

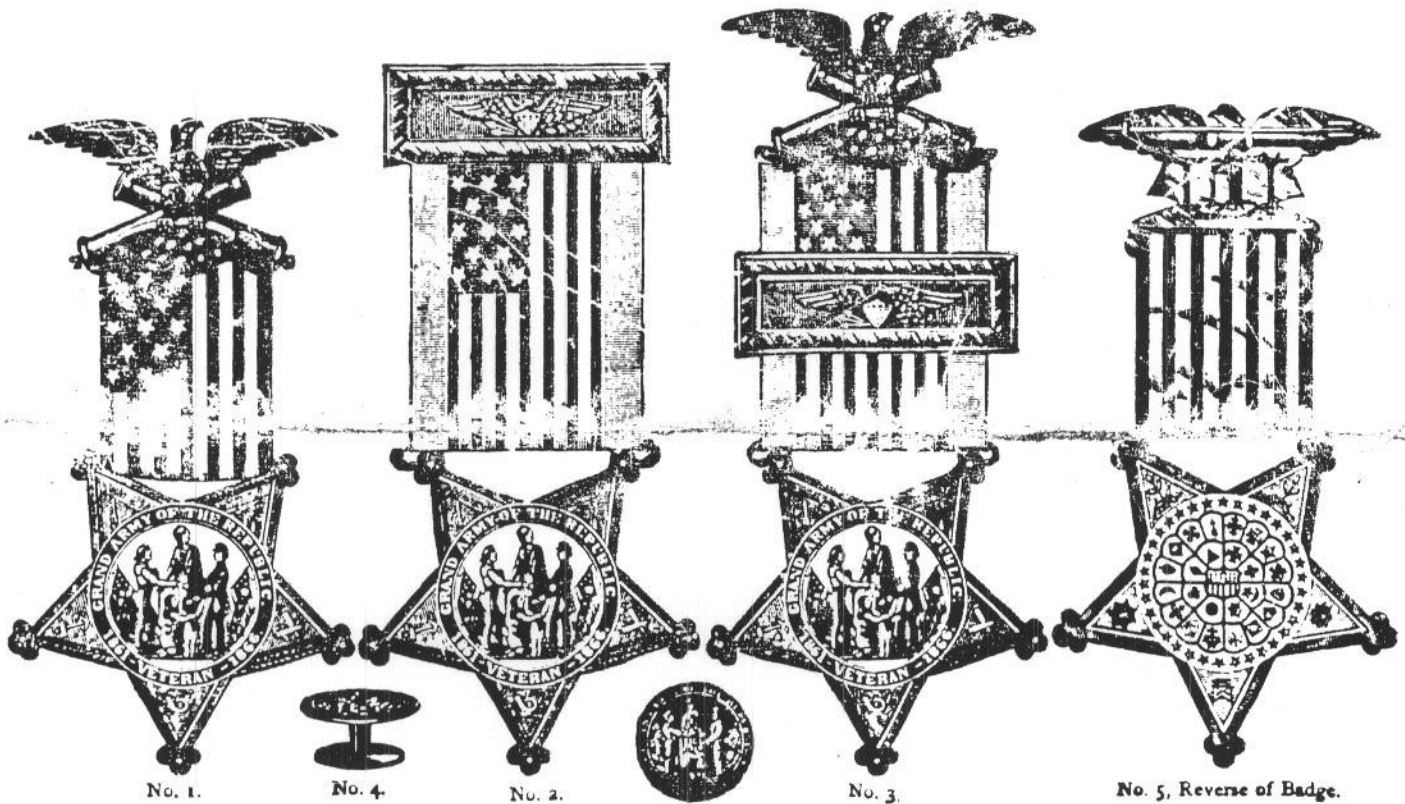


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CHAPTER 5 ARTICLE 9 Uniforms & Badges

GENERAL PROVISIONS relative to the Grand Army badge and button. Both are protected by letters patent for the exclusive use of the Grand Army of the Republic.

1. The special session of the National Encampment held in New York City, October 27, 1869, adopted the following:

*Resolved*, That the design of the badge submitted by the National Council of Administration be adopted, and that the badges shall be cast from bronze composed of cannon captured during the late rebellion.

2. The Encampment at Portland, 1885, considered a change for the reverse of the badge by adding to the clasp the device of a campfire and fire, and by adding on the star corps marks for Sheridan's Cavalry, Wilson's Cavalry, and Hancock's Veteran Corps. These were formally adopted by the National Encampment at San Francisco, 1886.

