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The Purposes of National Sojourners shall be to organize Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers of the uniformed forces (past and present) 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 need of national defense, and for opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the national security.

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APRIL 20, 2014.**

CARL W. "GABE" GABORIK 31 JULY 1928 – 6 JANUARY 2014 PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER



Bro. Carl W. "Gabe" Gaborik laid down his working tools on January 6, 2014. He was born on 31 July 1928 in Denver Colorado. He enlisted in the U.S. Army 14 May 1946 and retired 25 years later as a Major. His numerous awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. He was raised as a Master Mason in Mount Holly Lodge, No. 14, Mount Holly, New Jersey on 16 November in 1970. He was a member of Warwick Royal Arch Chapter No. 80 and Hampton Commandery No. 17, Newport News, Virginia. He was a member of the Khedive Temple, A.S.O.N.M.S. in Chesapeake, VA. A 33o Scottish rite Mason he was Past Master of William J. McMahon Lodge, No. 303 and of Newport New Lodge of Perfection. He presided over numerous Masonic bodies including Wise Master, Newport News Chapter of Rose Croix, and Commander, Newport News Council of Kadosh. He joined Fort Dix #248, National Sojourners on 7 January 1971. Past President of Langley-Monroe #310, Past Commander of Hap Arnold Camp, and has served as Secretary to #310. Nationally Gabe served as Chairman of the Publications Review Board, member of the Americanism and Chapter Chartering Committees, elected to Committee of 33. He was Regional Representative for Northern Virginia and is an Emeritus member. Bro. Gaborik served as National Commander of the Heroes of '76 2005-2006. Contributions may be made to the National Sojourners Endowment Fund at 8301 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308-1399.

ENGRAVING NEEDS

The National Headquarters has located a great source for name tags and plaques, etc. For more information, send an email to Engravingink@gmail.com.

FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT



I am writing this at the conclusion of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America (COGMINA) held in Baltimore, MD, and have the following to report to you. First, I would like to thank Federal Area Repr. Bro. Randy Geck and Bros. Ed Ford, Paul Lendle, Sr., and John English of Baltimore #7 for their support in manning the NSI display at the Conference.

Each year at the Conference our Fraternal Liaison Committee organizes a breakfast where your National Line and National Secretary/Treasurer present a talk to invited Grand Masters and selected Masonic leaders on how National Sojourners provide service to the Craft. For the first time, this year's invitees included the Grand Masters of the various Canadian Grand Lodges so that they might learn of an order of American Masonry that could be adapted for use in Canada. At the end of the session, with the approval of the National Trustees, I made the offer to share our By-Laws and supporting documents with the Canadian Grand Lodges so they might review the concept of "National Sojourners," and, if deemed appropriate, that they might have a base from which to develop a Canadian program. As the Heroes of '76 degree is based on gaining our independence, we can provide the concept to assist in developing a Canadian-counterpart degree, if our Canadian brethren so desire, without compromising the degree itself.

Also at the conclusion of the Fraternal Liaison Breakfast, the assembled brethren recognized our outgoing committee chairman, Bro. Gene Sizemore, with a hearty "BZ" for his years of leadership. We also

recognized our incoming committee chair, MWBro Ed Cohen. For the lesser-informed brethren among us "BZ" translates into "Foxtrot Sierra Hotel" for the Air Force, "Hooah" for the Army and "Oorah" for the Marines. However we express ourselves, it all comes out to a huge "Thank you, Bro. Gene, and welcome Bro. Ed!"

As we approach the time of the 94th Annual National Convention (ANC) in Austin in June, you should be aware that eight resolutions were submitted for consideration, five of them from the National Executive Committee (National Trustees, National Line, National Judge Advocate, National Secretary/Treasurer and National Commander), and three from other National Committees or functional areas. One additional resolution from a National Line officer was submitted before the Resolutions Committee met at the Mid-Winter Meeting in Florida. As all resolutions were timely submitted, properly formatted and not early reconsiderations of previously disapproved resolutions, I have directed that all will be considered on the floor of the convention.

Finally, preparations are well under way for the 94th ANC. Bro. Rafael Rivas, Chapter Manager, and all the members of Anson Jones #507 are gearing up to provide you with a great meeting in a great location. Look for the registration form to be on our web site, www.nationalsojourners.org.

Sincerely,



Keye Perry, Sr.,
National President

NORMAN R. SNYDER 27 MARCH 1920 – 17 JANUARY 2014 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Brother Norman R. Snyder laid down his working tools on January 17, 2014. He was born on March 27, 1920 in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in the Army October 1941. He was commissioned a 2LT June 2, 1943 in the Air Force. During his career he served in 3 Korean Campaigns, on the CINCPAC staff and was a graduate the Air War College. He retired in 1964 as a Lt Col. Bro. Norm is a Majority Member, Belvedere Chapter, Baltimore, Maryland, Order of DeMolay. He was raised as a Master Mason in Baltimore Lodge, No. 210, in 1952. He is a Life Member of Honolulu Chapter, Council #1 York Rite, Hawaii; ABBA Shrine, Mobile, Alabama; Aiea Shrine Club, Hawaii; Harmony Chapter #4, OES, Hawaii; Hickam Square & Compass Club, Honolulu; and Toulmin Lodge #875, Mobile, Alabama. He was a charter member of the Gulf Coast Chapter of Philalethes. He became a member of National Sojourners, Inc. in Hawaiian #9 in 1962 and a Hero of '76. He holds MIPs in nine Chapters. Bro. Snyder served nationally on the Membership, Chapter Chartering, and Bridge of Light Committees. He is Past President and Secretary of several Chapters and served as National President 2001 - 2002. Condolences to family can be sent to Family of Norman Snyder, c/o Karen Daughtry, 6609 Cove Ct., Mobile, AL 36695. Contributions may be made to the National Sojourners Endowment Fund at 8301 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308-1399.

FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY:

New to the position I am experiencing many firsts. Since last edition I have participated in the Mid-Winter Meeting which gave me the opportunity to meet many of you and put faces with names and voices. I also have enjoyed the experience of participating in the Grand Secretaries Conference during the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. I assisted in the arrangements for the Fraternal Liaison Breakfast that National Sojourners sponsors each year. I have been participating in weekly Collingwood Meetings and am learning many new things. Every day brings new opportunities and new ways to serve our members. I look forward to hearing from you and constantly look for ways to help our organization.

Bill

STOP HOMELESSNESS!

National Headquarters of National Sojourners is a good fit at Collingwood and we would like to stay there indefinitely. To insure we do that we could use your help. Collingwood just wrapped up its annual fund campaign and many of you were generous. But unless Collingwood receives some serious financial support we will be forced to move out before we even get to the National Convention. This is a dire situation and your support is urgently requested. If you have ever considered making a contribution to the Collingwood Americanism Library and Museum, now is the time. Please help us save our home.

