL REGULATION 1.4**

Subject: Insignia

Reference: (a) National By-Laws, Article 1.3

(b) National By-Laws, Article 1.4

(c) Official Manual of Heroes of `76

1. PURPOSE. To describe the insignia specified in reference (b), which incorporates the seal depicted in reference (a), in further detail; and to prescribe the wearing and funding of the medals of National Sojourners Line Officers, Chapter Officers, National Heroes of `76 Officers and Camp Officers, the Past National Commander's Medal, National Sojourner Neckbands, National Heroes of ’76 Neckbands and other accoutrements.

2. MEDALS.

a. The regulation National Sojourners Medal consists of a medallion reproduction of the National Sojourners Seal, with or without enamel, as illustrated in reference (b), but modified by the addition of two scrolls on each side located about 45º from a horizontal line through the center of the Seal and suspended from a ribbon of thirteen alternating blue and gold stripes. The medal is worn on the left breast and takes precedence to the Heroes of `76 Medal.

b. The medal of an elected National Line Officer shall consist of a regulation National Sojourners Medal, with enamel, with the medallion partially encircled by a wreath and a title bar of office located on the National Sojourners Neckband or ribbon holding the medal.

c. The medal of an elected National Heroes of `76 Officer shall consist of a regulation Heroes of `76 Medal with the medallion partially encircled by a wreath and the title bar of office located on the Heroes of ’76 Neckband or ribbon holding the medal.

d. The National Sojourners Legion of Honor Medal shall consist of a medallion of the raised portion of the National Sojourners Seal surrounded by a wreath of gold on an enameled circle of blue with 13 gold stars, which is surrounded by three gold bands and five white enameled sections of a Maltese Cross. It is to be worn suspended from a regulation National Sojourner Neckband as described in paragraph 3.a. below.

e. The Houghton Memorial Medal shall consist of a pendant of the raised part of the National Sojourners Seal with the crescent attached below inscribed with the word “Houghton” and the year of the National Convention at which it was awarded. This pendant is suspended from a gold ribbon with one narrow stripe of blue on either side. It is to be worn on the left breast to the left of the National Sojourners and Heroes of `76 medals.

f. The Past National President’s Medal shall consist of a gold bar edged in blue enamel and bearing in blue enamel lettering the words, “PAST NATIONAL.” From this bar, suspended by two gold chains, shall be a smaller blue enamel bar with a gold border bearing the word “PRESIDENT.” Below this bar, the medallion of a regulation National Sojourners medal with enamel, partially encircled by a wreath, shall be suspended by two gold chains of such length as to place the “PRESIDENT” bar midway between the “PAST NATIONAL” bar and the top of the medallion. All this shall be superimposed on a double-folded regulation National Sojourners ribbon cut with an inverted “V” at the bottom of the ribbon.

g. The Past National Commander’s Medal shall consist of a gold bar edged in blue enamel and bearing in blue enamel lettering the words, “PAST NATIONAL.” From this bar, suspended by two gold chains, shall be a smaller blue enamel bar with a gold border bearing the word “COMMANDER.” Below this bar, the medallion of a regulation Heroes of `76 Medal as prescribed in reference (c), partially encircled by a wreath, shall be suspended by two gold chains of such length as to place the “COMMANDER” bar midway between the “PAST NATIONAL” bar and the top of the medallion. All this shall be superimposed on a double-folded regulation Heroes of `76 ribbon cut with an inverted “V” at the bottom of the ribbon.

3. NECKBANDS.

a. The National Sojourners Neckband shall consist of a medallion, with or without enamel, as described in paragraph 2.a. above, suspended from a neckband of the same material as the regulation medal ribbon. This type of neckband shall hereinafter be referred to as the regulation “Sojourners Neckband.”

(1) Elected National Line Officers’ insignia of office consists of the medallion of a regulation National Sojourners Medal, with enamel, partially encircled by a wreath and suspended from a regulation neckband with the title bar of office appropriately centered on the “V” of the Sojourners Neckband.

(2) When title bars are authorized for wear on the neckband by other National Officers, they are to be appropriately centered on the "V" of the Sojourners Neckband.

(3) Wearing of the Sojourner Neckband is limited to National Officers, Area and Regional Representatives, elected Chapter Officers, and any member of National Sojourners, Incorporated, holding a Membership-In-Perpetuity in five or more Chapters of National Sojourners, Incorporated.

(4) The Sojourner Neckband may be worn with the Legion of Honor Neckband, but not with neckbands of other organizations. The bottom of the medallion of the Legion of Honor shall be located above the “V” of the Sojourners Neckband.

b. The Heroes of `76 Neckband shall consist of a medallion of a regulation Heroes medal, suspended from a neckband of the same material as on the regulation Heroes Medal. This type of neckband will hereafter be referred to as the regulation Heroes of `76 Neckband or Heroes Neckband. Reference (c) applies.