3. The following was adopted by the National Encampment at Milwaukee, 1889:

*Resolved*, That the anchor be permitted to be worn by men who served in the navy, below the rank strap over the flag, thereby designating the branch of service in which they were

4. The following were adopted relative to the purchase or sale of badges:

*Resolved*, That the purchase of badges or other Grand Army of the Republic supplies by any Post or Post officers from any other person or source than through the regular channels from Department or National Head-quarters shall be a proper cause for the suspension of said Post, and for revoking the charter.

*Resolved*, That the Commander-in-Chief is hereby requested to direct charges to be preferred and prosecuted to trial against any member of the Grand Army of the Republic who manufactures or sells official or membership badges without the consent of the National Council of Administration, and that the Commander-in-Chief be directed to issue an order embodying these resolutions.

5. Resolution of National Encampment, page 147 (*Journal*, 1884):

*Resolved*, That the giving of the regulation badge to persons unauthorized to wear it is impolitic, productive of evil to the Order, and is emphatically condemned.



# 3BN-GAR COLUMN

A REGULAR COLUMN SHARING  
THE RESEARCH OF THE EARLY  
GAR ORGANIZATION & EMBLEM

When I talk about the early history of the G.A.R. and show slides of the first badge of the order, the question usually raised is, "What does 3BN mean?" After a short silence, I smile and say, "I don't really know what it means, I only know what it stands for." Following the mumbling in regard to the knowledge of the speaker, I try to recover. "We do know that 3BN-GAR means 'Third Battalion' Grand Army of the Republic, but as of yet do not know the exact meaning of 'Third Battalion', with reference materials to prove it"

The reference material in regard to 3BN, and the only reference ever found, is in *The History of George Meade Post No. One, Dept. of Penn., GAR*, published in Phila, 1889. Both David Klinepeter and I found copies, his at the State of Pennsylvania Library and mine in the Library of Congress. The history of the post was privately printed, and limited to 200 copies. It reads as follows:

### THE BADGE

The first badge adopted was a shield, upon which was engraved the insignia of the different arms of the army, the navy, and flags; also the letters 3. B. N. — G. A. R., meaning "Third Battalion" Grand Army of the Republic. See Cut No. 1 on opposite page. [Below]



## 1st. ENCAMPMENT of GAR COLLECTORS & HISTORIANS

Its time to make your plans for the first GAR show, to be held during the Ohio Civil War Relic and Collectors Show. A GAR area of tables is being set aside. Send in your table reservations early, using the form on page 12. If last years show will be any indication, trading will be a major feature. Be prepared to bring trade materials. The schedule will be printed in its final version in the next newsletter. The tentative schedule is:

Friday April 24	Set up 6:00 - 9:00
Saturday April 25	Show hours 9:00 - 5:00
	GAR program- Slide show featuring major GAR collections and GAR historic sites. & 7:30 - 9:00

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### G.A.R. HALL REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Forms are enclosed with this issue for the registration of existing halls. Register the halls in your home town and surrounding areas. Copy more forms for registering halls found as you travel. We will print updating material on the registration progress every other issue. Questions, correspondence, and forms may be sent to: Robert C. Marcotte, P.O. Box 3303, Peabody, Mass. 01960.

### PROJECTS - Post Registration

More volunteers are needed to complete a listing of Posts within each Department. This would include charter date, largest number of members, closing date, and interesting facts on the post. Departments taken so far:

Massachusetts	—	Hank McGonagle
Illinois	—	Earl Bartholomew
Michigan	—	Warren Barber III

### PREVIEW OF FUTURE ISSUES

Articles from Jay S. Hoar's new work, "Sunset and Dust of the the Blue and Gray" will be a regular feature starting with the next issue. Mr. Hoar has been researching this material for many years, & it is a most interesting area of the long history of the Civil War veterans.

Abbott Gibney, outstanding writer of Civil War material, will be joining the Great Republic. He will be providing articles on a regular basis.

# BOOK REVIEWS

VETERANS IN POLITICS, The Story of the G.A.R., by  
Mary Dearing, Louisiana State University Press, Baton  
Rouge, 1952.

Out of Print.

## Veterans in Politics

The Story of the G.A.R.

by

Mary R. Dearing



LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY PRESS

Baton Rouge

The G.A.R. was an organization that changed throughout its long history from 1866 to 1949. The story of the early history of the GAR was written over and over from the "Standard founding story". For the best insight into what probably really happened, a reconstructed view is presented in "Veterans in Politics". After 20 years from its publication this book is being discovered by many as a fresh viewpoint.

A vast amount of research has been done in preparing the

book and the bibliographical notes are a fine resource in itself. The history of the GAR is scattered throughout the country, so that any direction and listing of resources is a welcome sight to historians.

