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CHANGES--CLARIFICATION

(Left margin symbols indicate changes from earlier additions)
C-80 (81-82, etc.)-Change/year National Encampment Approval
CC1 - Change for clarification
CNR - Change, covered by National Sojourner Directives
CT - Change, typographical or spelling error
CR - Change of reference

FOREWORD AND AUTHENTICATION

The purpose of this manual is to provide specific direction and guidance for the operation of the Heroes of '76°. In accordance with the directives governing National Sojourners, Incorporated, it is the specific rule and guide for operation of the National Heroes of '76° organization and the subordinate Camps of Heroes.

While this manual is generally Camp oriented to assist Camp Commanders in local administration, preparation for Bivouacs/Encampments and the conduct of the Heroes Degree, it is applicable to conduct of the National Encampment. It is also specifically designed to provide guidance for the formation of new Heroes Camps.

This manual supersedes all previous editions and prior National Commander's Orders. Any changes must be approved by the Heroes Manual Committee and presented to the National Commander for submission to the National Encampment for final approval by three-fourths of those present and voting.

Classification is "Secret--for Heroes of '76° only". Local reproduction of working parts of the First Section is authorized for use within Camps. Reproduction of any other portion is specifically prohibited, with the exception of the "History" of the Heroes of '76°, which may be repeated at both "open" and "closed" Masonic gatherings. Reading by a Mason who is not a Hero or disclosure by a Hero of '76° to a non-Hero except at a regularly scheduled Bivouac for the purposes of instruction are considered to be violations of Masonic obligations.

Signed and declared official this 24th day of June, A.D. 1976.

(Signed) Peter Reder
Chairman, Heroes Ritual Committee

(Signed) Charles J. Tolson
National Commander

(Signed) W. M. P. P.
National President

CHAPTER I

DESCRIPTION AND AUTHORITY

1. The Heroes of '76° is a body composed of National Sojourners who have, in recognition for exemplary service to National Sojourners, Inc., Freemasonry, or our National Government, received this inspiring patriotic degree. Heroes of '76° exists and functions under authority of (CR) and in accordance with, the provisions of ARTICLE XV of the By-Laws of National Sojourners, Inc., which established the Heroes of '76° as an affiliate auxiliary organization.

2. Each Camp of Heroes of '76° shall be auxiliary to and dependent upon one or more Chapters of National Sojourners, Inc., which shall be responsible for its proper functioning.

3. A Camp of Heroes of '76° shall terminate when the Chapter or Chapters upon which it is dependent cease(s) to exist.

CHAPTER II

DEFINITIONS

1. CAMP: The basic organization in the Heroes of '76°. It is an organization composed of at least three or more Heroes of '76°, established by authority of and with a proper Charter from the National Commander, bearing an approved name and sponsored by a Chapter or Chapters of National Sojourners, Inc., in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE XV of the National By-Laws of National Sojourners, Inc. It is staffed as specified in Chapter III so as to be capable of accomplishing its chief function which is to conduct Bivouacs and initiate qualified Recruits by exemplification of the Degree. (CR)

2. CAMP NAME: Camp names must be approved by the National Commander. Desirably they should be of Revolutionary War significance, preferably honoring a Military Mason, battle or event of that period. The National Adjutant retains a list of suitable names for new or reactivated Camps.

3. OFFICERS: Heroes elected or appointed to direct the operation and administration of the Heroes of '76°.

4. BIVOUAC: A meeting of a Camp for the purpose of conferring the Degree and for other purposes such as ritual practice, election of Officers, patriotic events, mock courtmartial (very interesting in absence of a Recruit), etc.

5. ENCAMPMENTS: Meetings of two or more Camps for the purpose of conferring the Heroes Degree. Each Camp Commander is encouraged to conduct his own Recruit through the Second Section. Other portions of the Ritual should be "joint effort".

6. NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT: Formal annual meeting of Heroes of '76° assembled at the Annual Convention of National Sojourners, Inc. See Chapter IV for further information.

7. BENNINGTON BANQUET: Formal Heroes banquet with the ladies, just prior to the National Encampment.

8. FORT: The place of Bivouac or Encampment.

9. FORT NAME: May be either a name of local or national significance or to honor an individual Hero of '76°.

10. RECRUIT: A Sojourner who has been selected to receive the Degree of Hero of '76°.

11. SPONSOR: A close friend/associate of the Recruit who knows of the Recruit's family/military history, strengths and weaknesses. He normally brings the Recruit to the (CC1) Bivouac/Encampment and returns him home thereafter.

