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Forward by the Centennial Committee

Our Order of National Sojourners will become 100 years old during the 2018-2019 Sojourner year! The Centennial Celebration honoring our Order's historic milestone will kick-off at the Annual National Convention in Norfolk, VA (19-24 June 2018) and conclude with a "Birthday Bash" at the Annual National Convention in Omaha, NE (4-9 June 2019).

The year-long celebration will also feature special events in our Areas, Regions, Chapters, and Camps throughout the year. Our suggestions for planning these special events are provided in this Centennial Celebration Toolkit. We urge leaders at every level read the Toolkit and use the information to plan, promote and celebrate this historic milestone at all levels — Chapter/Camp, Region, and Area.

The focus of the year-long celebration is to *honor the past, celebrate the present, and embrace our future* with initiatives to preserve our history; grow our membership; create opportunities for renewal in our Chapters/Camps through special events; honor our Ladies; recognize all who participate; and provide special giving opportunities.

You, your Chapter, and your Camp are encouraged to earn special Centennial recognition by actively participating in events during the Centennial year. Rededicate yourself to ***Proudly Serving the Cause of Patriotism*** during our next century of service by marking your calendar now to attend the Centennial

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kick-off in Norfolk, VA and the once-in-a-lifetime Centennial Birthday Bash in Omaha, NE — plan to be a part of history! Look for more Centennial Celebration information in future editions of *The Sojourner* and on the website under Centennial Celebration in the National Resources area of The Sojourner Only Section.

Your Centennial Committee



Centennial Leadership Message

15 December 2017

TO: Chapter/Camp, Regional and Area Sojourner Leadership

SUBJECT: Centennial Celebration

The upcoming Centennial Celebration provides a unique opportunity for creating excitement about our Order both in ourselves and prospective members.

Accordingly, it is a time to be used to renew the spirit of active participation among our members, especially those we have not seen at chapter meetings in recent years, and to increase our membership by “waving our flag” to invite others to join our ranks.

The key to success is planning — chapter/camp, regional and area leaders must start now to develop successful plans to leverage our 100th birthday celebration. We urge each of you to familiarize yourselves with this Centennial Toolkit and take action to craft the necessary plans and bring them to life.

In addition, we ask that every chapter plan early to send a delegation to the Centennial kick-off at the Annual National Convention in Norfolk, VA (19-24 June 2018) and the concluding Centennial “Birthday Bash” at the Annual National Convention in Omaha, NE (4-9 June 2019). Our goal is that every chapter be represented at these once-in-a-lifetime events and be a part of the history that will be made.

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The focus of our year-long celebration is to: (1) *honor our past* by capturing our history through living history interviews of senior members and the eventual publication of the 100-history of our Order; (2) *celebrate our present* through carefully planned events at all levels to include special recognition opportunities for Sojourners, our Camp Followers and Ladies, and our Chapters and Camps; and (3) *embrace our future* through membership growth, special philanthropic opportunities, and renewal of our commitment to “Proudly Serving the Cause of Patriotism” for the next century of service ahead.

As always, the goals we have outlined above are simply “words on paper” — it is the LEADER at every level who steps up to the plate and makes a difference by translating goals to actions that make a difference. Please join the Centennial Team and make something great happen for our Order!

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Ronald D. R. Sortino'.

Ronald D. R. Sortino
2017-2018

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Edward W. Nolte'.

Edward W. Nolte
2018-2019



Individual Centennial Participation Program

4.1 GENERAL: Who is at the center of our Centennial Celebration? Well, just look into any mirror. No surprise, it's YOU! The Centennial celebration remains so many words — just a plan on paper unless YOU step forward as a COMMITTEE OF ONE to become a leader, a participant, or both. Resolve to do YOUR part and make our Centennial Year rewarding for yourself and your Brother Sojourners by repeating those powerful ten two-letter words — IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME!

4.2 WHAT YOU CAN DO: Resolve to participate and earn the following two special incentive recognitions only available during the once-in-a-lifetime Centennial Celebration. All requirements for these incentive recognitions must be earned during the Centennial Year beginning with the kick-off 98th Annual National Convention in Norfolk, VA.

4.2.1 NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CENTENNIAL LAPEL PIN: Simply participate in any Chapter, Regional, Area or National Centennial Event to receive a special Centennial Pin compliments of the National President. Your Lady is also invited to participate and receive a Centennial Ladies' Pin compliments of the First Lady of our Order.

