
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 help-
ful 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 ac-
complished.

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 informa-
tion relative to the designers inter-
pretation 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 de-
signer could be successful with an
inexpressable 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 beauti-
ful 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 illus-
trated in the center of a five point-
ed 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 arrang-
ed in the circles symbolic of Eterni-
ty, 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 Guid-
ance won a Victory over Strife and
accomplished the task so com-
pletely, so perfectly, that by Hea-
venly 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 mountaineer 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 geo-
graphy, arithmetic, trigonome-
try—”

“That'll do,” interrupted the
father, “That'll do. Load him up
well with the trigonometry. He’s
the only poor shot in the family.”