Your National Secretary,

Bill

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DOD: 1/6/2014
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WEB SITE UPDATE

As we reported at San Antonio, we have a new source to support the web site and are planning several improvements including upgrading our Content Management System. This upgrade will make our web site more flexible, robust and stable. These upgrades are not however included in the budget, so we are raising the funds for this thru donations. In San Antonio we raised almost a third of the \$3000 needed. We will begin implementing some of the smaller scale improvements and upgrades in the near future utilizing the funds already received. However we need at least an additional \$2000 to complete these needed improvements. Please send your donations to NSI HQ and identify the donation as "For the web site" on the check. All donors will be recognized on the webmaster page

Thank you Brothers for your kind words on our efforts, your suggestions and your support.

David W. Alderfer
Information Committee Chairman
Web Master

TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON WITH FT MAC #60

Rick Conn, PP/PC Ft McPherson #60 worked hard for about 4 years to send a youth to our Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge program and I finally succeeded. We have sent one every year since I am proud to say. I wish our other 4 Chapters would try to send at least one to this program. (The ONLY one from Georgia is from Ft Mac every year) I would like to see that change. We usually have chosen a young man from the local DeMolay, but last year I asked Carter Wood to pick a youth from the Boy Scout Troop #499. My Blue Lodge founded Boy Scout Troop over 52 years ago, and have sponsored it every since (Troop 499). Carter Wood is also the Head Honcho of the NE Georgia Boy Scout Council. He informed me that the Boy Scouts have a medal that they give to the Boys called "The Trail To Valley Forge" medal. The youth that we sent qualified to receive this medal... It has not been presented to anyone in Georgia for over 40 years. I am excited at getting Ft Mac activities in the local limelight and to Honor this fine young man. Troop 499 had its Court of Honor on Monday, 27 Jan, 2014, at the Grayson HS food court. Our Past Grand Master MWB Jerry D Moss presented the medal to him as a Past Grand Master and National Sojourner and 1st Vice President Ft Mac Chapter #60 and Commander Heroes of '76 James Jackson Chapter. He will be in his National Sojourners uniform wearing his Past Grand Master Apron and Jewel. We are on their evening agenda for presentation of the Valley Forge medal and it will be a busy evening: 1. Potluck dinner 2. Rank advancements 3. Merit Badges 4. Fundraising campaign 5. And us. This was a night that this young man will never forget. I am honored to be a small part of it. God Bless all.



L-r: Bros. Victor McKelvey PP/PC; Carter Wood 2nd VP, Commissioner N E Georgia Council Boy Scouts; Shad Stark, recipient of medal, Jerry Moss, 1st VP, Cdr, PGM of Masons in Georgia; Rick Conn, PP/PC; Jack Wade PM Grayson #549 BS Liaison Officer; Paul McInnish; Phil Walker, PP/PC Secretary, Adjutant Heroes.

Two Sojourners, Victor McKelvey and Paul McInnish, escorted Shad to the podium where MWB Jerry D Moss Past Grand Master of Masons in Georgia spoke to him of the Sojourners and our purposes. It was an Honor to get to send him to this Leadership Camp. He presented him with the medal and also one of his Grand Masters coins for a keep sake.



Jerry had just presented the medal to him



Jerry is getting ready to present it.

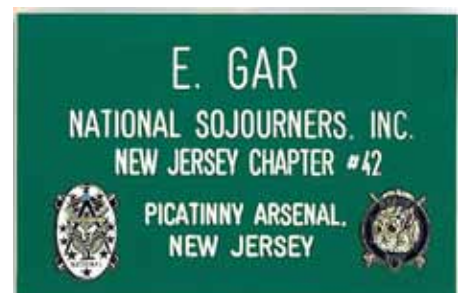
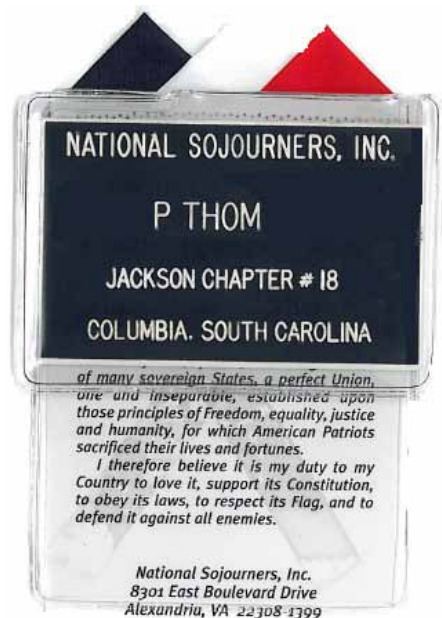


Jerry presented it to him.

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NAME BADGES AVAILABLE!

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FOR NAME BADGE DONATION FORM.**





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PAST MASTER? ☐ GRAND LODGE OFFICE: _____ HEAD OF OTHER BODIES: _____

GUESTS ATTENDING: FIRST NAME LAST NAME FIRST NAME LAST NAME
(1) _____ (2) _____

TRANSPORTATION MODE: POV: ☐ AIR: ☐ RAIL: ☐ ARRIVAL DATE: _____ ETA: _____ (AM / PM)

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To CONTACT: DOUBLETREE HOTEL, (512) 454-3737; (800) 347-0330; (No Pets)

GROUP RATES: MENTION "NSC NATIONAL SOJOURNERS CONFERENCE" - ROOMS \$109.00 + TAX

	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>QTY</u>			
REGISTRATION FEE (SOJOURNER MEMBERS ONLY) **	\$35.00	X	_____	=	\$ _____
LATE REGISTRATION FEE (AFTER 27 MAY 2014)	\$15.00	X	_____	=	\$ _____
NOT STAYING AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL	\$15.00	X	_____	=	\$ _____
LUNCH-EXPEDITIONARY (TUESDAY)	\$21.00	X	_____	=	\$ _____
BREAKFAST - PAST MASTER'S (WEDNESDAY)	\$16.00	X	_____	=	\$ _____
LUNCH - DA NANG / SAIGON (WEDNESDAY)	\$21.00	X	_____	=	\$ _____
RECEPTION & BENNINGTON BANQUET (WEDNESDAY):					
CHICKEN POBLANO	\$37.00	X	_____	=	\$ _____
PORK LOIN	\$37.00	X	_____	=	\$ _____
BREAKFAST - BARROW WHEELERS (THURSDAY)	\$16.00	X	_____	=	\$ _____
LADIES LUNCHEON (THURSDAY)	\$21.00	X	_____	=	\$ _____
MUSTANG LUNCHEON (THURSDAY)	\$21.00	X	_____	=	\$ _____
BREAKFAST - AMERICANISM (FRIDAY)	\$16.00	X	_____	=	\$ _____
LUNCH-AWARDS (FRIDAY)	\$21.00	X	_____	=	\$ _____
RECEPTION & PRESIDENT'S BANQUET (FRIDAY):					
LONDON BROIL	\$37.00	X	_____	=	\$ _____
LEMON CHICKEN	\$37.00	X	_____	=	\$ _____
BREAKFAST - NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S (SATURDAY)	\$16.00	X	_____	=	\$ _____
TOTAL (SOJOURNERS INCLUDE REGISTRATION FEE):				=	\$ _____

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM ALONG WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO "NASOCOCO" BY 31 MAY 2014 TO:

JAMES F. BENSON, JR.
NASOCOCO TREASURER
3253 CAMARILLO AVE
OCEANSIDE, CA 92056-4339

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:

AMBULATORY RESTRICTIONS:

REFUND POLICY FOR MEALS CANCELLED:

REFUNDS WILL NOT BE MADE FOR MEALS CANCELLED AFTER 0700, THREE (3) DAYS BEFORE THE MEAL. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AT THE MEETING; UNLESS APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

2014 RESOLUTIONS

2014-1 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ON MEMBERSHIP

Whereas Honorary Membership in National Sojourners, Inc. can be conferred upon Commissioned Officers and Warrant Officers or the equivalent who have served during time of war in an armed service of a nation allied with the United States, and

Whereas the United States has not been engaged in an officially declared war since World War II, and

Whereas the allied personnel who served in World War II are dying at an increasingly rapid rate and will no longer serve as a source of allied Honorary Members, and

Whereas the United States has been engaged in numerous conflicts wherein the Nation has benefited from services of the armed forces of nations allied with the United States in these conflicts, and

Whereas these conflicts have been recognized by the issuance of campaign and service medals to military participants by the Department of Defense, and

Whereas National Sojourners, Inc. can provide a common Masonic – military structure for cementing fraternal bonds among our military brethren, and

Whereas National Sojourners, Inc. active membership is open to Commissioned, Warrant and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers, now

Therefore Be It Resolved that Article 3 (Membership), paragraph 3.1.1 of the National By-Laws, be amended to read:

“... or have served in time of war, or conflict recognized by the Department of Defense with the issuance of a campaign or service medal, as a Commissioned Officer, ~~or~~ Warrant Officer or Senior Non-Commissioned Officer or the equivalent in an armed service of a nation allied with the United States, or.” and

Be It Further Resolved that National Regulation 3.1, paragraph 2.a. Active Members, be amended to read: “... or who have served in time war, or conflict recognized by the Department of Defense with the issuance of a campaign or service medal, as a Commissioned Officer, ~~or~~ Warrant Officer, or Senior Non-Commissioned Officer or the equivalent, in an armed service ~~to the Nation~~ of a nation allied with the United States.”

2014-2 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ON YOUTH EDUCATION

AND PROTECTION PROGRAMS

Whereas National Sojourners' outreach to youth is enshrined in National Circular 8.2.1, *Teaching Young Americans About America*, and

Whereas the Youth Protection Program has been codified in National Administrative Order 3-14, *Youth Protection*, and

Whereas *Teaching Young Americans About America* and *Youth Protection* support and amplify the National By-Laws, and

Whereas *Teaching Young Americans About America* and *Youth Protection* will continue to function together as primary components of National Sojourners, Inc., Americanism and patriotism programs focused on our youth, and

Whereas, Article 5.4, National By-Laws, provide that those documents covering specific areas of operations which support and amplify the National By-Laws, may be entered into the Permanent Directives System in accordance with Article 20 of the By-Laws, and

Whereas Article 20 of the National By-Laws requires approval of new or amended National Regulations by three-fourths majority of the voting delegates present and voting at an Annual National Convention, now

Therefore Be It Resolved that National Circular 8.2.1, *Teaching Young Americans About America*, be up-graded to National Regulation 11.1, *Teaching Young Americans About America*, and

Be It Further Resolved that National Administrative Order 3-14, *Youth Protection*, be upgraded to National Regulation 11.2, *Youth Protection*.

2014-3 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ON NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTIONS AND TENURE

Whereas the national operations and success of the Order depend, among several factors, upon a continuing succession of qualified national line officers, and

Whereas qualifications for the national progressive line officers were established at the Annual National Convention in 2009 and published as Change 6 to national Regulation 6.1, and

Whereas subsequent elections have not drawn more than one candidate, often due to the requirement for ten (10) years of continuous active membership in National Sojourners, Inc., now

Therefore be it Resolved that National Regulation 6.1, paragraph 3, subparagraph a be changed to read:

“a. A minimum of ~~ten (10)~~ five (5) years continuous active membership in National Sojourners, Inc.”

2014-4 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Whereas chapter officers are the ones responsible for the vitality and effectiveness of their chapters, and

Whereas some chapters struggle to elect enthusiastic National Sojourners who familiarize themselves with the duties pertaining to their office, and

Whereas the Chapter Officers' Handbook is available on the website and is voluminous, and

Whereas a condensed “how to” pamphlets would provide the basic nuts and bolts of every elected chapter officer, and

Whereas having more National Sojourners familiar with the National Regulations would increase support of national efforts and programs within the Strategic Plan, and

Whereas every chapter utilizing the training available would benefit from more effective meetings, and

Whereas Area and Regional Representatives are individually responsible for assisting the chapters for whom they bear responsibility, and

Whereas Area and Regional Representatives are not uniformly providing training for chapter officers at Conference/Encampments, and

Whereas the National Education and Training Committee has responsibility for materials to support education and training efforts of National Sojourners, Inc.,

Therefore, be it resolved that National Regulation 8.2.3.4.d. be amended to read “... prepare....instructive pamphlets or handouts to be **placed on the National Sojourner website and distributed to Area and Regional Representatives**, delegates and other attendees to the National Convention...”

2014-5 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ON CONFERENCE/ ENCAMPMENTS

Whereas National Circular 10.1 dated 22 June 2013 requires Area and/or Regional Representatives to conduct a training sessions for chapter officers on their duties, organization at all levels and procedures, and

Whereas the Area and/or Regional Representatives are familiar with the strengths

and weaknesses of their chapters' officers, and

Whereas strengthening the capabilities of chapter officers increases the effectiveness of chapter meetings, and

Whereas individual chapter officers gain confidence while performing their duties when more knowledgeable of responsibilities and resources, and,

Whereas weak chapters could become more effective and grow in enthusiasm, and

Whereas materials for training are being developed by the National Education and Training Committee and will be available on the website for National Sojourners,

Therefore be it resolved that National Regulation 10.1.4. be amended to read

"j.1. ~~conduct at least one Conference/Encampment each year, and report the results in Mid-Year and End-of-Year Reports to the National President-Elect through proper channels, as necessary.~~

2. Present the current changes to all matters involving growth and motivation of the Area's chapters and their members and present educational material prescribed by the National President notably through the National Education & Training Committee.

3. Conduct a training sessions for chapter officers on their duties, organization at all levels, and procedures.

4. Schedule their Area or Regional Conference/Encampment at a time to ensure maximum attendance.

5 Notify the National President, the National President-Elect, and the National Secretary as to the proposed dates of their Conference/Encampment no less than six months in advance and furnish the schedule of events, as soon as practical.

6 Schedule speaking time on the agenda for one or more National Officers/National Heroes of '76 Officers who may be attending each Conference/Encampment."

2014-6 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ON CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL BY LAWS AND NATIONAL REGULATIONS

Purpose: To change the manner in which Changes and Amendments to National By Laws and National Regulations are approved.

Whereas National Sojourners National By-Laws, Article 20.1 designates a three quarters (3/4) vote to approved Changes and Amendments to National By Laws and National Regulations; and

Whereas the U. S. Constitution only re-

quires a two thirds (2/3) vote of the states to amend the Constitution ; and

Therefore, be it resolved that National By-Laws, C12 19 January 2008, ARTICLE 20.1 Changes and Amendments be changed as follows:

20.1 These By-Laws and their supporting National Regulations may be amended at any National Convention by an affirmative vote of ~~two thirds (2/3)~~ of the delegates of the National Convention present and voting.

2014-7 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE NATIONAL BY LAWS AND NATIONAL REGULATIONS

Purpose: To change the manner in which Resolutions to Change National By Laws and National Regulations are approved.

Whereas National By-Laws, Article 20.5 designates a three year period before Changes to National By Laws and National Regulations not passed by an Annual Convention maybe reconsidered unless a three quarters (3/4) votes to reconsider is passed; and

Therefore, be it resolved that National By-Laws, C12 19 January 2008, ARTICLE 20.5 Changes and Amendments be deleted:

~~20.5 Unless approved by a three-fourths majority of the voting delegates present and voting, any resolution proposing any change to the National By-Laws and Regulations that has been rejected by a vote of the National Convention, the subject matter of such proposal shall not again be considered for a period of three (3) years subsequent to the National Convention at which the proposal was considered.*~~

2014-8 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ON NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATE VOTING

Purpose: To change the manner in which chapter delegate votes at the Annual National Convention are counted to provide an equitable voice all Sojourners.

Whereas National Sojourners National By-Laws, Article 20 designates only the votes of those delegates elected by their Chapters AND present to be counted ; and

Whereas at the most recent National Convention 119 Delegates, as authorized by NR 7.1, were present; and

Whereas this results in the business of our Order being decided by delegates representing less than 2% of the current

membership; and

Whereas a system of counting delegate votes that represents all of our Orders Current Members will strengthen and invigorate the membership that cannot attend the Annual National Convention;

Therefore, be it resolved that National By-Laws, C12 19 January 2008, ARTICLE 20 Changes and Amendments, be amended as follows:

20.1 These By-Laws and their supporting National Regulations may be amended at any National Convention by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the delegates of the National Convention ~~present and voting.~~

*20.5 Unless approved by a three-fourths majority of the voting delegates present and voting, any resolution proposing any change to the National By-Laws and Regulations that has been rejected by a vote of the National Convention, the subject matter of such proposal shall not again be considered for a period of three (3) years subsequent to the National Convention at which the proposal was considered. **

and National Regulation 7.1 C1 7 June 2002 SUBJECT: National Conventions, Mid-Winter Meetings and Special Meetings, be amended as follows:

2.a.(4) Elected Chapter Delegates. Each Chapter, except National Headquarters Chapter, shall be entitled to one delegate for each 25 active members or major fraction, thereof on rolls as of 31 December proceeding. Multiple members and deceased MIP Members shall not be included in the computation of delegates. ~~At least one delegate from a chapter must be present to cast the chapter's authorized delegate's votes, but one delegate present from a chapter may cast all of that chapter's authorize delegate's votes at general sessions.~~

2014-9 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ON MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Whereas Section 3.1 of Article 3, Membership, of the National By-Laws restricts membership in National Sojourners by stating that such membership "... shall be open to citizens of the United States who are Master Masons in good standing in any duly constituted Lodge of Master Masons including those Master Masons whose Grand Lodge is recognized by and maintaining fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge member of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and within whose jurisdiction the prospective member's chapter is located;" and

Whereas Section 3.1.1 of Article 3,

Membership, seems to allow foreign military Masons who "Are serving or have served honorably as Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers in the uniformed services of the United States or have served in time of war as a Commissioned Officer or Warrant Officer or the equivalent in an armed service of a nation allied with the United States,...;" and

Whereas many such foreign allied personnel who would otherwise be qualified by serving honorably during time of war are precluded from membership because they are not United States citizens per Section 3.1; and

Whereas Paragraph 2, MEMBERSHIP, of National Regulation 3.1, repeats verbatim Section 3.1 of Article 3 of the National By-Laws; and

Whereas Paragraph 2.a. of National Regulation 3.1 expands on Section 3.1.1 of the National By-Laws by defining "Active Members: Those who are serving or have served honorably as Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers, regular or reserve, of the United States in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, Oceanic and Atmospheric Service, or predecessor services, or in the National Guard or Militia of the United States as defined in reference (b) , or who have served in time of war as a Commissioned Officer or Warrant Officer, or the equivalent, in armed service to the Nation..." but limits foreign membership through an incomplete and erroneous definition; now

Therefore be it resolved that Section 3.1 of Article 3 of the National By-Laws be amended to read: "Membership in National Sojourners is [shall be] open to citizens of the United States who are Master Masons in good standing in any duly constituted Lodge of Master Masons including those Master Masons whose Grand Lodge is recognized by and maintains [maintaining] fraternal relations with a [the] Grand Lodge member of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and within whose jurisdiction the prospective member's chapter is located. [Any question relating to eligibility for membership will be referred to the National Secretary by the most expeditious means for resolution.] and

Be it further resolved that Section 3.1.1 of Article 3 of the National By-Laws be amended to read: "Membership in National Sojourners is open to those Master Masons described in Section 3.1 above who are serving or have served honorably as Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers or Senior Non-Commissioned Officers in the uniformed Services of the United States or

have served in time of war or conflict as a Commissioned Officer, [or] Warrant Officer or Senior Non-Commissioned Officer or the equivalent in an armed service of a nation allied with the United States, or;" and

Be it further resolved that a new Section 3.2 be added to Article 3 of the national By-Laws as follows: "Any question relating to eligibility for membership will be referred to the National Secretary by the most expeditious means for resolution." and

Be it further resolved that Paragraph 2, of National Regulation 3.1 be amended to read as follows: MEMBERSHIP: Membership in National Sojourners is [shall be] open to citizens of the United States who are master Masons in good standing in any duly constituted Lodge of Master Masons whose Grand Lodge is recognized by and maintains [maintaining] fraternal relations with a [the] Grand Lodge member of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and within whose jurisdiction the prospective member's chapter is located. [Any question relating to eligibility for membership will be referred to the National Secretary by the most expeditious means for resolution.] and

Be it further resolved that Paragraph 2.a. of National Regulation 3.1 be amended to read as follows: "Active Members: Those who are serving or have served honorably as Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers, regular or reserve, of the United States in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, Oceanic and Atmospheric Service, or predecessor services, or in the National Guard or Militia of the United States as defined in reference (b) , or who have served in time of war as a Commissioned Officer, [or] Warrant Officer, or Senior Non-Commissioned Officer, or the equivalent, in [an] armed service of a nation allied during time of war or conflict to the United States [Nation]..." and

Be it further resolved that Paragraph 2.c. be added to National Regulation 3.1 as follows: "Any question relating to eligibility for membership will be referred to the National Secretary by the most expeditious means for resolution."

CHAPTER NEWS

KNICKERBOCKER – WEST POINT #13, LTC Jack H. Moore, Secretary, 145 Lincolndale Acres, Washingtonville, NY 10992. As part of the National Sojourners Essay Contest, our Chapter submitted an essay from high school senior Jacey Kinnaird. Jacey is from Elmira, NY and attends Southside High School. Her essay on

"Which Branch of the Federal Government is the Most Critical Today" was very powerful and well written. Several Sojourners attended Bro. Bill Maurer's presentation on His Excellency George Washington at Livingston Masonic Lodge No.11. Bro. Maurer serves as Commander of Israel Putnam – Nathan Hale Camp, Heroes of '76.



Sojourners from both NY and NJ supported and attended the Northern NJ #42's presentation on "An Evening Under the Stars" to celebrate Bro. Washington's birthday on 22 Feb. To support this presentation, Bro. Maurer, coordinated the display of artifacts with the National Park Service and NY's Livingston Library. The display contains the historic "Thank You" letter and envelope wrap written by Washington for a Masonic Apron he received from Bros. Watson and Cossoul at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War. Finally, our members are coordinating with local college ROTC and high school Junior ROTC units for upcoming awards presentations.

FT SAM HOUSTON #17, Col. James R (Bob) McConnell, Secretary, 134 Rhonda Drive, Universal City, TX 78148. On 12 February 2014, 136 people arrived at the Holiday Inn Airport for the Annual Bridge of Light Dinner Meeting. The social hour ended with President

Bob Putnam's opening remarks and Chaplain Tom Griffy's prayer asking God's blessing on our meal and meeting. The meeting formally opened at 2005 hours, followed by the prayer and pledge to our flag. The Toast to the Flag was performed by PNP Elliott Samuels. Bro. Perkins turned the program over to PNP/LOH Elliott Samuels, Master of Ceremonies. Bro. Samuels gave a brief history of National Sojourners, programs we participate in and information the sitting Worshipful Masters did not know. Bro. Samuels introduced the dignitaries beginning with the Chapter sweethearts, the guest speaker, the M.:W.: Jerry Martin, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, and his lady Betty. Bro. Samuels recounted highlights of M.: W.: Martins biography. The Grand Master presented his remarks. The GM thanked the Chapter for honoring the Masters of the San Antonio area's Masonic Districts, and recognized the ladies present. He cited the purposes of National Sojourners and stated that they were of the highest caliber. He stated that the Grand Master and the National President were from the same Texas Lodge, and that the National President participated in his degree. He thanked the Worshipful Masters and the Deputy District Grand Masters for all their hard work. Family involvement is what helps to make a lodge go. Having the wives and families attending functions at the lodge give a real meaning to Masonry. He stated his motto: Masonry is a Gift – Receive It, Share It Preserve It. He closed with – Make us pure. As a token of our appreciation for his attendance and service to Texas Masonry, Bro. Perkins presented the Grand Master with a Bridge of Light Certificate. At 2115 hours Bro. Perkins formally closed the chapter, thanked everyone for their attendance, and wished them God Speed and a safe journey home.



L-r: GM Martin and #17 Pres. Perkins

WICHITA #24, LTC Larry G. White, Secretary, 4409 W 10th, Wichita, KS 67212. We had our annual Ladies/Holiday Party at the Rolling Hills Country Club in December 2013. This event was hosted by President David F. Snyder and his Lady Glenda. At our November 2013 meeting the daughter and son of Bro. Floyd O. Britting

who passed away on September 15, 2013 were present to present a check to us on behalf of their late father. The current officers are David F. Snyder, President; Wayne L. White, Vice President; Larry G. White, Secretary/Treasurer; John W. McCarty, Marshall/Sentinel; Paul L. Miller, Chaplain. Bro. Carl J. Diamond, Central Area Rep. and his Lady Carolyn visited us on October 2, 2013 and gave us an update of activities in this area. We continue to meet monthly on the first Wednesday at the Rolling Hills Country Club.

TINKER #43, CW4 Daniel A. Burchett, Secretary, 4800 NE 48th Ave, Norman, OK 73072-1201. On November 20, 2012, we had as guest for the evening USMC Cpl Mario Ruiz and Cpl Sonathan Tinsley, they were representing the annual USMC Toys For Tots Christmas Program. The chapter and attendees were privileged to present a contribution check in the amount of \$565.00.



L-r: President James Selders and Cpl's Ruiz and Tinsley.



On January 15, 2014 Bro. President Col James Selders opened the evening meeting with 35 members and guests in attendance. We were treated to 2 very interesting guest speakers. Col Selders first introduced Col Curtis Bohlman, CO of the 189th Regiment, OK. NG Regional Training Institute. He talked about the ways that OKNG soldiers can improve their education to include 2 avenues one can progress to become an officer through the RTI's OCS program.



1st VP, Bro. AC Henagar introduced the second guest speaker, Terry Melton, from the Tinker Family Support and Readiness Fund which provides assistance to military families during a time of need and provides guidance to those transitioning from the military to civilian life. The chapter, a longtime supporter of the Family Services, was pleased to present Terry Melton and Tressie Taylor with a check in the amount of 478 dollars as its annual donation to the FS. Bro. CMSGT Robert Shipe conducted the induction ceremony and the chapter was pleased to welcome Kenneth E. Dungan into the chapter and National Sojourners.



He was assisted by Bro. Col Streitmatter (Marshal), Bro. MSGT Jef Fluker (medal Lecture) and CPO Greg Fowler, American Creed.

NORTH CAROLINA #97, LTC Jeffrey D. Owens, Secretary, 71 Lakeview Dr., Whispering Pine, NC 28327-9303. Brother, I present you my sword. I read that the sword is one of the most iconic weapons in human history and it existed in almost every culture and civilization on this planet. That's pretty impressive. Swords were not only used as direct weapons on the battlefield but also as a means of directing troop movements, for ceremonial duties, or were highly decorated symbolic presentation pieces. I like swords. I remember my dad having one when I was a kid. The swoosh sound it makes as you pull it from the scabbard,

the balanced weight you feel when you grip the handle. I visit Civil War sites and many Masonic museums and I know those swords have a great deal of history behind them. So it was my pleasure to watch sword



history being made just last night at the National Sojourners Chapter #97 meeting in Fayetteville, NC. Our Chapter President John Chandler passed along his ceremonial Yorkrite sword and belt to Brother Ken Wical. I know as Sir Knight Wical carries out his duties as District Deputy Grand Master of the 17th Masonic District he will stand a little taller with that sword, and its history, hanging by his side.