Chapters include, "The Army Vote, A Debt of Gratitude, The Grand Army of the Republican Party, Veterans and the Election of 1868, and the Patriotic Mission", among others. Footnotes within these chapters point to the massive amount of research done.

The most interesting view is of B.F. Stephenson and his roll in the founding of the GAR. Ms. Dearing writes, "Ready to the hand of these ambitious politicians was Dr. Stephenson, erstwhile surgeon of the Fourteenth Illinois Infantry. Returning from the field to Illinois in June, 1864, he had joined a firm of druggists; and a year later he formed a partnership with two doctors, one of them an active Republican. Although popular, Stephenson was never a purposeful practitioner. He dabbled in local politics and soon became a political errand boy in Springfield.

The doctor kept his political activities secret, hoping that no one would suspect his ulterior motives in forming a veterans' society or realize that Oglesby and Logan were instrumental in its organization. Quite possibly Stephenson did plan in camp a great benevolent veterans' society. When the doctor actually took steps to found the organization, however, he was merely the tool of others. His report in January, 1868, to General Logan indicates his reasons for deception:

I have about a Dozen calls daily to know what the G.A.R. is going to do in the coming contest and My invariable reply is "The G. A.R. is not political" and I have retired from politics myself and Know Nothing. In this Way I get into the secrets of all and disgorge to none..... I will General Keep you posted on the internal Workings of the Capitol for I will be on the inside of Every ring without anyone Suspecting that I take any interest in it ..... I have been too long a politician to not Know how to keep my secrets. <sup>10</sup>

Stephenson, then, was merely the obstetrician who presided at the delivery of the Grand Army of the Republic from the womb of Illinois politics. Although Governor Oglesby did not parade his parentage, there can be little doubt that the society was his offspring."

That little excerpt should get any red blooded G. A.R. aficionado into his favorite used bookstore. "Veterans in Politics" should be found in the \$5.00 to \$10.00 range, and at that price is an outstanding buy. Find your copy soon, before everyone finds out what a treasure this book is, and the price goes the way of the Civil War regimentals.

The final lines of the book are from a poem, "Last of the G.A.R." written in 1916 by Mary Dearing's father, Frederick Rulkotter, for his father, Comm. of Lytle Post 147, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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## EARLY RITUAL FROM PHILADELPHIA ENCAMPMENT

Early regulations from the 1866 period have been saved by many archives and GAR historians, but the "Ritual" of 1868 adopted in the Encampment in Philadelphia is very rarely id or even reprinted in GAR histories. Because this 1868 "Ritual" is so important it has been reprinted completely. This original item is in the collection of the publisher.

# RITUAL

## Grand Army of the Republic.

ADOPTED IN GENERAL CONVENTION

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.,

JANUARY 17th, 1868.

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

PHILADELPHIA:  
MERRIHEW & SON, PRINTERS,  
243 Arch Street, below Third.  
1868.

### POSITION OF OFFICERS.

The position of officers shall be as follows:

*Commander*—At the head of the Encampment.

*Senior Vice-Commander*—At the end of the hall, opposite to the Commander.

*Junior Vice-Commander*—At the centre of the right flank.

*Chaplain*—At the centre of the left flank.

*Adjutant*—Three paces to the right, and one pace in advance of the Commander.

*Quartermaster*—Three paces to the left, and one pace in advance of the Commander.

*Surgeon*—On the left of the Commander.

*Officer of the Day*—One pace to the right, and one pace in front of the Commander.

*Officer of the Guard*—One pace to the right, and one pace in front of the Senior Vice-Commander.

Department or Past Post Commanders present will occupy positions on the right of the Post Commander.

### INSTRUCTIONS IN THE USE OF THE GAVEL.

One rap will demand silence, and seat the Post when standing.

Two raps will call up the Officers.

Three raps will call up the whole Post.

### OPENING.

At the time fixed for assembling, the Commander will take his position, and, at his direction, the assembly call will be beaten on the drum or sounded by the bugle, and the officers will take their positions, wearing their side arms.

The Adjutant will then detail a firing party, a guard and an orderly for the Officer of the Day.

The Officer of the Day then says:—

Comrade Officer of the Guard, an Encampment of

Post No. —, of the Department of —, of the Grand Army of the Republic, has been ordered here for duty. Are the approaches to our Camp duly guarded?

*Officer of the Guard*.—Comrade Officer of the Day, I will make examination and report.

The Officer of the Guard will then station a Sentinel at the outpost, with instructions to detain all persons approaching him without the National Password.

