U.S. UNIFORMED SERVICES

14 JUN 1775

13 OCT 1775

10 NOV 1775

04 AUG 1790

18 SEP 1947

20 DEC 2019

04 JAN 1889

22 MAY 1917

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in National Sojourners is open to citizens of the United States who are Master Masons in good standing in any duly constituted Lodge of Master Masons recognized by, and maintaining fraternal relations with, a majority of the Regular Grand Lodges in the United States and who are serving, or have served honorably, as members of the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, Space Force, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service or the Commissioned Officer Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in the Active or Reserve Component, the regular or volunteer National Guard, or State Regulated Militia (SDF) or those who have been considered and approved for Honorary membership.

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NATIONAL SOJOURNERS® INCORPORATED

Proudly Serving The Cause Of Patriotism

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

PURPOSES

The Purposes of National Sojourners®, Inc. shall be to organize current and former members of the uniformed services 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 services of the United States (past and present) in a united effort to further the military needs of national defense, and for opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the national security.

PRONOUNCEMENT

National Sojourners believe in God as the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

We hold that political, economic, and social problems are subsidiary to and ever separate from that steadfast belief in God.

We maintain that God must motivate man, if present day problems are to be solved, and we urge active participation in maintaining that Government for which our forefathers fought.

Sojourners, remember that George Washington once said, **"When we assumed the soldier, we did not lay aside the citizen."**

HISTORY

National Sojourners®, Inc., has an unequaled Centennial history. Born of wartime requirements, the desire of displaced military Masons to seek each other's company, counsel, and aid continued to nurture the Order. Early in 1900, after the North Dakota Regiment departed the Philippines with its Field Lodge dispensation a group of Masons organized an informal club and named it "Sojourners."

In 1901, these Sojourners chartered Manila Lodge under the Grand Lodge of California. Captain Harry E. Stafford, 33°, an original Sojourner, was Chartering Master of Manila Lodge, and in 1913 he became the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

The Philippine "Sojourners" resurfaced in 1907, open to Masons who were not members of local Lodges. Within a year, it had 174 members from the U.S. and eight other countries. Many Philippine Sojourners eventually returned to the U.S. In 1917, a group of Masonic military officers stationed in Chicago organized the "Sojourners Club."

Sojourners Club, originally composed of U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and Coast and Geodetic Survey Officers (1917), began chartering Chapters on or near Army posts and Naval bases (1918), became National Sojourners Club (1919), became National Sojourners (1927), became National Sojourners, Incorporated (1931), added Air Force (1948), and added Space Force (2021).

National Sojourners efforts focus on Americanism and Masonic activities. Patriotic activities include presentations, flag ceremonies, and other programs on national security and love of country, with focus on Youth. Our Bridge of Light Program directly supports Masonry by involving Sojourners in all Masonic activities, especially Blue Lodges.

PROGRAMS

AMERICANISM
ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST
ROTC AWARDS
JROTC AWARDS

BRIDGE OF LIGHT
MASONIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS
COLONIAL LADIES AT THE TABLE
BUILDING THE FLAG PROGRAM
SERVICE FLAGS PROGRAM
HISTORIC FLAGS PROGRAM
LODGE OF MILITARY TRIBUTE

SPIRIT OF AMERICA EDUCATION FOUNDATION
FREEDOM'S FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE
YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES

HEROES OF '76 COLOR GUARDS

We also support the following Youth Organizations:

DeMOLAY
JOB'S DAUGHTERS
RAINBOW GIRLS
BOY & GIRL SCOUTS
JROTC & ROTC

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS®, INC.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NATIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY: Member #: MIP #: Date Received:

DATE: _____

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER: Garden State Chapter #348 / Fort Dix McGuire AFB Club #284

The applicant represents, on his honor, that he is a Master Mason in good standing in a duly constituted Lodge of Master Masons working under the Grand Lodge of _____, is a U. S. citizen, and that he is now, or has served honorably as a member of the Uniformed Services of the United States in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, Space Force, Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service or Commissioned Officer Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the regular or volunteer National Guard or State Regulated Militia (SDF) or will be an Honorary member and hereby applies for membership in National Sojourners, Inc. (Membership types are defined in ARTICLE III of the *National Constitution* of the *National Constitution and Bylaws*)

Name (print in full):	**Rank (e.g. SGT or LT or COL)** Do NOT use rates or paygrades e.g. E5 or O3	**MILITARY SERVICE STATUS** Active Component / Reserve Component / National Guard ☐ OR Retired Military ☐
Service Branch:	**Birth Date:**	**U. S. Citizen**: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Mailing address:
(Please use zip+4)

Office Phone (include area code):	**Cell Phone** (include area code):	**Home/Quarters Phone** (include area code):
Email address: (For Sojourner Communications)		**Wife's name**:

MASONIC HISTORY

Member of Lodge (Name, number and State):	**(HONORARY Only) Elected Grand Lodge Officer (EGLO) Title**:
Have you ever held membership in this or any other chapter of National Sojourners, Inc.? Yes ☐ No ☐	**If answer is "YES", please list chapter name and number**:

Reason for severing relations with old Chapter (if applicable):

Is this a Reinstatement? Yes ☐ No ☐

Sojourners Endowment Memorial Fund: Applicant wishes to also purchase a 3-6-5 Club Life Membership for $36.50. Separate check made out to SEM Fund. Yes ☐	**Sponsor's name**: James J. Colavita

FOR CHAPTER SECRETARY USE FOR CERTIFICATION

This form is being used for:

Initiation: ☐ **Re-instatement**: ☐ **Dues to MIP conversion**: ☐ **Club Membership**: ☐ (Our Chapter sponsors a Club)

In accordance with Article III of the *National Bylaws* of the *National Constitution and Bylaws*, I hereby certify the applicant is qualified for membership in National Sojourners, Inc. The fees shown below are required to be paid before the application is processed!

Secretary Name: _____ Date: _____

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Date of Initiation: _____

Once this petition is received you will automatically be invoiced by the National Office with payment instructions and options.

All applicants must be initiated first.

FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026!

Current Quarter Per Capita: (1Q-$37; 2Q-$37; 3Q-$23; 4Q-$15)	$_____
1st MIP ($735.00)	$_____
MMIP ($150.00)	$_____
IMMIP ($150.00)	$_____
Total:	$ 0.00

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Member Type: Active ☐ Honorary ☐ **Dues Type:** Annual Dues Payer ☐ First MIP ☐ Multiple MIP ☐ In Memoriam MIP ☐