PASADENA #265, LTC Joe Ryland, Secretary, 5215 Kauffman Ave, Temple City, CA 91780-3948. We welcome all Sojourners and their guests to come and visit with us at our chapter meetings. It would be especially nice if any national officers, who come to Southern California, would plan their trips so they will be available to be with us. Every visitor has said glowing things about our meetings. The dinners at our chapter meetings include a choice of three entrees, a salad, hot locally made bread, and a beverage. Our meetings begin at 6:30 pm and are usually completed before 8:30 pm. Most of our members are at an age where they prefer to be home at a reasonable hour; therefore, we make an effort to conclude all activities before 8:30 pm. Our only source of income is the yearly MIP dividend. However, the chapter has very few expenses, so that single source is sufficient for our needs. An examination of past chapter yearly financial reports shows that we usually spend what we get and have very little left over.



L-R: Bros. Dan Hood and Harvey Lyman

CAMP LEJUENE #329, LtCol Ronald D. R. Sortino, Secretary, 212 Edgewood Lane, Jacksonville, NC 28546-9200. We hosted a Blue Lodge Night on 3 February 2014 at Renee's Courthouse Café in Jacksonville, North Carolina. The Blue Lodge night is to get area Lodge Masters together to introduce them to National Sojourners and its functions. It was a great success due to the fact that we had three Masonic Districts represented that included the 4th, 7th and 12th along with their DDGM's and DDGL's. Our special guest speaker was Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina MW Dalton Mayo, who spoke on bridging the barrier in Masonry. Bro. William Fitzpatrick, President, presented MWB Mayo a Presidential Citation signed by our current NP, Bro. Keye Perry. He was truly surprised. PNP Harry Sanders presented MWB Dalton Mayo a brief case travel flag made by a fellow Sojourner, Bro. Irv Dietscher. Regional Rep. Denny Norris spoke on the Area Encampment coming up in March and stated the National President would be in attendance. He also invited all Sojourners in attendance to join us at the Encampment. The other dignitaries in attendance were Past Grand Masters William Dill, Charles A. Lewis, and William Mathis.



L-R: Bro. William Fitzpatrick presenting a Presidential Citation to MWB Dalton Mayo.

OLD DOMINION #364, MAJ Les Albers, Secretary, 8297 Lindsie Way, Springfield, VA 22153. Our December 2013 Holiday Dinner was a huge success. We had twenty attendees and an exciting visit by our special guest, Santa, who presented each diner with a gift and a candy cane. Ladies received a holiday dish towel, candle stick holder, and a hot pad. Men received a holiday mug and a yo-yo. After a brief practice, the men were timed as to who could keep their yo-yos going the longest. The winner was our own National Secretary, Bro. William Sanner. Bro. Robb Mitchell invited three Army officers who are petitioning to join Virginia Masonic lodges. Mrs. Charlotte Crane provided us with wonderful Christmas carols on the piano.

A good time was had by all.



Santa and Bro. Stewart W. Bentley, Sr., President.



L-r: Bro. Robb Mitchell, MAJ Dave Lauer, Santa, Bro. LTC John Hollar, MAJ Omar Lorenzo

VOLUNTEER CHAPTER #414, CPO Homer T. Ray, Secretary, 160 Strafford Road, Brighton, TN 38011. On Tuesday 28 January 2014 Sgt. Garry Lynn Owens was initiated into our chapter. 1VP John Mc Kelvy gave Bro. Owens his Obligation as a Sojourner. PP Charles Woody delivered the Medal Lecture while Charlie's Lady Rosa Woody held the Chapters large sized representation of the Sojourners Medal. President Richard Van Tassel extended the right hand of fellowship to Bro. Garry and welcomed him aboard with all honors due a member of our order.



NORTHEAST FLORIDA #435, PO2 Thomas A. Olsen, Secretary, 3030 Woodveil Lane, Orange Park, FL 32073. At our 6 November 2013 meeting we had a presentation by Kathy Church, the MIAP Florida State Coordinator, and her associate, regarding the Missing in America Project. "The purpose of the MIAP is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed remains of

American Veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations." It is "to provide honor, respect and dignity to those who have served this country by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes." In its seven year history, the MIAP has visited more than 1420 funeral homes, locating 7108 unclaimed veterans' cremated remains of which 1938 were veterans and eligible dependents. There have been 1802 Veterans interred thus far.



L-r: Steven H. Spickelmier, MIAP – FL Field Operations Director; D. J. "Gunny" Wilkerson, President; Kathy Church, FL State MIAP Coordinator; Charles M. Smith, MIAP volunteer from our chapter. He arranged for the MIAP people to come and speak at our meeting.

On January 8, 2014 we initiated and welcomed Jimmy A. Dorsey into the Chapter. Brother Dorsey is pictured here seated in the center of the first row, with the Brothers present around him. President D. J. "Gunny" Wilkerson is seated at his right.



On February 5, 2014, Bruce Smith, Florida State Coordinator and Applesseed Project Instructor, spoke about the events of April 19, 1775, and the beginnings of the American Revolutionary War. Project Applesseed is an activity of the volunteers of the Revolutionary War Veterans Association. Bruce Smith (center) and his lady are pictured receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Sojourner Chapter President, D. J. "Gunny" Wilkerson.



NATIONAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greetings Sojourners & Ladies

We hope you were here 15 -18 January 2014 enjoying the MID-WINTER MEETING IN ORLANDO, FL. AT THE WYNDHAM LAKE BUENA VISTA RESORT. There was something for everyone. Great Hospitality suite for those that wanted delicious food. Would you believe the National Commander allowed his Suite to be used as a second Bar for those so inclined. Thanks to our Host Chapter, Seminole Chapter #373. You did a Great job and we are very proud of you. A special briefing was given for our First Timers to join the Group. They did and enjoyed the Socials as well as the informative Committee Meetings. Steve, Our Hotel contact, was always available and very supportive. It seems that there is talk of having another Mid-Winter Meeting at the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort. We will keep you informed. The Ladies had a very special Luncheon with Attorney Julie Compton as Guest Speaker. She is also an accomplished writer who has published 3 Books. There were special gifts for all. Of course it was Disney stuffed animals and Disney characters. What Else?? There was a whispered rumor that a few of the Ladies were quite adamant about certain Disney Characters. Steve promised to have Security Guards at the next Ladies Luncheon to avoid any Disney stuffed characters being destroyed. The Mid-Winter Dinner was the highlight of the Meeting. Lady Margaret was able to get the Bahia Shrine Dance Band with Band Leader Benton to play for the evening which included the Andrew Sisters as well as other delightful singing with Music and Dancing. It is fair to say that a great time was had by all. The Grand Closing was the passing of the Band's Fez Hats which came up with \$565.00 in donations which went to the Shrine Children's Hospital in Tampa, Florida. Thank you Sojourners and Guests. You may rest assured that some Child has a smile on his/her face as a result of the Bahia Shrine Dance Band and your Generous support for our crippled Children. See you in Austin, TX , in June 2014 for the ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Fraternally,