He will also station a Sentinel at the reserve, and instruct him to suffer no one but the members of the Post to enter the Encampment without the orders of the Commander—to receive from each member the Post countersign, and to report to the Commander all persons at the Reserve who are without the Post countersign.

The O. G. will then resume his position, salute the O. D. and report:

Comrade, the Camp is securely guarded.

Commander to O. D.:

What is this assembly?

O. D. salutes and replies:

An Encampment of Post No. —, of the Department of —, Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander answers salute and inquires:

Have all present been duly enlisted?

O. D.—I will make the Grand Rounds and report.

The O. D., commencing on the right, makes the rounds—receiving the National Password from each one present—and reports:

I find all present to be true and trusty comrades.

The Commander then commands, "Attention!" when the comrades rise and salute. He then commands, "Parade Rest!" and the Chaplain invokes the Divine benediction. At its close, the comrades will resume their seats at the sound of the gavel.

The Commander then says:

I declare this Encampment duly convened for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Calling the roll of officers.
2. Reading the records of the last meeting.
3. Report of the Quartermaster of receipts and disbursements since the last meeting.
4. Reports of the Examining Committees.
5. Balloting upon applications for membership, recommended by said committees.
6. Receiving and referring new applications for enlistment.
7. Mustering of recruits.
8. New business.

### MUSTERING OF RECRUITS.

Commander to Junior Vice-Commander:

*Com.*—Comrade Junior Vice-Commander, this night we again advance our lines. Let us be assured that the movement will be successful and permanent. To you will be intrusted the proper execution of the details.

*J. V. C.*—Sir Commander, it will be my pride to have done such honorable service.

Commander to Junior Vice-Commander:

*Com.*—Inspect the outposts, and see that every comrade is vigilant, and report before tattoo for further orders.

*Adjt.*—The Commander of this Post directs that you conduct your charge immediately before him.

The O. D. then directs the O. G. to follow with the escort guiding the recruits, and enters the Camp. At the centre of the Camp he is challenged by a sentinel stationed in front of the Junior Vice-Commander. Giving the national countersign, he passes to another sentinel stationed in front of the Commander, and being there challenged again, gives the countersign. Passing to the Senior Vice-Commander, that officer challenges:

*S. V. C.*—Who comes there?

*O. D.*—Officer of the Day with recruits to be mustered.

*S. V. C.*—Have they been properly examined and found worthy?

*O. D.*—They have been carefully questioned, their past life examined, and their enlistment and muster recommended.

*S. V. C.*—Too much caution cannot be observed in the introduction of strangers. The enemy are seeking opportunities to learn our mysteries. But the punishment of spies and traitors is swift and their detection sure. What evidence have you that these men are true to our sacred cause?

*O. D.*—Their history is written in our archives, and their answers, on examination, are in accordance therewith. Here is the proof of their honorable service and discharge. [*Showing their discharges.*]

*S. V. C.*—It is sufficient. You will at once conduct them to the Commander of the Post. But remember, ever, that *Traitors SHALL be punished!*

The whole Encampment responds:—

*The Penalty of Treason is DEATH!*

The Officer of the Day then commands—*Forward MARCH!* conducts the recruits forward past the centre of the room, files to the right across the room near to the coffin, halts them, and the Adjutant commands:—

*Adjt.*—Attention, Guard! Shoulder arms! Ready! Aim!

The Officer of the Day commands quickly:—

*O. D.*—Hold! these are loyal Soldiers of the Republic, seeking the quarters of the Commander of the Post.

The Adjutant then commands:—

*Adjt.*—Recover arms! Shoulder arms! Order arms!

The Commander then demands:—

*Com.*—Whom have you there?

*O. D.*—SIR: I present these men as recruits for enlistment in the Grand Army of the Republic.

*Com.*—Whence do they come?

*O. D.*—They were found near our outer lines, inquiring the way to our Camp.

*Com.*—What evidence have you that they are what they claim to be?

*O. D.*—They have taken the test, and passed a satisfactory examination.

*Sen. Vice-Com.*—They have presented a good record, sustained by the evidence of the rolls.

*Com.*—With all these vouchers in your favor, there can be no hesitation in receiving you fully

into the ranks of the Grand Army. But before intrusting you with the secrets of our organization, we require of you, as we have required of all, that you take upon you the obligations by which are united in solemn covenant all members of this great association. Having gone thus far, are you still willing to proceed?

*Each Recruit.*—I am.

They are then instructed by the guard to kneel in front of the altar—place the left hand on the crossed swords and the Bible—raise the right hand, pointing upward. The Adjutant will then direct them to pronounce their names and repeat after him:

I do solemnly swear, in presence of Almighty God, and these witnesses, my former companions in arms, that I will never, under any pretense, nor for any purpose whatever, expose the secrets of this Encampment. That I will never make known, or cause to be made known, any of the hidden mysteries, work, or ritual of this band of comrades, whereby the same may come to the knowledge of the uninitiated. I do further solemnly swear, that I will never wrong a soldier or his family, nor suffer others to wrong them, if in my power to prevent it; but that I will, on all occasions, when not inconsistent with the duty I owe to God, my country, and myself, assist him and his family. That I will sustain for all offices of trust and profit, other things being equal, the Citizen Soldier of the Republic. I do further swear, that I will yield implicit obedience to the Encampment of which I may be a member, and to the lawful rules and orders of the Grand Encampment, to which this is subordinate; and I further promise and declare, that should any books or papers belonging to this Encampment come or be placed in my hands, I will neither print nor copy, nor permit to be printed or copied, any portion thereof, except by special permission of the Grand Encampment. I do further swear, that I take this obligation upon myself without any mental reservation or equivocation, under no less a penalty than that of being treated and punished as a Traitor by this Order. So help me God, and keep me steadfast.

The Adjutant then says:

*Adjt.*—Be firm, be true.

Several voices now exclaim:

Behold the proper reward of the perjured Traitor!

And at the same moment the heads of the recruits are uncovered, and they see before them, as they kneel, the open coffin, with spade, shovel, and usual implements used in military executions, and the Guard drawn up in front, representing a firing party. The recruits then rise, and are addressed by the Commander, who comes forward and delivers the

## CHARGE.

Comrades: You have taken a solemn oath and are enrolled in this noble army. As Commander of this Post, it is my duty to explain the necessities of such an organization and the ceremonies through which you have passed in being admitted to it.

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Six or more 25 cts. each.

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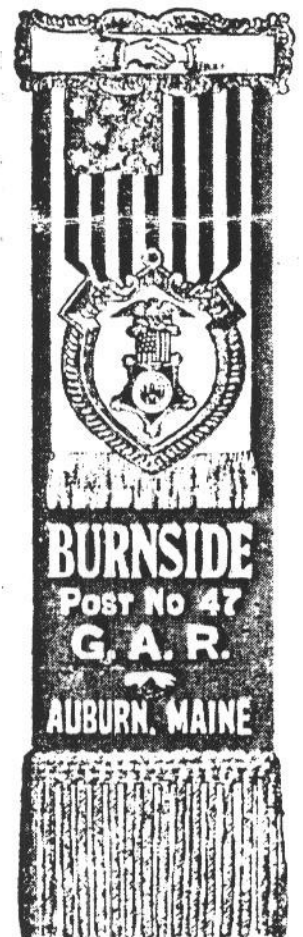


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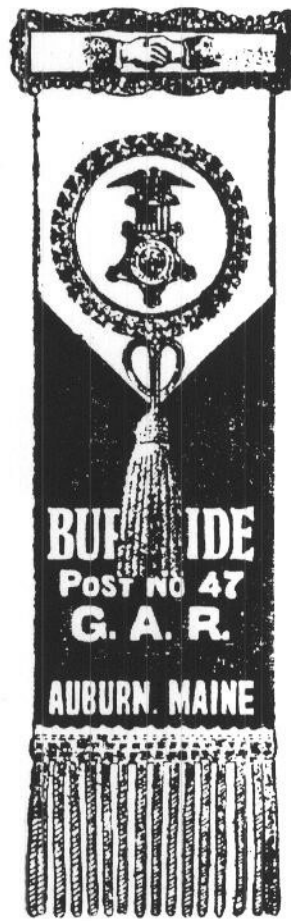


