NATIONAL REGULATION 6.1

Subject: National Officers, Elections and Tenure

Reference: (a) National By-Laws, Article 6.1  
            (b) National Regulation 8.3.1  
            (c) National Regulation 6.2

1. PURPOSE: To prescribe the election and tenure of National Officers.

2. NATIONAL OFFICERS: In accordance with reference (a) the National Officers of National Sojourners shall be: National President; President-Elect; First Vice President; Second Vice President; Third Vice President; Secretary-Treasurer; Chaplain; Judge Advocate; Surgeon; Historian; Trustees; members of the Committee of 33; members of the Honor Awards Committee; Past National Presidents; Past National Commanders; and Emeritus Members.

3. QUALIFICATIONS OF NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE LINE OFFICERS: The selection of all candidates for the national progressive line shall be governed by the minimum requirements set forth below:

   a. A minimum of ten (10) years of continuous active membership in National Sojourners, Inc.

   b. Served honorably as a Chapter President and Commander of a Camp of Heroes of ’76.

   c. Provided exemplary services for a minimum of three (3) years on a National Committee as either an appointed or elected member and/or as an Area or Regional Representative. Service as a member of Committee of 33 is desirable.

   d. Attendance at three (3) National Conventions and two (2) Mid-Winter meetings.

   e. Demonstrated qualities of leadership, tact, and teamwork in his military, civic, business or Masonic service.

   f. Hold Active Membership status in National Sojourners, Inc.

   g. Be prepared to undertake the financial burden associated with election as well as the travel required to satisfy the additional responsibilities.
h. Receive a determination of “QUALIFIED” based on an interview by the Nominating Committee.

4. NOMINATION: Nominations for National Office shall be made by Chapters or National Officers on the official nomination form available from the National Secretary-Treasurer and mailed or delivered to the Secretary of the National Nominating Committee will act on such nominations in accordance with reference (b).

a. Active National Officers (excludes Past National President, Past National Commanders and Emeritus Members): Except the National President, all shall be elected by ballot at the National Convention, shall serve for a period of one year, except as otherwise provided herein.

b. The National President-Elect: At the expiration of his term of office, automatically shall be installed as National President.

c. The National Trustees: Serve for a period of three years, three Trustees being elected at each National Convention. A National Trustee who has been elected to complete an unexpired term on the National Trustees is permitted to serve three (3) full three-year terms on the Trustees in addition to completing the initial unexpired term.

d. National Secretary-Treasurer, National Historian, National Judge Advocate, National Chaplain and National Surgeon: Serve for a period of three years.

e. Committee of 33: Members serve for a period of three years, eleven members being elected at each National Convention.

f. Honor Awards Committee: Members serve for a period of five years with one member being elected annually.


h. Emeritus Sojourners: Members who have served at least nine years (not necessarily consecutive) in any elected National Office may be elected by a two-thirds vote at any National Convention to Emeritus Status and shall hold life tenure as National Officers. Living Emeritus Sojourners shall be listed on the rolls of Emeritus Members regardless of any other qualifying status, e.g., PNP or PNC, and shall be entitled to Emeritus Status.

5. TENURE OF OFFICE: Any Active National Officer who has served nine full years, in any one office, except the National Secretary-Treasurer, National Historian, National Judge Advocate, National Chaplain and the National Surgeon shall be ineligible for further service in that office.

6. DUAL STATUS: No Sojourner may occupy more than one active National Office at the same time, except as a member of the Honor Awards Committee or while serving as National
Surgeon or National Chaplain. National Trustees may not serve simultaneously as National Sojourners Convention Corporation Officers (members). Any Active National Officer who has been nominated for another National Office must submit his resignation from the office held, effective upon election to the office sought.

7. UNEXPIRED TERMS:

   a. Mid-year National Office vacancies due to death, resignation or removal, including those in paragraph 8 below will be filled by election at the following National Convention.

   b. Vacancies occurring during a National Convention will be filled at that National Convention.

8. VACANCIES: Elected National Officer vacancies, which occur between National Conventions, with the exception of the National President-Elect, National Vice Presidents and National Secretary-Treasurer may be filled by the National President. Such appointees will serve until replacements are elected at the following National Convention.

9. DUTIES: National Officers duties are described in Reference (c).

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