4.2.2 CENTENNIAL EVENT PARTICIPATION MEDAL: The Centennial Event Participation Medal (FIGURE 4.2.2 provides a notional illustration) is an incentive

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and recognition for active participation in Nationwide and Area-wide events and activities during the Centennial year as set forth in Table 4.2.2. A scorecard and application for purchase of the medal from the National HQ is provided in Section 10 – APPENDICES. *NOTE THAT THE CENTENNIAL EVENT PARTICIPATION MEDAL REQUIRES APPROVAL AT THE 2018 ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION.*

FIGURE 4.2.2



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TABLE 4.2.2

CENTENNIAL MEDAL AWARD CRITERION						
OPTION	CENTENNIAL EVENT PARTICIPATION				CENTENNIAL DONATION REF SECTION 8	MULTIPLE MIP PURCHASE DURING CENTENNIAL YEAR REF PARA 4.3
	Kick-off ANC (Norfolk) REF PARA 7.2	Chapter Event REF PARA 5.2	Area/Regional Event REF PARA 6.2	Birthday Bash ANC (Omaha) REF PARA 7.4		
A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (President's Club \$100 level or above paid pledge)	
B1	✓	✓	✓		✓ (Heroes' Club \$500 level or above paid pledge)	
B2		✓	✓	✓	✓ (Heroes' Club \$500 level or above paid pledge)	
C		✓	✓		✓ (Patriot's Club \$1000 level or above paid pledge)	✓ (At least 1 multiple MIP purchase)

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4.3 MULTIPLE MIP (MMIP) INCENTIVE: Joining multiple Chapters in National Sojourners during the Centennial Year is an honor that should be incentivized and extended to all current members. Accordingly, a reduced rate MMIP is planned for the Centennial Year only and every Sojourner is urged to avail themselves of this opportunity to join additional chapters and assist in strengthening our financial position. NOTE THAT THE SPECIAL CENTENNIAL YEAR MMIP RATE REQUIRES APPROVAL AT THE 2018 ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION.



Chapter/Camp Centennial Participation Program

5.1 CHAPTER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION MANAGER and COMMITTEE: Each chapter is encouraged to appoint a Centennial Celebration Manager and supporting ad hoc committee as needed to: (1) promote CHAPTER/CAMP, REGIONAL, AREA and NATIONAL events throughout the Centennial Year; (2) promote Centennial Club donation opportunities (see Section 8); (3) plan a Centennial Celebration Event, and (4) prepare a Chapter Centennial Report to include a narrative describing the event details to include pictures (see paragraph 5.3 below). The Centennial Celebration Event should be held during the period June 2018 through May 2019 as a normal chapter meeting or other special chapter event.

5.2 CHAPTER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENT PLANNING and IDEAS: It is paramount that every chapter plan, promote and sponsor a chapter Centennial Event. That said, the goals for the event should be: (1) to celebrate the 100th birthday of our Order; (2) to create excitement; (3) to have a high attendance of Sojourners (especially those which have not been seen for a while) and their Ladies to the extent possible. Achieving these goal demands detailed planning; a great program to pique interest; advance promotion; rallying of infrequent attendees (reach out to all inactive Sojourners!); and a special 100th year anniversary cake together with singing “Happy Birthday to Us” (an absolute

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must!). Other ideas to “spice up” the occasion may include the invitation of distinguished non-Sojourner Masons in your area; a special dinner menu; special table favors and décor; a rose for each Lady attending; etc. — be imaginative and make the event as spectacular and memorable as you can. Remember that this can be a time of renewal and recommitment for every Sojourner so use the event to promote and build attendance for future chapter meetings by pre-viewing future chapter meetings and programs that have been planned. Make it fun; make it exciting; and make it memorable! Specific program ideas include:

- a. A speaker (member of the National Line or PNP or LOH recipient) or local distinguished Mason or other high profile dignitary.
- b. The showing of the National Sojourner Story (available from the National HQ).
- c. A program on the history of the chapter
- d. A program on the chapter or camp namesake
- e. A flag program (Building of the Flag or Historic Flags or other less celebrated flags of our nation or of local interest --- are you aware of the HONOR & REMEMBRANCE FLAG?)
- f. A program to honor one or more past “movers and shakers” of your chapter who are no longer with us and their Masonic/Sojourner/chapter accomplishments
- g. A program on one or more of the Military Services
- h. A youth speaker (perhaps from a local Masonic youth organization or one of your essay contest respondents) on an Americanism topic
- g. A program by a local JROTC recipient of our medal on Americanism
- h. Conduct the MISSING MAN TABLE & HONORS CEREMONY (see <http://www.pow-miafamilies.org/missing-man-table-and-honors-ceremony.html>)
- i. A program on the Pledge of Allegiance or the Star Spangled Banner
- j. Other interesting speakers from your local area on a suitable topic (patriotism, Americanism, military, Masons or Sojourner, and history)

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5.3 HEROES CAMP CELEBRATION IDEAS: Each Heroes Camp should also celebrate the 100th birthday of its parent order by conducting a Centennial Heroes Bivouac event or special activity. Suggested ideas include a special presentation on the Camp namesake or a wreath laying honoring the Camp namesake (where appropriate), a local deceased military hero other deceased distinguished Mason or historical figure (see publications entitled the National Sojourners Inc. Military Masonic Hall of Fame 1975 - First One Hundred by Capt. R.E. Bassler or Military Masonic Hall of Fame 1980 Second One Hundred Paperback – 1980 by R. E. Bassler available from the National HQ for ideas). Also, each Camp is encouraged to prepare and provide an input for the CHAPTER/CAMP CENTENNIAL REPORT (see paragraph 5.9 below).

