

## MEMBERSHIP

Active membership in *National Sojourners, Incorporated* shall be open to citizens of the United States who are Master Masons in good standing in any duly constituted Lodge of Master Masons recognized by, and maintaining fraternal relations with, a majority of the Regular Grand Lodges in the United States and who are serving or have served honorably as members of the United States ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINE CORPS, AND COAST GUARD, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, OCEANIC ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, in peace or war, foreign or domestic, in the Regular, Reserve, Volunteer, National Guard, the militia of the United States (as defined in 10, USC 311) or have served in time of war as a Commissioned Officer or Warrant Officer or the equivalent in any armed service of a nation allied with the United States in time of war, or have been elected to Honorary Membership.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
CONTACT:

Or write to:  
**NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC.**  
7942 R Cluny Court  
Springfield, Virginia 22153-2810  
703-765-5000 or FAX: 703-765-8390  
Email: [hq@nationalsojourners.org](mailto:hq@nationalsojourners.org)

## NATIONAL SOJOURNERS' PROJECTS

---

**AMERICANISM  
ROTC AWARDS**

---

**AMERICANISM  
ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST**

---

**BRIDGE OF LIGHT  
MASONIC EDUCATION**

---

**PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES**

---

**BUILDING THE FLAG PROGRAM  
SERVICE FLAGS PROGRAM  
HISTORIC FLAG PROGRAM  
LODGE OF MILITARY TRIBUTE**

---

**SPIRIT OF AMERICA  
EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

---

We also support the following  
Youth Organizations:

**DeMOLAY  
JOB'S DAUGHTERS  
RAINBOW GIRLS  
BOY & GIRL SCOUTS**

---

*Proudly serving the cause of Patriotism.*

# NATIONAL SOJOURNERS INCORPORATED



## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

## PURPOSES

The Purposes of *National Sojourners, Incorporated* shall be to organize current and former members of the uniformed forces of the United States and Honorary Members, who are Master Masons, into Chapters for the promotion of good fellowship among its members, for assisting such as may be overtaken by adversity or affliction, for cultivating Masonic ideals, for supporting all patriotic aims and activities in Masonry, for developing true patriotism and Americanism throughout the Nation, for bringing together representatives of the uniformed forces of the United States (past and present) in a united effort to further the military needs of national defense, and for opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the national security.



## PRONOUNCEMENT

*National Sojourners* believe in God as The Supreme Architect of the Universe.

We hold that political, economic and social problems are subsidiary to and ever separate from that steadfast belief in God.

We maintain that God must motivate man if present day problems are to be solved and we urge active participation in maintaining that Government for which our forefathers fought.

Sojourners, remember that George Washington once said, "*When we assumed the soldier we did not lay aside the citizen.*"

## HISTORY

*National Sojourners* originated in the Philippines upon the arrival of a North Dakota Regiment of volunteer infantry about 1 August 1898. The Grand Lodge of North Dakota granted a dispensation for a field Lodge. It first met 21 August 1898. Meetings were held each Wednesday and Sunday, and were well attended. The 22 February 1899 meeting in Culi Culi Church was held under fire. Bullets came through the roof and Lodge officers wore sidearms. The regiment departed 31 July taking their dispensation with them.

Early in 1900, a Sojourners Club was organized in Manila. On 1 July 1901, the Grand Lodge of California authorized them to form a Lodge. After formation of the Lodge, the Sojourners Club lost its identity.

Late in 1917, officers of various services and some of our allies found a great need for a Masonic Club in Chicago. They began to hold a series of meetings; thus began a Sojourners Club. In 1919, *National Sojourners* was incorporated in the State of Illinois and then a club was formed in Detroit, which has become known as Detroit Chapter #1.

During World War II, *National Sojourners, Inc.* chapters were formed throughout the world, wherever there were American Forces. Today there are chapters in France, and Germany, as well as 160 chapters in the United States.



## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_. The undersigned represents that on his honor he is a Master Mason in good standing in a duly constituted Lodge of Master Masons working under the Grand Lodge of \_\_\_\_\_, has served honorably in the uniformed forces of the United States and is a citizen of the United States of America.

### PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Rank) (Service)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Social Security Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Date of Birth) (Wife's name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (City, State, ZIP Code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Home Telephone #)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Work Telephone #)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Email)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Lodge Membership, name and number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Other Masonic Affiliations)

Annual Dues & Initiation fee *or*  MIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor's printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Initiation: