



NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC. ST. LOUIS CHAPTER #22

"Proudly Serving the Cause of Patriotism"



February 2020

PRESIDENT Richard Nelms

No. 20-2

SAINT LOUIS 22 WEBSITE ADDRESS

["stlchapter22.org"](http://stlchapter22.org)

The February 2020 meeting of St Louis Chapter #22 will be held

Tuesday February 18, 2020

AT

Tuesday February 19TH, at:
TUSCAN MASONIC TEMPLE
5015 WESTMINISTER PLACE
SAINT LOUIS MO

LOCATED AT KINGSHIGHWAY
AND WESTMINISTER PL.

**Please arrive by 5:45 for fellowship
DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:00 PM**

**Please make your reservations by
FRIDAY, February 14TH before
12:00pm**

**THIS IS A MUST TO LET GIVE THE
LODGE A COUNT**

Please contact:

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NOTE THE PHONE NUMBER

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President's Message February 2020



Each month continues to make me proud to be a Sojourner. Good meeting, good food, good fellowship. I am so happy to see so many wives/girlfriends present.

Certainly, makes for a more fun meeting. Not just a dull old guy thing. I thank you ladies for your attendance and input. Thanks again to all in attendance. If

anyone knows someone that could be a potential member please invite them to attend one of our meetings. Hopefully we can impress them enough to participate. I feel like our guest speaker John Kellogg from the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight hit a home run. I was more than obvious the John was very passionate about the services that his organization provides to our Veterans. I think he has convinced some of us to greet an incoming flight or two in the future. If anyone is interested please let me know and I can sign us up as a group. I talked with John recently. He told me the first flight was Tuesday March 3 arriving at 8:05 pm. I also have the schedule for the first 7 flights. He would be happy to have us participate. He said he was looking to enthusiastic loud cheerers. What a great way for us to spotlight our chapter.

We discussed going to the war memorial replica in Perryville. It looks like several folks are interested and it also seems as though a Saturday day trip is preferred. We will work on that and get as much information out as soon as possible. Thanks for the interest.

February reminder: Our next meeting will be at Tuscan Lodge in the Central West End on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 to celebrate President's Day. So, wear you Harry Truman bowtie and George Washington skivvies and plan to attend. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Nelms, President
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The Purposes of the National Sojourners shall be to organize those current and former members of the uniformed forces 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.



HEROES OF 76



Commander's Message



Brethren & Heroes:

Heroes,

No major activity to report for January except it was

cold and occasionally snowy. We have set a date for our next Bivouac. Put Saturday, February 15th, on your calendar. Come join us for the Bivouac. The more Heroes present, the better the Degree!

Terry Shofner
Terry Shofner, Commander

Meeting minutes of January 10, 2020

The President asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country, there were 29 members and guests present.

The meeting was opened by Richard Nelms President, assisted by Terry Shofner opening the bible and giving the prayer and Dan Hogan giving the Purposes. The President then paused the meeting since dinner was served promptly at 7:00.

When desert was finished Richard introduced Mr. John Kellogg representing Missouri Honor Flight for the Saint Louis area. His talk was very interesting and emphasized the dedication of the volunteers who work on the program and the enthusiasm of the area to support the program. Richard then presented our guest speaker with a donation to the program, a Certificate of appreciation and one of our coins Richard ask for approval of the minutes which were published in the newsletter. He then ask the treasure for his report and both were approved as presented. The President then ask Dan Hogan, Peter Cauchon, Jeffrey Parrotte, and Terry Shofner to come forward for a candle light service for William Stephenson who passed away. Brother Bill was a long-time member and a very respected member of the Fraternity. The Commander then announced a bivouac to be held in February on a date the Scottish Rite is available. Richard then thanked everyone for their kindness and giving to the collection of items for the patients at the V.A...

He then throughout to the floor a question of who would be interested in going to the Wall at Perryville on a weekend as a group trip and with lots of interest he will look into the possibilities.

Pete discussed the ROTC awards and the presentations; the letters have been mailed to the schools now waiting for responses. He also mentioned the Heroes will be 100 year in existence in 2022 so we need to keep this in our thoughts. No more business appearing the President closed the meeting.

Fraternally

Dennis E. Fetter
Dennis E. Fetter, Secretary



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"Masonic Fraternal Organization of Current and Former members of the Uniformed Services of the United States "

Our days in the Uniformed Services helped to make us the Men we are today. If you miss the connection and comradely of your time in the uniformed services there is a solution – join the National Sojourners.

National Sojourners has an unequaled military Masonic history. Born of the requirements of wartime, the Order has been nurtured by the desire of military Masons to seek each other's company, counsel and aid. As Sojourners we re-affirm our responsibilities to our Brothers, our Fraternity and our Nation. In the absence of local Blue Lodges, Sojourner Chapters replaced the military Lodges of the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries. Sojourner actions have been directly responsible for chartering numerous Blue Lodges and other Masonic bodies worldwide.

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At each monthly meeting:

- A meal is served (we all love food)
- An update is given on Important Activities like the Annual Awards Presentations to High School ROTC students, Veteran Hospital visitations, Soldier gift boxes / welcome home bags and the Spirit of America Youth Program
- A report from the Commander of the Heroes of 76 is given on Historic Flag presentations, Color guard activities, Retirement of Flags and other presentation that occurred in the last month
- An informative presentation is given on current military affairs, military history, the purpose and doings of other organizations like DAR, other presentations pertinent to the times and information on current benefits offered by the US Government and other organizations.
- And of course, there is time set aside for members to chat about their military history and current activities

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

If you are interested in joining us contact one of the following members and they will help you find the nearest Sojourners Chapter.

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