**NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC.**

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**Springfield, Virginia 22153**

**24 JUNE 2018**

**ADMIN ORDER: 2-19**

**SUBJECT: Centennial Celebration**

References: (a) National Regulation 1.4 Insignia

(b) National Regulation 3.1 Membership

(c) National Regulation 8.2.1 Americanism Committee

(d) National Regulation 8.2.2 Bridge of Light Committee

(e) National Regulation 8.2.4 Fraternal Liaison Committee

(f) National Regulation 8.2.5 Gifts and Bequests Committee

(g) National Regulation 8.2.7 Membership Committee

(h) National Regulation 8.2.8 Publications Review Board

(i) National Regulation 8.2.9 Resolutions Committee

(j) National Regulation 8.2.10 Resale Activity Advisory Board

(k) National Regulation 8.2.13 Information Technology Committee

(l) National Regulation 10.1 Area and Regional Representatives

(m) National Regulation 10.1.4 Conferences and Encampments

(n) National Regulation 13.1 The Sojourner Publication

(o) National Regulation 19.8 Schedule of Fees

(p) Centennial Toolkit dated 1 December 2017 (Enclosed)

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this Administrative Order is to provide plans and guidance for the Centennial Celebration of the 100th birthday of National Sojourners, Inc. during our 2018-2019 Sojourner year! The Centennial Celebration honoring our Order’s historic milestone will kick-off at the Annual National Convention in Norfolk, VA (19-23 June 2018) and conclude with a “Birthday Bash” at the Annual National Convention in Omaha, NE (4-9 June 2019). The yearlong celebration will also feature special events in our Areas, Regions, Chapters, and Camps throughout the year. The focus of our yearlong celebration is to: (1) honor our past; (2) celebrate our present; and (3) embrace our future.
2. BACKGROUND: The Order of National Sojourners, at the time known as Sojourners Club, was originally founded in Chicago, IL by senior military officers, who were Master Masons. The founding did not occur overnight, but rather took place over a period of approximately two years. The most significant meeting of the Order—one involving adopting a Constitution and Bylaws, creating a National President and National Officers, and separating the local Chicago Club from the National Order—occurred on 11 June 1919. The vision and foresight of these officers created a Masonic Order that developed to more 20,000 members and more than 560 Chapters all over the world and one that still prospers today.
3. 100th ANNIVERSARY TOOLKIT 1919-2019 (Toolkit): The toolkit is a document that addresses all aspects of the 100th Year Celebration of National Sojourners. The celebration begins at the 98th Annual National Convention in Norfolk, VA in June 2018 and extends through the 99th Annual National Convention in Omaha, NE in June 2019. Why not the 100th ANC—because NSI did not hold a convention for two years after it was founded. The Toolkit includes recommended activities, events, guidance, and recognition for individual members, leadership, Chapters, Camps, Regions, Areas, and local and National Committees to support the celebration. Contained within the Toolkit are some of the following highlights, awards, recognition, and opportunities to market National Sojourners as THE Military-Masonic Order in Freemasonry, which is Proudly Serving the Cause of Patriotism:
   1. National President’s Centennial Lapel Pin for participating in key Centennial Events
   2. Ladies Centennial Lapel Pin for participating in key Centennial Events
   3. Distinctive Centennial Event Participation Medal for participation in Area-wide events
   4. Multiple MIP incentive during the Centennial Year only
   5. Heroes Ribbon for participating in special Centennial Camp Events
   6. Camp Followers Ribbon for participating in special Centennial Camp Events
   7. Maximum Chapter attendance at the Birthday Bash with an “All Chapters Picture” opportunity
   8. Chapter Centennial Souvenir Book Ad for all NSI Chapters
   9. Centennial Chapter Streamer for your Chapter Flag for representation at Area and National Centennial Events
   10. Centennial Membership Growth Streamer for making 5 new National Sojourners during the Centennial Year
   11. Toast to the Flag Poster for Chapter members to present to local Lodges
   12. Opportunity to Donate to SEM, Trust, SAEF, and other Funds and be recognized with a distinctive Centennial Donor Medal
   13. Opportunity to be recognized for remembering NSI in your will with a Centennial Codicil
   14. NSI Centennial Logo polo shirts, coffee mugs, hats, and challenge coin available for purchase
4. ACTION REQUIRED: This Administrative Order shall be given priority attention by all National, Area/Regional, Chapter and Camp officers and to the extent possible read at the February 2018 and April 2018 Chapter Meetings of every Chapter. All noted officers shall read and be familiar with the Centennial Toolkit. Specific actions to be taken are detailed below:
   1. ALL INDIVIDUAL SOJOURNERS’ ACTIONS: All Sojourners should review Section 4 of the Centennial Toolkit and resolve to do your part to “*honor our past, celebrate our present, and embrace our future,”* through your personal commitment, support, and participation in as many of the Centennial Events as possible. Do not miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to support your Chapter, your Area/Region, and your Order by becoming a part of this special 100th Birthday Celebration!
   2. All OfficerS’ ActionS: All National, Area/Regional, Chapter and Camp officers should read and familiarize themselves with the Centennial Celebration Toolkit (a PDF copy may also be downloaded from the Centennial Celebration webpage of the Sojourner Website).
   3. ALL Chapter and camp OfficerS’ Actions: Chapter and Camp leaders should immediately appoint a Centennial Celebration Manager and supporting ad hoc committee following the guidance provided in Section 5 of the Centennial Toolkit and begin development of your Chapter’s plan to earn Centennial Status Recognition. Note that some of the criteria for Centennial Status Recognition must be worked prior to the official start of the Centennial Year Kickoff ANC to be held in Norfolk, VA (see paragraph 5.10.1 of the Centennial Toolkit).
   4. ALL Area/Regional OfficerS’ Actions: Area and Regional Representatives should immediately begin developing plans to implement a Centennial Celebration Event as an integral part of your Area (and where appropriate Regional) Conference and Encampment following the guidance provided in Section 6 of the Centennial Toolkit. In this regard, EVERY Area is expected to hold a Conference & Encampment during the Centennial Year even if only a part-day event.
   5. ALL NATIONAL OFFICERS’ ACTIONS: National Officers should use every opportunity at your disposal and within your Sojourner sphere of influence to advance and promote implementation of the Centennial Celebration Plan.
5. From the Norfolk, VA Kickoff to the Birthday Bash in Omaha, NE, this is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to make history.
6. EXPIRATION: This Administrative Order will expire on 9 June 2019.

ATTEST:

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