5.4 CHAPTER PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL/AREA/NATIONAL EVENTS: The Chapter Centennial Celebration Manager is encouraged to periodically promote maximum participation in all REGIONAL and AREA Centennial Conferences and Encampments. Also, it is the National President’s goal to have as many chapters as possible be represented during the Centennial Kick-off at the Annual National Convention in Norfolk, VA (19-24 June 2018) and **ALL chapters** represented during the “Birthday Bash” to be held at the Annual National Convention in Omaha, NE (4-9 June 2019). The hope is that the group photo to be taken in Omaha will reflect the faces of Sojourners representing every one of our chapters!

5.5 CHAPTER CENTENNIAL SOUVENIR BOOK ADS: The Centennial Celebration Manager is encouraged to prepare a chapter/camp ad for the Centennial Souvenir Books for both the Annual National Convention in Norfolk, VA (19-24 June 2018) and the Annual National Convention in Omaha, NE (4-9 June 2019). One ad idea is to celebrate your chapter/camp history by noting your charter date and a statement such as *“Proudly Serving the Cause of Patriotism for [number] Years!”*

5.6 CENTENNIAL CLUB: The Centennial Celebration Manager is encouraged to promote the Centennial Club. The Centennial Club is a philanthropic initiative with

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a goal of raising \$100,000 to give our Order a financial boost during our 100th year. This unique opportunity also provides a means of recognizing those generous Sojourner's who support the Order with their pocketbook. More detailed information may be found in SECTION 8 of this Toolkit. Additional updates will also appear on the website under Centennial Celebration in the National Resources area in The Sojourner Only Section.

5.7 CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE: Chapters are challenged to meet a simple growth goal during our Centennial Year of five (5) new (active – not honorary) members. This goal is readily achievable during the Centennial Year with the commitment and motivation of chapter leaders. The benefit of new member growth will enhance the vitality of every chapter. Chapters which achieve this simple goal will be recognized (see para 5.10.2).

5.8 TOAST TO THE FLAG POSTER BLUE LODGE PRESENTATION: The concept is to place the newly developed National Sojourner Poster featuring The Toast to the Flag for display in every Blue Lodge nationwide as a key tool in our Centennial membership growth initiative for chapters (see para 5.7). In that regard, the subdued wording at the bottom of the poster has been included to provide a longer term reminder in every Blue Lodge as to who we are (mission and membership) and how to contact us. A concept picture of the poster is shown in Figure 5.8). Each chapter is encouraged to present a copy of the Toast to the Flag poster to at least three Blue Lodges located in the geographic area served by the Chapter. This will require that the chapter obtain the posters from the National HQ (a donation of \$10 per is suggested to defray costs with surplus proceeds going to the Spirit of America Education Foundation), purchase a 16x20 wooden black frame (suggested source www.picture-frames-warehouse.com - ITEM **MPF1620BK1** 16 x 20 Wood Picture Frame for Wall Mount, Matted to 11 x 14 - Black); and present the posters during a stated meeting. The suggested presentation approach is to offer a patriotic program (Toast, Building-the-Flag,

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etc.) in concert with presenting the framed poster to the Lodge and make a concerted effort to seek new members in the social period following lodge. In addition, to the poster presentation, the visiting Sojourner should also take copies of the *What's It All About* trifold and membership forms to leave behind. Copies of the new *Toast Presentation* trifold (a master may be found on the website which may be personalized with Chapter point-of-contact information and printed in quantity locally) has also been developed as a leave behind. The overall objective of the Toast to the Flag poster presentation is to: (1) attract membership interest within our Blue Lodges first; (2) make National Sojourners more visible; and, finally, (3) provide Blue Lodges a gift from the Sojourners. It is hoped that Sojourner members of the Blue Lodges selected for a Toast to the Flag poster presentation will step forward and volunteer to underwrite the costs involved. Finally, chapters in the same region may need to coordinate Blue Lodge presentations to avoid duplication.

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FIGURE 5.8



"A Toast to the Flag"
by John J. Daly - 1917

Here's to the red of it –
There's not a thread of it,
No, nor a shred of it
In all the spread of it
From foot to head.
But heroes bled for it,
Faced steel and lead for it,
Precious blood shed for it,
Bathing it Red!

Here's to the white of it –
Thrilled by the sight of it,
Who knows the right of it,
But feels the might of it
Through day and night?
Womanhood's care for it
Made manhood dare for it,
Purity's prayer for it
Keeps it so white!

