



EMBLEMS FOR MEMORIALS

DESIGN HINTS is pleased to announce a new series of articles on Memorial Emblems that it is presumed will be of benefit to the trade and a series that will be limited only according to the demands of its readers. By this it is meant that the series will be devoted to the needs of every member of the craft.

Upon request it will be our pleasure to illustrate in a size as large as space will permit, a pen rendering of any emblem in as practical manner for cutting as is possible. Unless we receive such requests from our readers, we will consider only those emblems that are commonly called for and some that are apt to cause the workman a little difficulty in properly reproducing in stone.

An effort will be made to make the illustrations of such size that they may serve as full size drawings for cutting on small memorials, thereby in a measure, reducing labor costs.

In offering this series to the craft, we are not laboring under the impression that we are starting something wholly original. Many emblems have been printed so often in book form that the average workman can draw common ones without referring to his books. It may have been noticed however, that with few exceptions, the reproductions are so very small certain details are hard to decipher especially when one is not familiar with the emblem or its symbols.

It will be our earnest endeavor to present these emblems in a manner that is practical, artistic and comprehensible. Utmost care will be exercised at all times in the rendering of the various emblems and symbols. It will of course, be impossible to explain the exact meaning of all emblems illustrated for some information is not always available to those who are not members of the secret orders. We will to the best of our ability however, explain the meaning of the symbols, so that the reader will have some sort of an idea as to what the emblem represents.

No time or expense will be spared in securing authentic information regarding any emblem shown in this series. If at any time we are in doubt as to the authenticity of

any emblem or its symbols, the matter will be investigated with the proper authorities before a rendering is published in *Design Hints*.

We hope to have the support of the members of the craft in the way of furnishing us with ideas as to the best emblems to illustrate. We desire this series to be as helpful as other articles shown through the pages of *Design Hints* and with a little co-operation on the part of the dealers, this may be easily accomplished.

The emblem of the American Legion is illustrated in this article. The American Legion membership list includes only those who were in the Military service of the United States during the World War.

We have no authentic information relative to the designers interpretation of the American Legion emblem. He or she had something in mind, of course, else the emblem would be meaningless and it may be stated right here that no designer could be successful with an inexpressible design.

Having no definite knowledge of the exact interpretation we must read the design by its symbols.

Let us suppose for the moment that we designed this emblem and were called upon to sell the idea to a committee composed of very intelligent men. How would we go about it?

We would first make use of our knowledge of the meaning of symbols as shown in the emblem and leave the study of the beautiful qualities of the design for the final touch.

This design expresses the deeds and ideals of the men who make up the membership of the Ameri-

can Legion in picture better than in mere words. The U. S. button worn by every service man is illustrated in the center of a five pointed star, the symbol of Heavenly Wisdom, Merit and Guidance. A laurel wreath, the symbol of Victory after Strife supports these two symbols and is artistically arranged in the circles symbolic of Eternity, Perfection and Completeness. The idea is complete in the use of the rays of the sun, The "source of life and power."

A summary of the whole scheme tells us that the American service man by Merit and Divine Guidance won a Victory over Strife and accomplished the task so completely, so perfectly, that by Heavenly Wisdom is decreed the source of Life and Power through all eternity.

The American Legion has proven itself to be the Source of Life in its aid to veterans of the world war and their widows and orphans and the Source of Power, if called upon in any worthy undertaking, the only exceptions being those of a political or sectarian nature.

POOR ON THE TRIGGER

A keen-eyed mountainer led his overgrown son into a country schoolhouse.

"This here boy's arter learnin'," he announced. "What's yer bill o' fare?"

"Our curriculum, sir," corrected the schoolmaster, "embraces geography, arithmetic, trigonometry—"

"That'll do," interrupted the father, "That'll do. Load him up well with the triggernometry. He's the only poor shot in the family."