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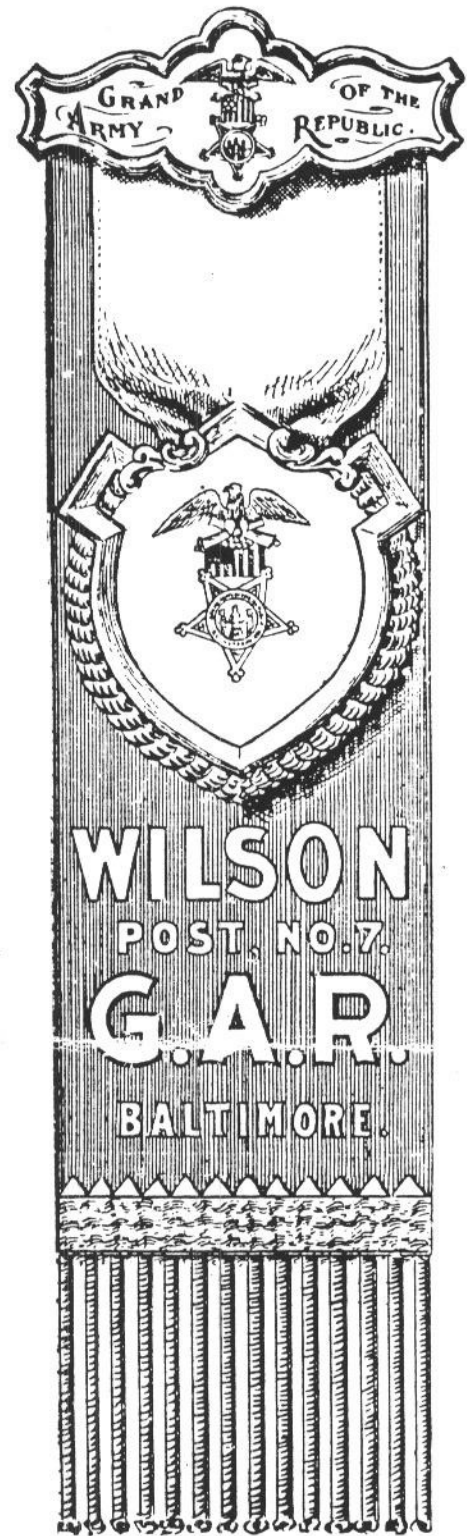
This badge is similar to No. 1613, the difference being in the shape of the medallion and also trimmed in gold bullion fringe. This is a very handsome badge and must be seen to be appreciated.

Six or more 30 cts. each.

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No. 1690  
Made of black ribbon with white edges and crossed American flags on face; the medallion at bottom bears the emblem and wording desired, and is finished at the top with our G. A. R. gilt enamel badge bar.  
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Made of black ribbon; shield suspended by white ribbon; stamping in silver. 12 or more 30 cents each.

No. 121  
This badge is made either red-white-blue or black-white-black; in the centre there is a handsome medallion bearing the emblem, and the bottom is finished with a gilt tassel; the top, is finished with our handsome gilt and enamel badge bar.  
Six or more 30cts. each.  
1/4 Actual Size.

No. 1223  
Made of black ribbon with silver lettering, the shield medallion at bottom bears the G. A. R. emblem or the portrait of the hero which your Post is named after; the top has our gilt and enamel badge bar.  
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1/4 Actual Size

No. 50  
EXACT SIZE.  
Red, White and Blue. If desired, with any wording.  
100 or more 5cts each.



The J. V. C., O. D. and O. G. then step to the centre of the room, salute the Commander, and retire beyond the reserve. Upon arriving at the outpost, if the sentinel have any recruits in charge, the O. G. will demand:

*O. G.*—Why are these men detained here?

*Sentry.*—I found them wandering near our lines without the proper pass.

*O. G.*—What is their object in approaching our lines?

*Sentry.*—They inform me that they desire to enlist in our ranks.

*O. G.* to the recruits:

*O. G.*—Is such your wish?

*Recruits.*—Sir, it is.

*O. G.*—Have you done service in the military or naval forces of our common country?

*Each Recruit.*—I have.

*O. G.*—We welcome all true soldiers, sailors and marines, and if, on examination, you are found qualified, you will be duly mustered. But before allowing you to proceed, it will be necessary to observe the usual precaution. [*The Recruits are hood-winked.*] Spies enter that they may betray. Circumspection and prudence are the first lessons we learn in the service. It is my duty to report you to the Officer of the Day.

They are then marched to the quarters of the O. D. who is found near to and in advance of the Reserve Post.

Officer of the Guard, saluting Officer of the Day, reports:

*O. G.*—Sir, these persons were found near our outposts, seeking admission to our Camp. They claim that they have done good service in the past, and have expressed a desire to enlist in the Grand Army of the Republic.

*O. D.*—Do you fully understand the objects for which this army has been enlisted?

*Each Recruit.*—I do.

*O. D.*—Are you willing to take an obligation to sustain your country's cause at all times, with your voice, your arms and your vote, and to unite with those who would secure, by all proper guarantees, the cause for which we risked our lives in the field?

*Each Recruit.*—I am.

Officer of the Day to Junior Vice-Commander:

*O. D.*—Sir, I have in charge recruits who desire to enlist in the Grand Army of the Republic. They profess a knowledge of our objects, and avow a willingness to assume the obligations of recruits.

Junior Vice-Commander to Recruits:

*J. V. C.*—Before permitting you to proceed, you are required to take an obligation of secrecy. Are you now ready to do so?