Here's to the blue of it –
Beauteous view of it,
Heavenly hue of it,
Star-spangled dew of it
Constant and true;
Diadems gleam for it,
States stand supreme for it,
Liberty's beam for it
Brightens the blue!

Here's to the whole of it –
Stars, stripes and pole of it,
Body and soul of it,
Oh, and the roll of it,
Sun shining through;
Hearts in accord for it,
Swear by the sword for it,
Thanking the Lord for it,
Red, White, and Blue!

The *Toast to the Flag*, given to National Sojourners by John J. Daly, has become an essential part of the Order's expression of love of God, Country, and Flag. Membership in the National Sojourners, often called the "Military Masons," is open to all Master Masons who have served honorably as members of the uniformed forces of the United States. We invite you to join us in "*Proudly Serving the Cause of Patriotism*" by advancing programs that promote love of country!

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5.9 CHAPTER/CAMP CENTENNIAL REPORT: Each Chapter is encouraged to prepare and submit a Centennial Celebration Report (estimate 3-5 pages) to include: (1) a short history of the chapter — this may take some research but will be a rewarding endeavor; (2) a narrative describing the Centennial /Program Event conducted by Chapter and Camp; (3) a list of those attending; and (4) some jpeg picture files to include, if possible, a picture of all in attendance. Submit the report not later than 15 May 2019 to the National HQ preferably by email using Microsoft WORD and jpeg picture file attachments. All submissions will be subsequently published in the National Sojourners Centennial Yearbook.

5.10 CENTENNIAL RECOGNITION: Chapters which participate in the Centennial Celebration will be able to earn two special recognitions unique to the Centennial year as detailed below:

5.10.1 CENTENNIAL STATUS: Every Chapter may earn Centennial Status which will result in the award of a unique Centennial Streamer (see notional design in Figure 5.10.1) for their chapter flag. In order to receive the Centennial status streamer, the Centennial Status Reporting Form Reporting Form (see APPENDIX 10) must reach the National HQ by not later 15 May 2019. Criteria for Centennial Chapter status is detailed below. All criteria must be completed during the Centennial Year (24 June 2018 through 15 May 2019) except items a, b (planning only), e and h which may begin with the issue date of this Centennial Toolkit.

- a. Appoint a Chapter Centennial Manager (para 5.1).
- b. Plan and hold a Centennial Chapter Meeting (para 5.2).
- c. Conduct a Centennial Heroes Encampment event or special activity (para 5.3).
- d. Participate in a REGIONAL/AREA event and sending at least one representative to the Centennial Annual National Kick-off and the “Birthday Bash” Conventions (para 5.4).
- e. Place a Souvenir Book Ad of any size for the Centennial Kickoff 2018 ANC and the Birthday Bash 2019 ANC (para 5.5).

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- f. Promote the Centennial Club at two separate chapter meetings (para 5.6).
- g. Conduct a Centennial Membership drive and make at least 5 new active Sojourners (para 5.7).
- h. Plan and present to at least three Blue Lodges a framed Toast to the Flag poster (para 5.8).
- i. Submit a Centennial Report to the National HQ by not later than 15 May 2019 (para 5.9).

Figure 5.10.1



5.10.2 CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP GOAL ACHIEVEMENT: Chapters which achieve the Centennial Membership Goal by not later than 15 May will be awarded a unique Centennial Membership Streamer (see notional design in Figure 5.10.2) for their chapter flag. In order to receive the Centennial status streamer, the Centennial Membership Goal Reporting Form (see APPENDIX 10) must reach the National HQ by not later than 15 May 2019.

Figure 5.10.2



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5.11 OTHER RECOGNITION ELEMENTS:

5.11.1 CAMP: Every Hero and Camp Follower who participates in a Heroes Camp Centennial Event or special event (see para 5.3) or Regional/Area Centennial Conference and Encampment or a National Encampment event will receive a special ribbon. The Hero Ribbon notionally depicted in Figure 5.11.1a and the Camp Follower Ribbon is notionally depicted in Figure 5.11.1b. Only one ribbon will be presented per individual.

Figure 5.11.2a



Figure 5.11.2b



5.11.2 CHAPTER PRESIDENT/HEROES CAMP COMMANDER/CHAPTER

CENTENNIAL MANAGER: The Chapter President, Camp Commander and Chapter Centennial Manager of every camp that attains Centennial recognition status will be presented a Centennial Coin compliments of the National President.



Area/Regional Centennial Celebration Program

6.1 AREA & REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES: Area and Regional Centennial Celebration Events will be coordinated, planned, promoted, and executed under the leadership of the respective Area and Regional Representatives in concert with traditional Area & Regional Conference and Encampments. Finally, Area and Regional Representatives will also prepare a Chapter Centennial Report to include a narrative describing the event details to include pictures (see paragraph 6.3 below). It is important that Area and Regional Representatives begin to work with the officers of their assigned Chapters as soon as possible to promote the Centennial Celebration, in general, and specifically:

6.1.1 REVIEW CENTENNIAL TOOLKIT: Review the Centennial Toolkit, especially Section 4 – “Individual Centennial Participation Program” and Section 5 - “Chapter/Camp Centennial Participation Program” with Chapter/Camp Officers and members.

6.1.2 PLAN AREA/REGIONAL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENT: Plan and execute an Area/Regional Centennial Celebration Event in concert with their traditional conference and encampment activities.

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6.1.3 PROMOTIONAL PRESENTATION: Deliver a promotional/educational presentation to each of their chapters on the following:

- a. Centennial Event Participation Medal Criteria (para 4.2.2)
- b. Area/Regional Centennial event celebration plans (Section 6)
- c. Centennial Status recognition for chapters criterion (para 5.10.1)
- d. National Centennial Celebrations Programs (Section 7)
- e. Centennial Club details (Section 8)

6.2 AREA/REGIONAL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENT PLANNING and IDEAS: Every Area/Regional Conference will feature the following topics as a minimum:

- a. The promotional/educational items listed in paragraph 6.1.3 above.
- b. A presentation/discussion on the importance of interesting chapter programs and chapter program planning. This presentation/discussion may be led by an invited member of the National Line or a Past National Officer.
- c. A discussion of techniques to improve chapter meetings using the *Planning & Delivering Great Chapter Meetings* resource (located under Chapter Officer Resources in the *Sojourners Only* section of the website) and a brainstorming session to identify/list chapter meeting program ideas — each participating chapter should come prepared to share their “best in class” program ideas. A list of the chapter meeting programs ideas brainstormed will be sent to the National Secretary by the cognizant Area or Regional Rep. A compiled list of all ideas submitted will be added to the Chapter Officers Resources section of the

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website. This presentation/discussion may be led by an invited member of the National Line or a Past National Officer.

d. A discussion of chapter membership growth ideas and sharing of chapter success stories.

6.3 AREA/REGIONAL CENTENNIAL REPORT: Each Area and Regional Representative will prepare and submit a 2-3 page Centennial Celebration Report on their respective Area/Regional event to include: (1) a narrative describing the Centennial /Program Event conducted by Chapter and Camp; (2) a list of those attending; and (3) some jpeg picture files to include, if possible, a picture of all in attendance. Submit the report not later than 15 May 2019 to the National HQ preferably by email with a Microsoft WORD and jpeg picture file attachments. All submissions will be subsequently published in the National Sojourners Centennial Yearbook.

6.4 CENTENNIAL RECOGNITION: Area and Regional Representatives will be presented a Centennial Coin compliments of the National President upon submission of their Centennial Celebration Report.

6.4.1 INDIVIDUAL SOJOURNER: Every Sojourner who participates in any Regional or Area Centennial Event will receive a special Centennial Pin if not already received at a Chapter Centennial Event. Likewise, the Ladies of Sojourners who attend will receive a Centennial Ladies Pin compliments of the First Lady of our Order.

6.4.2 CAMP: Every Hero and Camp Follower who participates in a Regional/Area Centennial Conference and Encampment will receive a special ribbon if not already received at a local Camp Centennial Event (see para 5.11.1).



National Centennial Celebration Program

7.1 GENERAL: Early plans for key Centennial National Celebration events are summarized below and subject to further change — updated information will be provided by special mailings, future editions of *The Sojourner* and on the website under Centennial Celebration in the National Resources Area of The Sojourner Only Section. ALL Sojourners are urged to plan early to attend these once-in-a-lifetime events and to be a part of history as we celebrate this special occasion — mark your calendar now!

7.2 98th ANNUAL NATIONAL “CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION KICK-OFF”

CONVENTION – NORFOLK, VA (19-24 JUNE 2018): Celebration of the National Sojourners Centennial will commence at the 98th Annual National Convention in Norfolk, VA. Hotel reservation information is now listed on the website. Special events now being planned include:

- a. Overview of Centennial Events.
- b. Presentation of National Ensign Traveling Flag that has already completed a journey to key historical sites nationwide.
- c. Reading of Centennial Proclamation.
- d. Cutting of the Centennial Kick-off Cake at the President’s Banquet.
- e. Update on the Centennial Celebration Plan.

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7.3 MID-WINTER MEETING – TUCSON, ARIZONA (JANUARY 2019): A special Mid-Winter Dinner event to include special Centennial recognition of our Ladies is being planned.