Dick Wyatt
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CAMP NEWS

ENCAMPMENT. The three South Carolina Chapters held their second annual state -Wide encampment on 1 February at Fort Springdale, all three camps were well represented. Each Camp had a recruit (Special Dispensation was granted for three recruits), The second section for the recruit from Moultrie Camp, was conducted by MWB David J. DeChant PC, and the Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina, The second section for the recruit from Croft Camp, was conducted by WB Louis Langley PP. PC, LOH. The Second section for the recruit from Mordecai Gist Camp, was conducted by WB Richard Barton Cdr of Mordecai Camp, Bro. Barton also did an outstanding job with the First and third sections. WB Jim Clifford Regional Rep., and WB Wayne Barnes Area Rep. was present and took part. WB Barnes gave us an update of the Mid-Winter session, RWB Cliff Simmons PC of Moultrie Camp was restricted to the Mess Hall during the Camp, He treated us all with a fine meal after the Camp closed. Congratulations to all for an outstanding Encampment.



JOSEPH WARREN CAMP (Omaha #19). At the request of MWB Thomas L. Hauder, a member of our chapter, five of our Heroes presented the colors in their colonial uniforms for the public opening of the 157th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska held 6-8 February 2014 in Kearney, Nebraska. Following the Annual Communication three members of our members presented the colors on 8 February 2014 for the installation of the 2014 Nebraska Grand Lodge Officers at the request of MWB Joe D. McBride. After posting of the colors PNC Edward W. Nolte presented an outstanding presentation of the Toast to the Flag.



ERWIN R. BLECKLEY CAMP (Wichita #24). We continue to present the program of "Building of the American Flag" to various organizations in our area. The current officers are Clarence (Chuck) E. Arens, Commander; Wayne L. White, CoS; Larry G. White, Adjutant; Paul L. Miller, Chaplain; John W. McCarty, Sentinel.

COL. WILLIAM BIEHL, JR. CAMP (Santa Ana/El Toro #250). Our Flag Team made our latest presentation on Thursday, February 6, 2014. Van Owen, Doug Bridges and Joe Daugherty car pooled to Granada Hills to the G.H. Women's Club and gave a Flag Building Program to the Granada Hills Women's Club. Van Owen gave the Toast to the Flag and Donna gave her dissertation on the Camp Followers. Our Hostess was Yolanda Stohl, who catered to our needs for a lectern and microphone and a nice stage for our presentation. The Granada Hills Women's Club invited us to have a pot luck luncheon with them. We were well received with 93 Club members in attendance. Their Club presented us with a donation of \$75 for our Chapter. It was a challenging drive from Claremont to the Woman's Club through the commuter hour traffic to the other side of San Fernando Valley. It was well worth the drive in that we shared some good ole solid Patriotism with the Ladies.



JOHN J. PERSHING CAMP (Pasadena #265). We recently had an outdoor degree at Old Fort Hood which was very successful. Most Heroes that attended commented that they enjoyed being active in an outdoor degree. This was the first such bivouac that some of the local Heroes had experienced and they liked it. Southern California is especially suited for outdoor work because the weather is pleasant most of the time. It seldom rains here and on the coldest winter days the temperature seldom gets below 60 degrees F. We invite all Heroes to come and participate in our degrees at Old Fort Hood. Plans have been initiated to assist Concord Camp with their recruits. Our two camps have a close working relationship. Captured horse thieves are tried by military tribunal which usually includes commanders from

both camps. Yes, justice is swift out here in the wilderness. Cattle rustling is another offense that is taken seriously and the investigation of recruits includes this and other crimes. We simply cannot allow a horse thief or cattle rustler to become a Hero.



L-r: Bros. Rees Padfield, Daniel Kaffka, and Jeremy Chongco

ANDREW JACKSON CAMP (Northeast Florida #435). We held a fall bivouac on October 27, 2013 in Jacksonville, Florida where we initiated Robert Gurney Atwell into the Heroes of '76. Bro. Gurney Atwell, a longtime, faithful, and active Mason with a distinguished military record was tried and unanimously welcomed into our ranks.



L-r: Seated: Kolen Sawyer, 1st VP, Sr. Lt.; Gurney Atwell, New Hero; Corbin P. Elliott, PP, CDR; Robert Shellenberger, PP, PC; Dwight Shuman, 2nd VP, Jr. Lt.; Standing 1st Row: Wilmer T> Atwell; Thomas A. Olsen, Sec., Adj.; Lowell Crane, PP, PC; Paul J. Mast, Thomas Sorenson, PC; Joey Browning, 3rd VP; Leland E. Stanford, PP, PC; Standing 2nd Row: C. Robert Cooper, PP, PC; Harry Hudgins, PP, PC; Howard H. Hudgins, PP, PC, Regional Rep.

We presented a "Building of the Flag" Program at Arlington Lodge No. 309, F. & A. M. of Jacksonville, Florida on February 15, 2014.



L-r: Bros. Dwight Shuman, 2VP, Jr. Lt.; Lowell Crane, Sojourners PP, Treasurer, PC; C. Robert Cooper, Sojourners PP, PC;

Corbin P. Elliott, PP, Cdr; and Charles Matthew Smith.

GEORGIA HUSSARS CAMP (Hunter #502). We presented the Colors again this year at each of the five matches of the Savannah Hockey Classic between teams from Georgia, South Carolina and Florida Colleges. To make sure the Adjutant didn't create a situation again this year PC Ernest McCorkle was assigned to keep tabs on him (not visible are the handcuffs). PCs George Vail, James Hood, Bruce McNall, McCorkle and the chastened Adjutant were given the honor of presenting the colors. They were rewarded with sustained applause from record crowds. There is no greater honor than being allowed to display Old Glory.



NATIONAL SOJOURNER MASONIC APRONS



Many of have seen the National Sojourner Masonic Aprons at official functions or in pictures in the Sojourner Magazine. These aprons are now a stock item at National Sojourners and can be purchased for \$100.00 plus shipping. Because of the upfront cost the on hand quantity will be limited. They will be ordered from the source each time our orders approach minimum order quantities. Brothers are also reminded that it is necessary to get approval from your Grand Lodge jurisdiction and possibly from the Master of the Lodge before wearing your apron to a Lodge meeting. This colorful apron is another way to promote National Sojourners to the Craft and stimulate interest and questions about our fellowship.

MID-WINTER FREEWILL OFFERING

During the Mid-Winter Banquet in Florida there were two freewill offerings collected. The most enjoyable entertainment for the evening was the local Shrine Band and \$852 was donated for the Shriners' Children's Hospital. The second collection was for the Sojourners Endowment Memorial (SEM) Fund in the amount of \$412.

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR) GOT A TASTE OF WHAT CAMP FOLLOWERS CAN DO.

Some members of the DAR saw and heard a presentation of the Building of the Flag Program at a Sons of the American Revolution meeting, so not to be outdone, they brought the program to the Prince William Resolves Chapter/Occoquan, VA, of the DAR for all to see. The Color Guard smartly presented the Colors under the care and command of Bro. Sandy Mackey, safeguarded by Camp Followers Kip Volkstadt and Patti Turner. Lady Kip took charge of the "building" with help from Bro. Sandy, and narration by Bro. Bill Turner, PNP, PNC. After the building was complete, Bro. Sandy took charge of the Colors, again, and Lady Patti delivered the Toast to the Flag®. At the close, Huzzah's! were heard all 'round and a nice donation was given to Fredericksburg #545 in support of their FFVF-YLC efforts.



L-r: Patti Turner, Sandy Mackey, Kip Volkstadt

CAMP FOLLOWERS

The morning was cold – but the coffee was hot, and the Heroes of '76 and Camp Followers were ready for the duties of the day. The encampment in the land of the Seminole was disturbed, as the Sentinel and Commander of the Guard reported with two prisoners. They were identified as Linda Joiner and Suzie Price. Both were found trying to gain entry into the compound. The National Commander, Bro. Dick Wyatt, and the Encampment Commander, Bro. Bill Turner, were approached and asked of disposition. After counsel with the National Den Mother, Lady Margaret Wyatt, and Encampment Den Mother of Camp Followers, Lady Patti

Turner, it was determined that proper trial be conducted. Muster orders were given throughout the Encampment and Heroes reporting included members and ladies of Presley Neville O'Bannon Camp, #535, Washington's Cruisers Camp, #545, Samuel Parsons Camp, #507, and Col William Biehl Camp, #250. The latter was important, as the prisoner Linda Joiner claimed to be deserving to join by being the daughter of Bro. Bill Bottorff, PP & PC, Santa Ana/El Toro Chap. #250, Biehl Camp. Confirming this to be true, the Den Mothers insisted she, along with Suzie Price from the north of the territory in Maryland, prove their mettle as Rekruits. The number to witness the trial was of 50. Many Camp Followers ensured they were educated and instructed in their duties. Satisfied of their performance, they were admitted into the ranks of Camp Followers.



L-r: Linda Joiner and Suzie Price

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA – THE ISSUE THAT DIVIDES NSI BY S. WOODRUFF BENTLEY, SR., NATIONAL HISTORIAN

At the 2013 ANC two resolutions were proposed: 1) to open membership to the top five NCO grades; 2) to open membership to all who have served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States. Six members were allowed to speak on the issue, three pro and three cons. Each was a respected NSI leader and each held and stated strong views on the issues. Both resolutions failed as similar resolutions have failed in the past. The question must be raised; however, which view of the resolutions truly represents the members of our chapters. We know that this issue will be raised again in the future. Let us review the prime arguments on each side.

Those opposed to any further changes have five basic arguments. The first is tra-

dition. NSI was formed and lived for many years as an officer only organization. In response to modern trends and the leadership changes in the Armed Forces, the criteria were expanded to include warrant officers and the top three enlisted grades. This retains NSI as a military leadership organization in the modern sense, but respecting the tradition. To accept the lower enlisted grades would change the nature of the organization and the respect for tradition.

The second is that other similar organizations have not changed; so neither should we. The Military Order of the World Wars with whom we are closely tied in youth leadership development accepts only officers and has not changed. Neither has the Reserve Officers Association.

The third is that accepting the lower enlisted grades could have a tendency to alter our missions and focus when they rose to leadership positions in NSI. Their world-views and experiences in the military are radically different because the older ones were drafted and the younger ones have served for relatively short periods of time.

The fourth is that there are three major organizations open to all or significant numbers of active and former military: the VFW, the American Legion, and AMVETS.

The fifth is that our criteria are relatively well accepted in Masonry and we can safely endure the views of the relatively few Masons that are critical. Hopefully, the Grand Jurisdiction that opposes us will eventually be won over.

The views of the pros are starkly in contrast. First, while tradition is important, modern imperatives overcome it. The military of the volunteer era meets higher criteria to join, are better educated and better trained, are pushed into leadership at more junior grades, and have heightened levels of experience, both in and out of combat, than earlier generations, and are more ready to assume leadership roles in civilian society.

The second is that the other officer organizations were created as officer organizations and continue to focus on that membership. They do occupy a solid niche, but they too face obstacles to significant growth. They too express significant concerns about membership size, but do not appear willing or able to raise this issue in a significant way. Neither their leadership nor their membership appears to have raised this as a major issue.

The third is that accepting some or all lower grades would expand our potential membership base without harming our focus and mission. Those who would join us would come from two cohorts, both bringing valuable real world experience. Those who are older would generally be experienced Masons, many having served in lodge and/

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or grand lodge leadership positions. They would greatly enhance us by adding Masonic experience and presence. The younger cohorts would bring their modern military leadership experience and commitment.

The fourth is that the broadened potential membership base would both increase our numbers and our income, thus enabling us to further our mission and objectives. They would deepen our Masonic tradition and further reduce our average age.

The fifth is that this would remove the shadow over us within Masonry and bring us into the ethical state of "meeting our fellow Masons on the level."

Each of these ten perspectives has validity and backing among our members. Some feel more strongly than others. The key to future decisions must be an open and objective discussion of view and chapters making a decision by consensus. Then they should send delegates to future conventions with firm directives for action. Hopefully in that manner, as an organization we can make a decision, then live with its consequences, and allow us to move ahead based on that decision.

REFERENCE THE RECENT MAGAZINE ARTICLE, THE FOLLOWING WAS IN THE NDAA JUST SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

SEC. 586. MILITARY SALUTE DURING RECITATION OF PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES NOT IN UNIFORM AND BY VETERANS. Section 4 of title 4, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "Members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans may render the military salute in the manner provided for persons in uniform."

CALENDAR ITEMS

Any news you want listed for an area conference/encampment, please email all information and dates, etc to ho@nationalsojourners.org and cc a copy to Brother Lance Otis, lotis666@gmail.com (for the website).

CONFERENCES

The 94th National Convention will be held June 15-21 2014 at the Double Tree Hotel in Austin, Texas. More information to follow.

ENCAMPMENTS

The Annual SOCAL Encampment will be held 4-6 April 2014 at NBVC Point Mugu. More Information to follow.

The Federal Area Conference & Encampment will be held on April 19, 2014 at the Collingwood Library and Museum in Alexandria, Virginia. Point of Contact Randy Geck (301) 758-0768 or rgeck@xecu.net.

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