*Each Recruit.*—I am.

*J. V. C.*—You do severally declare, upon your honor as men and soldiers, in the presence of these witnesses, that you will never divulge anything you may see or hear while in this Camp, and that you will true answers make to all questions that may be propounded to you.

*Each Recruit.*—I do.

Junior Vice-Commander to Officer of the Day:

*J. V. C.*—You will examine the records and report to the Commander of the Post for instructions.

The J. V. C. returns to his position in the Encampment. The O. D. then requires of each recruit his name, age, present residence and occupation, place of nativity, the organization in which he has served, and his honorable discharge.

*O. D.*—You will remain in charge until these facts can be reported to the Commander of this Post, and his orders thereon be received.

The O. D. then approaches the inner entrance and says to his Orderly:

*O. D.*—You will report to the Adjutant that I have in charge former soldiers of the Republic—defenders of the American Union—who desire to enlist in the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Orderly turns, salutes and reports, from the Reserve:

*Orderly.*—Sir, the Officer of the Day is without having in charge former soldiers of the Republic who seek to enlist in our ranks.

The Post Adjutant turns, salutes the Commander and reports:

*Adjt.*—Sir, the Officer of the Day has approached the Reserve with recruits, and awaits your orders.

*Com.*—Have they been proposed and duly elected?

*Adjt.*—They have.

Commander to Quartermaster:

*Com.*—Have the requirements of your department been complied with?

*Q. M.*—They have.

Commander to Adjutant:

*Com.*—You will report to the Officer of the Day and ascertain if the recruits are qualified and prepared for admission.

The Adjutant goes out to the O. D., salutes and reports:

*Adjt.*—Sir, I am directed by the Commander of this Post to ascertain if you have carefully examined your charge?

*O. D.*—I have.

*Adjt.*—Are you satisfied that they have honorably and faithfully served in the military or naval forces of the Republic, and have received therefrom an honorable discharge?

*O. D.*—I am.

The Adjutant returns to the Commander, salutes and reports:

*Adjt.*—The recruits are properly qualified and prepared for admission.

*Com.*—Let the alarm be given and the Camp prepared for action.

The long roll is given on the drums, and the Post Battalion is formed by the Adjutant in two ranks facing each other. Upon the altar is placed the American flag, surmounted by the open Bible, upon which rest two crossed swords. Behind the altar rest the coffin and the usual implements of a burial party. Behind and facing the coffin a firing party will be stationed.

When the preparations are completed, the Adjutant salutes the Commander and says:

*Adjt.*—Sir, the Camp is prepared.

The Commander returns the salute, gives the command Parade Rest, and says to the Adjutant:

*Com.*—Direct the Officer of the Day to enter with his charge.

The Adjutant approaches the inner entrance to the Camp, and, the door being thrown open, says:

You were blindfolded and marched around the Encampment, to recall the dark days of rebellion; to remind you of the lonely midnight hours through which you have stood guard before the enemy, and to bring to remembrance—the battle scenes where death closed the eyes of many brave companions.

May God help us to profit by these solemn lessons.

You have not forgotten the fact that in 1861, soon after the inauguration of Abraham Lincoln as President, traitor hands were raised against the Union. Then true men, regardless of party, were aroused; and the nation awoke from that dream of peace it had so long enjoyed.

Never did a people more promptly vindicate their loyalty: never was a country so severely or causelessly tested.

Our fathers had demonstrated that man was capable of self-government, and they had given us a Constitution which secured all the blessings of freedom. Traitors raised their hands to destroy,—you and I to protect.

But let us now turn from the gloomy past to the hopeful and glorious future. The organization in which you have been enrolled has four distinct objects, all of the highest importance:

1. To preserve fraternal feelings among those who have been brothers in arms.

2. To assist the families of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, and to educate their children.

3. To aid returned soldiers, sailors and marines in obtaining honorable employment, and secure for them their proper position in the community.

4. To choose for our rulers honest and loyal men, pledged to secure to the nation in peace that for which we fought in war.

These are the principles of our organization, and may God, the great Commander of all, guard and protect this order and all its members, and aid us in His infinite wisdom.

The Commander will then proceed, with the assistance of the Adjutant, to instruct the recruits in the signs and grips—after which the Commander will return to his position, and before resuming his position will make the following announcement:—

*Com.*—Comrades, you have passed through the ceremony of Muster, and I now greet you as members of the Grand Army of the Republic. You will now take your seats in this Encampment.

#### CLOSING CEREMONIES.

*Com.*—Attention, Post!

(Comrades will come to the position of "Attention," and salute.)