7.4 99th ANNUAL NATIONAL “CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY BASH” CONVENTION IN OMAHA, NE (4-9 June 2019): The Centennial Celebration will conclude with a “Birthday Bash” held in conjunction with the 99th Annual National Convention in Omaha, NE. Hotel reservation information is now listed on the website. The Birthday Bash will be held on Thursday evening (separate from the President’s Banquet) at the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum. A representative from every Grand Lodge and Appendant Body will be invited to attend. The special dinner program is expected to feature a self-guided tours of the museum; special guests; a review of the highlights of 100 years of “Proudly Serving the Cause of Patriotism”; welcoming what might be the largest class of new Grand Lodge Sojourners; a group Centennial photo; and the cutting of the Centennial Cake! By the way, dress will be casual and you are invited to wear your favorite patriotic shirt. Don’t miss this event — if you have never attended an Annual National Convention, this is one to attend!

7.5 NATIONAL SOJOURNER CHARTER COMMEMORATION EVENT – Chicago, IL (AUGUST 2019): During August of 2019, an event to commemorate the signing of the National Sojourners, Inc. Charter by the Secretary of Illinois is planned to be held in Chicago, Il.

7.6 RECOGNITION: Every Sojourner who participates in any National Centennial Event will receive the National President’s Centennial Lapel Pin (para 4.2.1) if not already received at a Chapter, Area or Regional centennial Event. Every Hero and Camp Follower who participates in a National Encampment will receive a special ribbon if not already received at an Area or Regional Encampment (see para 5.11.1).



Centennial Club

8.1 GENERAL: The Centennial Club is a philanthropic initiative with a goal of raising \$100,000 to give our Order a financial boost during our 100th year. A written receipt and acknowledgement will be provided for all gifts including gifts that are and are not tax deductible. Donations may be made to any National Sojourners fund. See the APPENDIX for a CENTENNIAL CLUB CONTRIBUTION FORM.

8.2 NATIONAL SOJOURNER FUNDS: Contributions may made be made to any of the National Sojourners funds below listed below during the Centennial Year (24 June 2018 through 15 May 2019). The National Trustees have provided underlined comments for the funds they recommend for your consideration.

8.2.1 GENERAL FUND: The GENERAL FUND provides operating funds for the Order. Donations to this fund are not tax deductible. The National Trustees highly recommend donations to this fund as it permits the greatest flexibility for full use of the gift to address the cost of badly needed IT equipment and software replacement and upgrades.

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8.2.2 TRUST FUND: The TRUST FUND provides the corpus for annual MIP interest/dividends. Donations to this fund are tax deductible.

8.2.3 SEM FUND: The SOJOURNER ENDOWMENT MEMORIAL (SEM) FUND provides the corpus for annual interest/dividends for the GENERAL FUND. Donations to this fund are tax deductible. Contributions to this fund are often made in Honor or Memory of designated individuals. The National Trustees recommend donations to this fund.

8.2.4 FRATERNAL LIAISON, AMERICANISM, MEMBERSHIP AND BRIDGE OF LIGHT FUND (FAMB) FUND: This fund was established by contributions of two concerned members to ensure that the four major committees are funded to support their purposes. Donations to this fund are tax deductible.

8.2.5 THOMPSON FUND: The THOMPSON FUND was established to provide funds for the purchase and maintenance of office equipment. Donations to this fund are not tax deductible. The National Trustees recommend donations to this fund.

8.2.6 LINN FUND: The principal of the fund is inviolate and the accrued interest is divided between National Sojourners and the Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism on an annual basis for operations. Donations to this fund are not tax deductible.

8.2.7 HOUGHTON FUND: This fund was established by a \$500.00 contribution in memory of Brother Albert W. Houghton. The principal is to remain inviolate and only the interest is used to fund a plaque for a chapter, or a medal to an individual recipient of the Houghton Memorial Award. Donations to this fund are not tax deductible.

8.2.8 KNOLL FUND: This fund was established to finance the presentation of an award for the outstanding editor of a chapter bulletin. The principal is to remain

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inviolable and only the interest utilized to purchase a plaque and engrave with the name of the winning editor. This fund maintains a permanent plaque in National Headquarters and a plaque for the individual. Donations to this fund are not tax deductible.

8.2.9 HISTORY FUND: This fund was established by the direction of the National Trustees, to assist in documenting the history of the Order. Donations to this fund are tax deductible.

8.2.10 WAINWRIGHT FUND: This fund was established to purchase a plaque to honor a selected Hero or Camp of Heroes of '76 each year. A permanent plaque is maintained in the National Headquarters. Donations to this fund are not tax deductible.

8.2.11 SAEF FUND: The SPIRIT OF AMERICA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (SAEF) FUND provides funds for Americanism programs (Youth Leadership Conferences, Essay Content, ROTC/JROTC Medals, etc.). Donations to this fund are tax deductible. The National Trustees recommend donations to this fund.

