

National Encampment Patriotic Instruction

Brothers,

Another year has concluded, and we are gathered here to conduct our annual business. We join to pass or reject motions, here reports of what we action we have taken the past year, and to elect new officers for our Order. For many of us, it will be the first time we have gathered in a large crowd since before the Covid-19 Pandemic hit our shores in early 2020. Because of this, I wanted to take this time to remind you all that above all, we are a Fraternal organization, and as the discussions and deliberations get animated this weekend, please remember the duties that we inculcate, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

As an organization we have done our best to remember the Boys in Blue since our beginning. We have changed with the times when it was needed to best deliver this message. When our first Camps were formed, we worked with the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to tell their stories. Then with the passing of Albert Woolson, the last member of the GAR, we had to work alone to tell their stories, we had to change our tactics. With the advancements in technology, it would behoove us not to take full and utter advantage of them.

These advancements could be new chemicals to help safely clean headstones and monuments. It could also be having the ability to develop easy to follow presentations, lessons, or tests to help educate not only ourselves, but those outside of the order. We have also seen tremendous advancements in communications in recent years. Whether it be using email to coordinate an event and committee discussions or using Facebook to create events to drum up publicity, all of these are amazing tools that we must utilize to continue into the 21st Century. Now some of you maybe wondering, what does this have to do with Patriotism? Quite simply, finding the best and most effective way to educate about who the men of the GAR were, and what they did to help preserve this great country of ours, is a pillar of Patriotism, for if we cannot tell their story with out telling them about their love for Country.

We must do our best as an organization to get the word out about what we do to preserve the memories of the Boys in Blue. By doing this we ensure that their legacy is not forgotten, and we promote the order in a positive light. One of the new initiatives that the order has undergone is the creation of a QR Scan Code by the Signals Officer Br. Tim McCoy. You all should have received a card with this QR code on it, this code will send you to a landing page that has links to our Social Media Platforms; Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn as well as to our YouTube Channel and the National Website. These platforms are the future of getting information out to the masses and we must embrace them. I do hope you all have a great encampment and I look forward to seeing what this great order can accomplish in the next year.

In Fraternity Charity and Loyalty,
Br. Ben Frail, PDC
National Patriotic Instructor

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