National Sojourners, Inc.

AWARDS & CITATIONS

by

Education and Training Committee

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National Sojourners, Inc. Awards and Citations are designed to recognize and encourage Chapters and members to further the purposes of the Order. The requirements are all enumerated within the National BY-Laws and Regulations (see Appendix A). The following is a guide as to what awards and citations are available and a short explanation of what each is and how it is awarded.

Nominations shall be submitted by 31 March. It is the responsible of the Chapter President to insure submission of member information by his chapter where appropriate. All submissions to Committees or the Publication Review Board shall be sent to National Headquarters.

SOJOURNER LEGION OF HONOR MEDAL

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
(1) Active continuous membership in National Sojourners for at least ten years.
(2) Outstanding service.
(3) Dedication to Masonic ideals and intense devotion to furthering all of the aims and Purposes of National Sojourners.
(4) Proven qualities of leadership, tact, and resourcefulness in promoting and furthering teamwork in the activities of National Sojourners.

NOMINATED BY:
(1) The National President
(2) Any Past National President
(3) Any Past National Commander
(4) Upon the written recommendation of any three chapters
   The recommendation of the three chapters shall be submitted @ the Regional and Area Representatives who shall endorse and forward it with their comments and or recommendation.

SUBMITTED TO: Honor Awards Committee.

APPROVED BY: Two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote by the National Convention.

HOUGHTON MEMORIAL AWARD

QUALIFICATION: Superior accomplishment by a Chapter or individual toward advancing the purposes of National Sojourners in any one year.

NOMINATED BY: Any National Officer or Sojourner Chapter

SUBMITTED TO: Incentives and Awards Committee in writing and include complete justification. Chapters shall submit their recommendations thru their Regional and Area Representatives.

APPROVED BY: National President on recommendation of the Incentives and Awards Committee.
MEMPHIS CUP AWARD

QUALIFICATION: An Area/Regional Representative having done the most to further development, growth, retention of membership and dynamic activities of the Chapters within their Area/Region.

RECOMMENDED BY: National President-Elect

SUBMITTED TO: Incentives & Awards Committee

APPROVED BY: National President on recommendation of the Incentives and Awards Committee. To be presented at National Convention.

HORTON-TOURTILOTT PLAQUE

QUALIFICATION: Individual judged to have done the most to further the Americanism Program of National Sojourners for his chapter.

RECOMMENDED BY: Regional and Area Representatives. In addition, the Americanism Committee will consider reports received from the Chapters.

SUBMITTED TO: Americanism Committee

APPROVED BY: Americanism Committee and presented at National Convention.

ANTHONY NATALI PLAQUE

QUALIFICATION: Outstanding participation in the presentation of ROTC Awards, in addition to participation in Americanism Programs by an individual or Chapter.

RECOMMENDED BY: Regional and Area Representatives. In addition, the Americanism Committee will consider reports received from the Chapters.

SUBMITTED TO: Americanism Committee

APPROVED BY: Americanism Committee and presented at National Convention.

ODIE R. HOWELL., JR., BRIDGE OF LIGHT AWARD

QUALIFICATION: Significant contribution by Chapter(s) to the National Bridge of Light Program.

RECOMMENDED BY: Results of Chapter Bridge of Light Annual Report

SUBMITTED TO: Bridge of Light Committee

APPROVED BY: The National Bridge of Light Committee based on grading of the Chapter Bridge of Light Annual Report evaluated on a score of 10. Chapters attaining a score totaling 18 or more for two consecutive years will be presented a National Award Flag Streamer which can be won every year after the first award.
DALLAS L. KNOLL BULLETIN OF THE YEAR AWARD

QUALIFICATION: To recognize annually that individual who as Editor of his Chapter's Bulletin/Newsletter published at least 6 issues during the 12-month period from January through December of the calendar year preceding the National Convention.

The following criteria will be used for judging Bulletins/Newsletters:

1. General Appearance
2. Composition, Writing, and Editing
3. Chapter/Camp News
4. Individual Sojourner News
5. Regional/Area News
6. National (Sojourner/Heroes) News
7. Masonic Community News
8. Reader Interest
9. Educational and Training Value
10. Historical Value

Each of the above criteria will be assigned a point value from zero to ten, for possible overall value of 100 points.

Area/Regional Representatives and National Officers should encourage Chapter Editors to submit their Chapter's Bulletin/Newsletter to compete for this award.

SUBMITTED TO: Publication Review Board with Five (5) copies of each issue of the Chapter's Bulletin/Newsletter published during the qualification period. They shall be clearly marked "For Bulletin of the Year Consideration," collated in complete year sets, and sent by the Chapter Secretary or Editor prior to 15 December of the year under consideration.

APPROVED BY: The National President based upon award recipient recommendation by the Publication Review Board. The Board may also recommend up to three (3) Editors of outstanding Chapter Bulletins for Honorable Mention, one of whom may be the editor of the most improved bulletin.

THE NATIONAL SECRETARY WILL, UTILIZING CHAPTER REPORTS AND OTHER RELIABLE INFORMATION, DETERMINE THE RECIPIENT OF THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

MELVIN W. BYERS MEMORIAL AWARD

To be awarded to Outstanding Chapter Secretary and will also designate the First, Second, and Third Runner up.

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' TROPHY (Numerical Gain)

For the Chapter having the largest actual gain in memberships during the preceding year as computed by National Headquarters records as of 31 December preceding, when compared to the corresponding date of the next preceding year.
PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS’ TROPHY (Percentage Gain)

For the Chapter having the largest percentage gain in membership during the year computed as above.

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS’ TROPHY

For the Chapter showing the largest percentage gain in Active status Sojourners (Members of the regular uniformed forces and Reserves on active duty or assigned to units of the Organized Reserves or National Guard) during the year computed as above.

YOUTH EMPHASIS AWARD

The Chapter with the highest percentage of members under age forty as of 31 December, prior to the National Convention as determined by National Headquarters records.

NATIONAL CITATIONS FOR PRESENTATION AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION (These may also be issued by the National President on other appropriate occasions)

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

QUALIFICATION: For Chapters/Sojourners performing a specific act or acts not implicit in their assigned duties which contributed to an exceptional degree to accomplishing the purposes of National Sojourners, Incorporated.

RECOMMENDED BY: National Officers, National Committee Chairmen and Area Representatives.

SUBMITTED TO: Incentives and Awards Committee

APPROVED BY: National President on recommendation of Incentives and Awards Committee.

EXCEPTIONAL MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE

QUALIFICATION: For Chapters/Sojourners whose exceptionally noteworthy performance contributed significantly to the accomplishment of the Purposes of National Sojourners, Incorporated.

RECOMMENDED BY: National Officers, National Committee Chairmen, Area/Regional Representatives and Chapter Presidents.

SUBMITTED TO: Incentives and Awards Committee

APPROVED BY: National President on recommendation of Incentives and Awards Committee.
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

QUALIFICATION: Maybe awarded to any individual, Chapter or group, whether or not directly associated with National Sojourners Incorporated, in appreciation of significant contributions to the order.

SUBMITTED TO: Incentives and Awards Committee

APPROVED BY: National President on recommendation of Incentives and Awards Committee.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

National Officers, National Committee Chairmen and Area/Regional Representatives and Chapter Presidents may order and award this certificate to any individual, Chapter or group, whether or not directly associated with National Sojourners Incorporated, in appreciation of significant contributions to the order.

AWARDS AND CITATIONS AVAILABLE FOR CHAPTER PRESENTATION

50-YEAR SOJOURNER BAR

The 50-Year Bar for attachment to the Sojourner Medal is authorized for members who have completed 50 years of Sojourner service as confirmed by National headquarters.

25-YEAR SOJOURNER BAR

The 25-Year Bar for attachment to the Sojourner Medal is authorized for members who have completed 25 years of Sojourner service as confirmed by National headquarters.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Criteria for this award is the same as for presentation at the National Convention as stated above.

PATRIOT OF '76 CERTIFICATE

Available from National Resale Activity for presentation to individuals and organizations in recognition of their patriotic activities.

BRIDGE OF LIGHT CERTIFICATE

Available from National Resale Activity for presentation to Master of Lodge or head of other Masonic Body to which presentation was made.
APPENDIX A

AWARDS & CITATIONS REFERENCES

Awards and Citations are authorized by National Sojourners Inc. Bylaws, Article 9 and National Regulations as indicated. Information is also contained in the Members Handbook, Chapter X.

Sojourner Legion of Honor Medal - NR 9.1 para. 2a & NR 8.1.3 para 3 & 4
Houghton Memorial Award - NR 9.1 para. 2e(1) (a) through (d) & 2i
Memphis Cup Award - NR 9.1 para. 2e(2)
Horton-Tourtloft Plaque - NR 9.1 para. 2b, c(1), 2i and NR 8.2.1 para. 3b(1)
Anthony Natali Plaque - NR 9.1 para. 2b, c(2), 2i and NR 8.2.1 para. 3b(2)
Odie R. Howell, Jr., Bridge of Light Award - NR 9.1 para. 2d, 2i and NR 8.2.2 para. 4a(5)
Dallas L. Knoll Bulletin of the Year Award - NR 9.1 para I 2f and NR 9.1.2
Melvin W. Byers Memorial Award - NR 9.1 para. 2g(1)
Past National Presidents' Trophy (Numerical Gain) - NR 9.1 para. 2g(2) & 2i
Past National Presidents' Trophy (Percentage Gain) - NR 9.1 para. 2g(3) &2i
Past National Commanders' Trophy (Percentage Gain in Active Status)-
NR 9.1 para. 2g(4) & 2i
Youth Emphasis Award - NR 9.1 para. 2g(5) & 2i
Presidential Citation - NR 9.1 para. 3a(1)
Exceptional Meritorious Achievement Certificate - NR 9.1 para. 3a(2)
Certificate of Appreciation - NR 9.1 para. 3a(3)
Certificate of Appreciation - Additional Awards - NR 9.1 para. 4
50-Year Sojourner Bar - NR 9.1 para. 5a
25-Year Sojourner Bar - NR 9.1 para. 5b
Certificate of Appreciation - NR 9.1 para. 5c
Patriot of 176 Certificate - NR 9.1 para. 5d
Bridge of Light Certificate - NR 9.1 para. 5e