8.2.12 CLMA FUND: The Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism (CLMA) Fund (now wholly managed by a National Sojourners Board of Directors comprised of your National Trustees) was established to maintain a public facility to house a non-profit library and museum on Americanism; promote the education of the public on our national heritage; and foster research into the lives and deeds of those who have contributed to the establishment and well-being of our nation. Donations to this fund are tax deductible. The National Trustees recommend donations to this fund.

8.3 CRITERIA: The campaign features three levels of donation:

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LEVEL (\$)	CLUB RECOGNITION
\$200/YEAR for 5 years or a one-time gift of \$1,000	PATRIOT'S CLUB
\$100/YEAR for 5 years or a one-time gift of \$500	HEROES' CLUB
\$100 – One Time Gift	PRESIDENT'S CLUB

8.4 RECOGNITION: Two methods of recognition are planned as follows:

8.4.1 WEBSITE DONOR WALL OF HONOR: The names of all Sojourners (unless directed otherwise by the donor) will be listed as appropriate under the three Centennial Club levels of giving listed in paragraph 8.2 above on the virtual Donor Wall of Honor within the SOJOURNERS ONLY section of the website. Please direct any questions regarding donations to the National Secretary-Treasurer.

8.4.1 DONOR MEDAL with CENTENNIAL BAR: The National Sojourners Donor Medal (FIGURE 8.4.1 provides a notional illustration) with a gold bar bearing the word “CENTENNIAL” will be awarded for a paid donation of \$1,000 or more to the Centennial Club or any other National Sojourners Fund during the period 23 June 2018 through 1 September 2019 OR for a pledge of \$1,000 or more during the same period and paid in full by 1 September 2023. An application may be found in the APPENDIX to request award of the DONOR Medal. *NOTE THAT THE DONOR MEDAL REQUIRES APPROVAL AT THE 2018 ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION.*

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FIGURE 8.4.1





CENTENNIAL MERCHANDISE

9.1 GENERAL: A selection of Centennial Logo merchandise and memorabilia will be available for purchase from the Headquarters soon. Expected items will include:

- a. Polo shirts customizable with various Centennial Logo and name, chapter, camp, etc.
- b. Coffee Mugs
- c. Drink Koozies
- d. Hats
- e. National Sojourners Centennial Commemorative Challenge Coin (see notional design on inside of back cover – page 31)
- f. Etc.

9.2 HOW TO ORDER: Refer to the website under Centennial Celebration in the National Resources Area of The Sojourner Only Section for additional information and order information/instructions.



APPENDICIES

10.1 SOJOURNER CENTENNIAL MEDAL APPLICATION FORM

**10.2 CHAPTER COMBINED CENTENNIAL STATUS STREAMER & MEMBERSHIP
GOAL STREAMER APPLICATION FORM**

10.3 CHAPTER CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP GOAL STREAMER APPLICATION FORM

10.4 SOJOURNER CENTENNIAL CLUB DONATION FORM

10.5 SOJOURNER DONOR MEDAL WITH CENTENNIAL BAR APPLICATION FORM

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SOJOURNER CENTENNIAL MEDAL APPLICATION FORM

DATE OF APPLICATION						
CHAPTER NAME						
CHAPTER NUMBER						
NAME						
ADDRESS						
OPTION COMPLETED	2018 ANC NORFOLK PARA 7.2	CHAPTER EVENT PARA 5.2	AREA/REG EVENT PARA 6.2	2019 ANC OMAHA PARA 7.4	DONATION SECTION 8 SEE NOTES BELOW	AT LEAST 1 MMIP PURCHASE PARA 4.3
A						
B1						
B2						
C						

INSTRUCTIONS: COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL HQ by NLT 15 MAY (POSTMARK/EMAIL DATE)

NOTES:

OPTION	REQUIRED CENTENNIAL DONATION
A	PRESIDENT'S CLUB \$100 LEVEL or ABOVE PAID PLEDGE
B1	HEROES' CLUB \$500 LEVEL or above PAID PLEDGE
B2	HEROES' CLUB \$500 LEVEL or above PAID PLEDGE
C	PATRIOT'S CLUB \$1000 LEVEL or above PAID PLEDGE

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REV: 3NOV2017

CHAPTER CENTENNIAL STATUS STREAMER & MEMBERSHIP GOAL STREAMER APPLICATION FORM

DATE OF APPLICATION			
CHAPTER NAME			
CHAPTER NUMBER			
SECRETARY NAME			
CHAPTER PRESIDENT SIGNATURE			
CRITERION	TOOL KIT REF	COMPLETE DATE	ADDED DATA
Appoint a Chapter Centennial Manager	Para 5.1		NAME OF MANAGER
Planning /hold a Centennial Chapter Meeting	Para 5.2		
Conduct a Centennial Heroes Encampment event or special activity	Para 5.3		
Participate in a REGIONAL/AREA event	Para 5.4		
Send at least one representative to the Centennial ANC Kick-off in Norfolk	Para 5.4		NAME OF REP
Send at least one representative to the Centennial ANC "Birthday Bash" in Omaha	Para 5.4		NAME OF REP
Place a Souvenir Book Ad of any size for the Centennial Kickoff 2018 ANC	Para 5.5		
Place a Souvenir Book Ad of any size for the Birthday Bash 2019 ANC	Para 5.5		
Promote the Centennial Club at two separate chapter meetings	Para 5.6		DATE OF TWO CHAPTER MEETINGS
Make at least 5 new active Sojourners	Para 5.7		NAME OF 5 NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS
Plan and present to at least three Blue Lodges a framed Toast to the Flag poster	Para 5.8		NAME/NUMBER OF LODGES
Submitting a Centennial Report to the National HQ by not later than 15 May 2019 (Postmark/Email date)	Para 5.9		

INSTRUCTIONS: COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL HQ by NLT 15 MAY (POSTMARK/EMAIL DATE)

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CHAPTER CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP GOAL STEAMER APPLICATION FORM

DATE OF APPLICATION			
CHAPTER NAME			
CHAPTER NUMBER			
SECRETARY NAME			
CHAPTER PRESIDENT SIGNATURE			
CRITERION	TOOL KIT REF	COMPLETE DATE	ADDED DATA
Make at least 5 new active Sojourners	Para 5.7		NAME OF 5 NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS

INSTRUCTIONS: COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL HQ by NLT 15 MAY (POSTMARK/EMAIL DATE)

APPENDIX 10-3

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SOJOURNER CENTENNIAL CLUB DONATION FORM

I hereby make the following Centennial Club donation:				
CLUB	LEVEL	ONE-TIME GIFT AMOUNT	INSTALLMENT GIFT AMOUNT [5 ANNUAL EQUAL PAYMENTS*]	PLEDGE AMOUNT [INVOICE ME]
SELECT AND WRITE TOTAL CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT IN ONLY ONE SPACE BELOW AND IN BOX [A]				
PATRIOT'S	\$1000 or more one time gift			
HEROES'	\$500 or more one time gift			
PRESIDENT'S	\$100 or more one time gift			
PAYMENT ENCLOSED Make check payable to "National Sojourners – NAME OF FUND"		100% of GIFT	20% of GIFT	100% of GIFT

* FOLLOWING INITIAL PAYMENT YOU WILL BE INVOICED ANNUALLY FOR SOJOURNER YEARS 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 WITH FINAL PAYMENTS DUE NOT LATER THAN 1 SEPTEMBER 2023.

IMPORTANT – YOUR DONATION MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY NOT LATER THEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2019 TO EARN THE DONOR MEDAL WITH CENTENNIAL BAR --- AFTER THAT DATE ONLY THE DONOR MEDAL MAY BE EARNED

ALLOCATE MY CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUNDS LISTED BELOW	
FUND	AMOUNT (\$)
GENERAL	
TRUST	
SEM	
FAMB	
THOMPSON	
LINN	
HOUGHTON	
KNOLL	
HISTORY	
WAINWRIGHT	
SAEF	
CLMA	
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION	BOX [A]

PLEASE INDICATE THE NAMES OF THOSE YOU WISH TO HONOR OR REMEMBER BELOW
IN HONOR OF:
IN MEMORY OF:

IF AN SAEF FUND AMOUNT IS ALLOCATED, PLEASE INDICATE IF THE AMOUNT IS DESIGNATED FOR CHAPTER YLC SCHOLARSHIP USE OR UNDESIGNATED	
IF DESIGNATED, WRITE CHAPTER NUMBER IN BLOCK AT RIGHT	
IF UNDESIGNATED CHECK BLOCK AT RIGHT	

DESIGNATED FUNDS MAY ONLY BE USED TO SUPPORT YLC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE NOTED CHAPTER. UNDESIGNATED FUNDS MAY USED FOR ANY AMERICANISM PROGRAM

INSTRUCTIONS: COMPLETE FORM, AND MAIL WITH CHECK TO NATIONAL HQ,
ATTN: NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

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SOJOURNER DONOR MEDAL WITH CENTENNIAL BAR APPLICATION FORM

I certify that I have paid in full a donation to one or more National Sojourners funds totaling \$1,000 or more during the period 23 June 2018 through 1 September 2019 thereby entitling me to proudly wear the Sojourner DONOR MEDAL with CENTENNIAL BAR. Please send my medal to the address below.

DATE OF APPLICATION	
CHAPTER NAME	
CHAPTER NUMBER	
NAME	
ADDRESS	
SIGNATURE	

INDSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the application above and mail or email to the National HQ, ATTN: National Secretary-Treasurer.

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National Sojourners Centennial Commemorative Challenge Coin (NOTIONAL DESIGN)



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OFFICIAL CENTENNIAL LOGO