**NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC.**

**7942-R Cluny Court**

**Springfield, Virginia 22153**

**24 JUNE 2018**

**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:
	1. To aid/assist returning veterans and their families in time of need, including, assisting in securing veterans benefits, disability allowances, proper health care, psychological care, and transportation to doctor, grocery store, bank, etc.
	2. To support veteran charities, such as the Fisher House, United Service Organizations
	3. To support other outreach projects in direct support of our active duty troops
2. **BRIDGE OF LIGHT (BOL) ACTIVITIES:** Each Chapter is encouraged to appoint a Centennial Committee Chairman to facilitate planning and executing the Chapter’s participation in various Centennial activities and events to help make it more relevant in the community, Region, and Area. The Centennial Toolkit on the website provides detailed information on how to earn Chapter and individual Sojourner awards and to strengthen our Order one Chapter at a time. Plan ahead rather than responding in crisis mode late in the year after opportunities have passed. One such event is visiting Lodges near your Chapter. During your visit, present A Toast to the Flag along with a framed poster of the Toast for the Lodge to remind them of this patriotic moment and National Sojourners. During your visit, recognize Masonic Veterans and address their eligibility for membership in our Order. Building our membership is paramount, and every eligible Brother must be afforded the opportunity to become a member. Initiating five new Active members during the Centennial Year is a goal for each Chapter. Also, inquire if the Lodge is interested in other programs for their special events, such as the *Historic Flag Presentation*, *Colonial Ladies at the Table Ceremony*, or the *Lodge of Military Tribute Ceremony*, This latter ceremony is available on our website or from National HQ, but it does requires Grand Lodge approval before presenting it in a Lodge.
3. **CANCELLATION:** This National Circular will expire on 9 June 2019, unless continued by the next National President.

ATTEST:

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