*Com.*—Comrades, our labor for this night is done. We part—but only, God willing—to meet again.

*Comrades.*—Amen.

*Com.*—I now declare this Encampment closed until — o'clock, next — evening, when we will again assemble here.

Right and Left face! Break ranks! March!

HEAD-QUARTERS G. A. R.,  
Washington, D. C.

It is enjoined upon Post Commanders to take care that the Muster-in ceremonies are carefully studied, and, so far as possible, memorized by all who participate.

No comrade will be permitted to print the Ritual for any purpose except by special permission of the Commander-in-chief.

As soon as this Ritual is furnished a Post, the Commander will destroy the one formerly in use.

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By order of the Commander-in-Chief.

N. P. CHIPMAN,  
Adjutant-General.



GENERAL JAMES SHAW, JR.



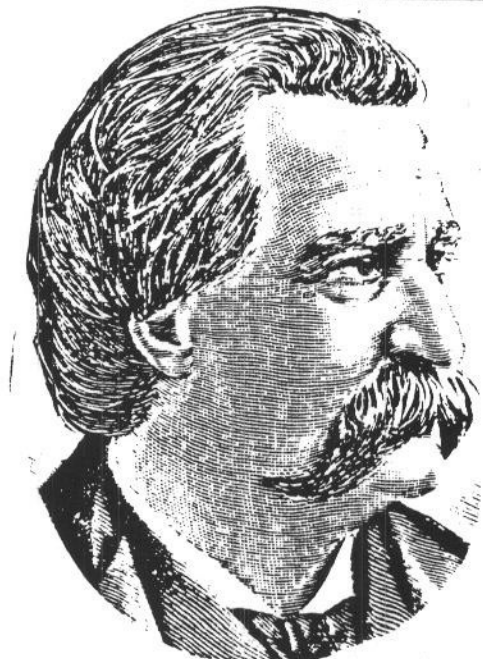
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From Beath's History regarding the Ritual.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

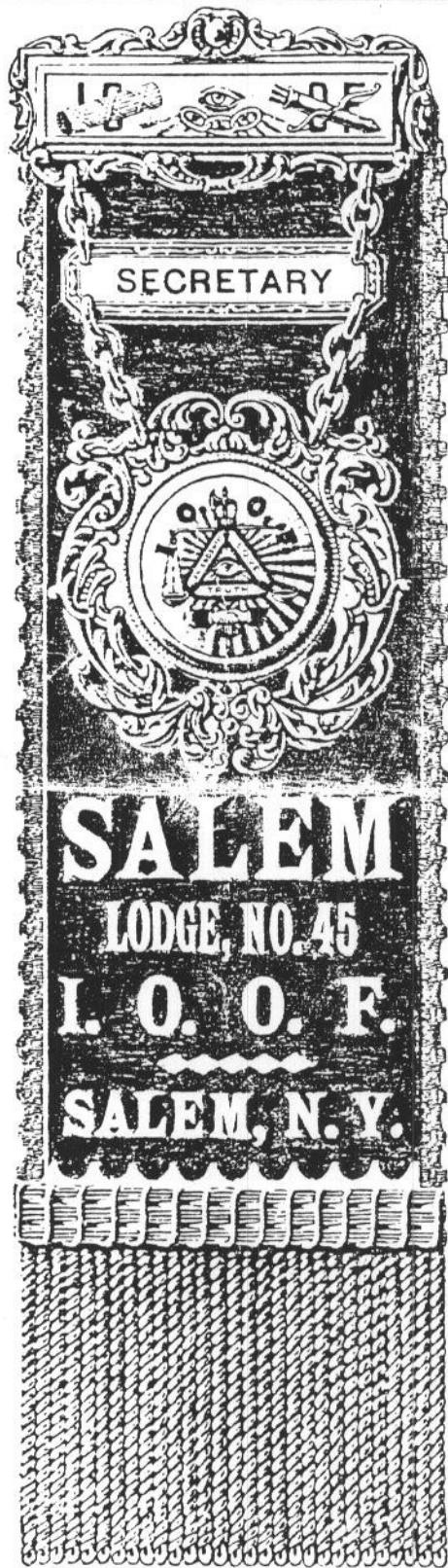
The important work before the Encampment was the consideration of a Revised Ritual, and an entire change in the Rules and Regulations as reported by the special committee of which Comrade Jas. Shaw, Jr. was Chairman.

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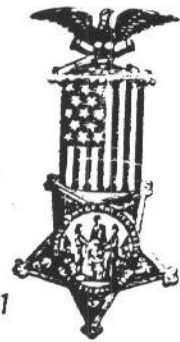
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