**NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INCORPORATED**

**7942-R Cluny Court**

**Springfield, Virginia 22153**

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NATIONAL REGULATION 4.3

Subject: Administration of National Sojourners, Incorporated, during a National Emergency

Reference: (a) National By-Laws, Article 4.3

(b) National Regulation 6.2

(c) National Regulation 7.1

1. PURPOSE: To prescribe the authority and action to be taken by National Sojourners, Incorporated, in the event of a national emergency.

2. BACKGROUND:

a. The matter of the administration of National Sojourners during a national emergency was raised at the Fifth National Convention in Washington, DC, on 10 June 1925. The concern was that if “the United States engaged in a war under most unfavorable conditions and with the odds against it--a large number of our officers--will be called into the field, probably so suddenly as to render it impossible for them to transfer their responsibilities as Sojourners officials, or even to consider the organization.”

b. The 1925 solution was the creation of the Committee of 33, then composed of the Order’s leading members, including the National Line Officers. From 14 June 1930 on, the National Line Officers gradually eliminated themselves in order to create more vacancies and more workers.

c. Concern at this time is the same as in 1925, when Brother Major George F. Lee of Chicago Chapter stated in part, “unless we anticipate these conditions, such a war will render our organization utterly useless and helpless just at the time we should be justifying our existence by our patriotic work.”

3. ACTION/ASSIGNMENT: The following actions will take effect upon declaration of a national emergency by the United States Congress:

a. If less than fifty percent (50%) of the National Line Officers are called to active duty or otherwise incapacitated, which action prevents them from discharging their duties and responsibilities to the Order:

(1) If the National President is one of those so affected such that he is unable to perform his duties, the next senior unaffected National Line Officer shall assume the duties of National President in accordance with reference (b).

(2) The Order shall continue to operate in accordance with existing directives as it has through the conflicts and/or national emergencies that have occurred since 1925.

b. If more than fifty percent (50%) of the National Line Officers are called to active duty or otherwise incapacitated, which action prevents them from discharging their duties and responsibilities to the Order:

(1) If the National President is one of those so affected such that he is unable to perform his duties, the senior unaffected National Line Officer shall assume the duties of National President in accordance with reference (b), with the junior available Past National President(s), as necessary, acting as temporary Vice President(s), with the most recent Past National President(s) taking the most senior vacated position(s) in reverse order of seniority.

(2) All National Officers shall be immediately advised of the situation by the most expeditious means.

(3) The Order shall continue to operate in accordance with reference (b), or the National President/Acting National President, with the concurrence of two National Vice Presidents/Acting National Vice Presidents, may call a Special National Convention at a time and place which will ensure maximum attendance and participation of the National Officers and Chapter Delegates in accordance with reference (c), except that quorum requirements therein specified shall be waived.

4. SPECIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION:

a. The purpose of the Special National Convention authorized in paragraph 3.b.(3) above shall be to:

(1) Reorganize the Order, as necessary, using available personnel and facilities, and,

(2) Take actions and formulate plans, which will best enable the Order to accomplish its purposes during the national emergency.

b. In the event the national emergency is so severe that an organized meeting is not possible or would be unduly delayed, the leadership of the Order shall meet and/or communicate in the most effective manner possible until normal operations can be resumed.

5. SPECIAL ACTIONS: During any such national emergency, it shall be the duty of the National Line Officers and the National Secretary-Treasurer to take whatever actions are necessary to preserve the Order’s records and artifacts. Special efforts shall be taken to prevent the improper utilization of the Order’s membership rosters.

ATTEST:

WILLIAM R. SANNER EDWARD W. NOLTE

National Secretary-Treasurer National President