(1) The insignia of office of an elected National Heroes of `76 Officer shall consist of the medallion of a regulation Heroes of `76 Medal, partially encircled by a wreath and suspended from a regulation Heroes Neckband with the title bar of office appropriately centered on the “V” of the Heroes Neckband.

(2) Other National Heroes of `76 Officers and elected Camp Commanders shall wear their title bar of office appropriately centered on the “V” of the Heroes Neckband.

(3) Wearing of the Heroes Neckband is limited to National Heroes of `76 Officers and elected Camp Commanders.

(4) The Heroes Neckband may be worn with the Legion of Honor Neckband, but not with neckbands of other organizations. The bottom of the medallion of the Legion of Honor shall be located above the “V” of the Heroes Neckband.

c. When wearing a military dress uniform, the Past National President’s Medal, without the double-folded ribbon, may be worn suspended from a regulation Sojourner Neckband and attached above the “V.” If worn in conjunction with the Legion of Honor Medal, the bottom of the medallion of the Legion of Honor shall be located above the “PAST NATIONAL” bar.

d. When wearing a military dress uniform, the Past National Commander’s Medal, without the double-folded ribbon, may be worn suspended from a regulation Heroes Neckband and attached above the “V.” If worn in conjunction with the Legion of Honor Neckband, the bottom of the medallion of the Legion of Honor shall be located above the “PAST NATIONAL” bar.

4. TITLE BARS AND INSIGNIAS OF OFFICE.

a. Up to three title bars may be worn on the National Sojourners medal ribbon or neckband.

b. The title bar of office for the following National Officers shall, upon completion of their term of office, be turned over to their successors:

(1) All National Line Officers;

(2) All National Heroes of ’76 Line Officers;

(3) Trustees and their Chairman; and,

(4) The members of the Committee of 33 and its Chairman.

c. Prior to the installation of the new National Officers at each National Convention, all insignias of office for National Line Officers and the elected National Heroes of `76 Officers, that is, the Sojourners Neckband and medal and the Heroes Neckband and medal, respectively, with the title bar of office affixed for each of their respective offices, shall be turned over to the National Installing Marshal. The National Secretary-Treasurer shall, as hereinafter prescribed, furnish the newly elected National Third Vice-President with a Sojourner Neckband with a National Line Officer Medal affixed thereto, to which the National Third Vice-President Elect shall affix his title bar of office, delivering same to the National Installing Marshal.

5. MEMBER-IN-PERPETUITY (MIP) STAR. A Member-in-Perpetuity may wear the MIP Star(s) centered on the medal ribbon or on either side of the Sojourners Neckband as single, multiple stars in line, circular cluster of five stars, or multiple circular clusters of five stars, as appropriate.

6. MEMBERSHIP SPONSORING DEVICE. The 3/8” diameter brass button with clutch fastener, numerically inscribed in increments of 5, i.e., 5, 10, 15, etc., will be worn immediately below the lowest title bar on the National Sojourners medal or neckband.

7. LONGEVITY PINS. The 25- and 50-Year membership pins may be worn immediately below the lowest title bar on the National Sojourners medal or neckband.

8. MINIATURES. Miniature medals may be worn in lieu of the regulation medal ***only*** on the mess dress uniform or tuxedo. Miniature neckbands are not authorized.

9. PROPER WEARING. Medals, insignia, or neckbands may be worn:

a. On all official occasions and when identification as a member of National Sojourners, Incorporated is desirable.

b. On a military uniform in accordance with service regulations.

10. APPROVED INSIGNIA. Only insignia approved by the National Regulations may be worn as National Sojourners related accoutrements. Except for the elected National Heroes of `76 Officer Medals and the Past National Commander’s Medal, the wearing of which are prescribed by these National Regulations, only insignia approved by the Official Manual of the Heroes of `76 may be worn as Heroes of `76 accoutrements.

11. FUNDING. All medals, neckbands, title bars, MIP stars, miniatures, and other accoutrements will be procured at the personal expense of each individual Sojourner authorized to wear the same, with the following exceptions:

a. Neckbands, medals, and title bars for elected National Line Officers and elected National Heroes of `76 Officers will be furnished and maintained at the expense of National Headquarters.

b. The medals and title bars of elected National Line Officers and elected National Heroes of `76 Officers, as well as Legion of Honor, Past National President’s, and Past National Commander’s Medals, and the title bars of all other elected National Officers shall be funded through the National Budget.

c. The Houghton Memorial Medal or Plaque and Certificate shall be funded by the Houghton Memorial Fund.

d. National Headquarters shall furnish title bars for the National Line Officers, National Heroes of ’76 Line Officers, Chairman of the Trustees, and Chairman of the Committee of 33, as well as for the individual members of the Trustees and the Committee of 33.

e. Individual Chapters may, at their own expense, furnish medals, neckbands, title bars, or other insignia to its officers or past officers.

ATTEST:

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