



Chattanooga Chapter No. 540
National Sojourners, Inc.
 Chattanooga, Tennessee
Scenic City News



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Remember Us

Chattanooga Chapter No. 540

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2008 Committee Appointments

Americanism Committee

Chair - Bro McGarvey
 Members: Bros Clark, Caldwell, and Pelfrey

Membership Committee

Chair - Bro Piatt
 Members: Bros Clark and Usher

Program, Time, and Place Committee

Chair - Bro McGarvey
 Members: Bros Felker and Pelfrey

Bridge of Light Committee

Chair - Bro Gregory
 Members: Bros Durham, Sylar, and Etherton

Education and Training Committee

Chair - Bro Manning
 Members: Bros Piatt and Gregory

Resolutions and Bylaws Committee

Chair - Bro Piatt
 Members: Bros Mullinax and Fulks

Auditing Committee

Chair - Bro Durham
 Members: Bros Nye and Hudson

Meeting Notice

We will hold our next meeting at the Wally's Restaurant in East Ridge, TN. On I-75 South take Exit 1, turn right at the exit light and right again at the first stop light, Wally's is on the right.

12:00 Noon (that's 1200 hours)
Saturday, May 31, 2008
at Wally's Restaurant

Lunch will be served at 1200 hours by with the meeting to follow.

Cost for the lunch will be \$10.00.

Ladies and guests are always welcome to attend our meetings!
 Don't forget to wear your Sojourner Medal to the meeting!

2008 meetings:

August 30, 2008
 November 22, 2008



Heroes Camp News

At the bivouac held on February 23, 2008, Brother Clyde Caldwell became the latest member of Joe Foss Camp.

The next bivouac will be held some time in the late Summer or Early Fall before our annual meeting.

Highlights of Last Meeting

Twenty-three Sojourners, their ladies, and guests were present on March 29, 2008 for the meeting of Chattanooga Chapter and Joe Foss Camp. COL (USA-Ret) Tom McConnell, JROTC Director for the Hamilton County Department of Education provided the Chapter with an update on the status of the JROTC program in Hamilton County.

Brother Charlie Umberger gave a short presentation on the MOWW Youth Leadership program at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL

Sunnyside Chapter No. 359, O.E.S. indicated that they would be unable to continue to provide the luncheons for the Chapter. It was decided that the next meeting of the Chapter would be at Wally's Restaurant in East Ridge, TN.

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2008 ROTC Awards

Sojourners are needed to present awards in 2008. Award packets have been distributed to the 18 JROTC programs in Southeastern Tennessee and Northwestern Georgia and the Senior ROTC program at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Contact the Secretary if you are willing to present an award.

2009 ROTC Awards

Sponsors are needed to support the 2009 awards. The Chapter will again sponsor all of the JROTC programs in Southeastern Tennessee and Northwestern Georgia and the Senior ROTC program at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Sickness and Distress

Let's all continue to keep Brother Chuck Gilbert and Brother Rudy Thorwart in our prayers. As of last report, Brother Gilbert is still at Rockcastle Hospital in Mount Vernon, KY, while Brother Thorwart has been moved to IHC across from Memorial Hospital.

Anyone knowing of a fellow Sojourner in sickness or distress, please notify the Secretary.

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**Military Order of World Wars/National Sojourners
Youth Leadership Conference**

Increasing costs and decreasing donations have seriously limited the Chapter's ability to sponsor a student to attend the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge's (FFVF) Spirit of America Leadership Conference held at Valley Forge, PA. A cooperative education program sponsored by the Military Order of World Wars (MOWW) and supported by the National Sojourners, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY), and the Joe Foss Institute has been identified as an acceptable alternative. We have sponsored a student to the MOWW Youth Leadership Conference at Florida State University in previous years, who has reported his very positive experience to our Chapter. We are now looking at the MOWW site in Huntsville, AL as the most practical conference for the students in our area.

The MOWW Youth Leadership Conference is designed to give students a unique opportunity to participate in discussions with authoritative spokesmen from government, industry, and academia. Speakers are vigorous, dynamic, youth-oriented, and willing to talk at length with young people. They encourage participants to think about who they are, where they are going, what kind of country they live in, and what opportunities are available to them. Philosophies that seek to destroy personal and political freedoms are also explored.

Conferences have been approved and are fully sanctioned as in-school days by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASP).

The tuition is \$250 per student. In addition to the tuition, sponsoring Chapters assume the responsibility for transportation of the students to and from Huntsville, AL and their home location.

Our Freedom's Foundation Fund is down to \$368.78. Unless further donations are received, our Chapter will only be able to send one student to Huntsville in 2008.

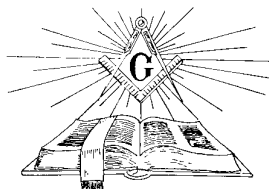
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Membership

We can still accept more petitions. Remember it is currently \$296.50 for MIP, SEM 3-6-5 Life Membership, and all fees.

We have had several members of our Lodges deployed with the Guard and the Reserves for service in Iraq and Afghanistan. We need to start getting these brothers interested in our Chapter. The same holds true for members of the Shrine Legion of Honor and other brothers belonging to the various local Veterans' organizations, e.g., American Legion, DAV, VFW, etc. Encourage all who are interested in joining to become MIP's in our Chapter.

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Bridge of Light

All Sojourners should attend at least one stated meeting of their Lodge annually, be present at the conferral of the three Blue Lodge Degrees annually, and attend the Annual Masonic District meeting whenever able. Show support to the York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Grotto, Tall Cedars, Eastern Star, Amaranth, DeMolay, Rainbows and all other organizations that are members of our Masonic family. Your time and your generosity are needed to support the good work done by all of our fraternal organizations. Decide where you can best contribute and take an active part. Just as Sojourners have been leaders in their military callings, so should you use the leadership skills acquired there to strengthen your Masonic and civil duties and responsibilities.

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Memorial Day

Our next meeting will be held on the traditional (not the politically convenient) Memorial Day. We will celebrate with our annual candlelight memorial service. It is the time of year when we all need to stop and remember those who have given the supreme sacrifice in support of the principles for which we stand. Let us all take a moment and reflect on their contributions as we read the following poem.

The Young Dead Soldiers

— Archibald MacLeish

We were young. We have died. Remember us.
We have done what we could but until it is finished it is not done.
We have given our lives but until it is finished no one can know what our lives gave.
Our deaths are not ours; they are yours; they will mean what you make them.
Whether our lives and our deaths were for peace and a new hope or for nothing we cannot say; it is you who must say this.
We leave you our deaths. Give them their meaning.
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Point of Contact

For information on National Sojourners, Inc., mailing of petitions and fees, Membership-In-Perpetuity, sponsorship of JROTC awards, donations to Freedom's Foundation, etc., contact:

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Anyone who would prefer to receive the Chapter newsletter via email, please inform the Secretary at bertpiatt@bellsouth.net

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