12. NATIONAL COMMITTEE: Composed of two Past National Commanders (one elected at each National Encampment for a period of two years), the Junior Past National Commander, National Commander and National Chief of Staff. Committee's duty is to recommend and/or approve all corrections or changes to the manual which the National Commander will present to the next National Encampment for action.

(CC1) 13. COURTESY INITIATIONS: Initiation by another Camp upon written authorization or request of the Sojourner's "home" Camp/Chapter. The newly made Hero will be a member of the Camp subordinate to his home Chapter. If the home Chapter does not have a Camp he will be inducted as a member of the Camp conducting the initiation.

14. CHARTER ARREST, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION: The temporary or permanent inactivation of a Camp, for cause, by higher authority. See Chapter V for further information.

CHAPTER III

NATIONAL AND CAMP OFFICERS

1. Elected National Officers, in the line of succession are: National Commander, National Chief of Staff, National Assistant Chief of Staff and National Officer of the Day. A Nominating Committee composed of the Past National Commanders present at the National Encampment will present a slate of Officers for election. Nominations from the floor will be sought before balloting.

2. The newly elected National Commander, with the concurrence of the Past National Commanders present, will appoint the following Officers: National Senior Lieutenant, National Junior Lieutenant, National Commander of the Guard, National Sentinel, National Adjutant, National Chaplain, National Judge Advocate and National Surgeon. The last four will normally be the National Secretary, Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Surgeon of National Sojourners, Inc. A National Assistant Adjutant may, at the discretion of the National Commander, also be appointed. Only active members of National Sojourners, Inc., may serve as National Heroes of '76° Officers. Only Past Camp Commanders are eligible to serve as an elected National Officer or as a National Lieutenant, Commander of the Guard or Sentinel. These Officers are not eligible to serve simultaneously as National President, National President-Elect, or a National Vice President in National Sojourners, Inc.

3. Heroes Camps should normally have Officer lines identical to the National line, similarly nominated elected and appointed except that the Chapter Secretary need not necessarily be the Camp Adjutant. Some omissions of Appointed Officers may be necessary in small Camps. Elected Camp Officers should not simultaneously be in the Elected Chapter Officer Line. It is considered desirable, wherever possible, to alternate active duty and retired Heroes in the Camp lines. This will help insure continuity, provide the continual infusion of qualified Heroes into Camps near military installations, and compensate for Camp Officer losses due to transfers.

4. All Officers, both National and Camp, shall hold office for one year, or until their successors have been elected or appointed and duly installed. Elected National Officer vacancies will be filled by advancement of the next junior Officer who will serve ad interim until the following National Encampment. Appointive National Officer vacancies may be filled by the National Commander. Camp Officer vacancies may be similarly filled except that elected Officer vacancies will normally be filled by election at the next regularly scheduled Heroes Meeting, provided that suitable prior notice of the special election is given to all members of the Camp.

5. National Officers will meet in official session at least twice annually, at the National Encampment (normally the evening of the next to last full Convention day) and at the National Sojourners, Inc., Mid-Winter meeting.

CHAPTER IV NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

1. At the National Encampment, the normal order of business shall be as follows:

- a. Formal opening of the Encampment.
- b. Opening remarks by the National Commander.
- c. Reception of Distinguished Brethren by the National Commander.
- d. Report of the National Adjutant.
- e. Report of the National Commander.
- f. Old business.
- g. New business.
- h. Report of the Nominating Committee (elected National Officers and Manual Committee Member).
- i. Call for nominations from the floor for elective office.
- j. The election.
- k. Announcement of Appointed Officers by the newly elected National Commander.
- l. Installation Ceremony (both Elected and Appointed Officers are installed.)
- m. Presentation of the Past National Commander's Medal to the retiring National Commander.
- n. Brief remarks by the newly installed National Commander.

- o. Exemplification of the Degree by the National Officers or by a Camp or Team.
- p. Formal closing of the National Encampment.

2. The rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order will govern proceedings in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with this Manual.

CHAPTER V DIRECTIVES

1. The National Commander, Heroes of '76", is responsible for the proper functioning of all Heroes Camps and for the issuance of such orders, rulings and decisions applying thereto as shall accomplish this purpose. Orders issued by the National Commander shall remain in effect during his tenure as National Commander, but will automatically expire upon completion of his term as National Commander unless, upon recommendation of the Manual Committee, approved by the National Encampment as a change to the Official Manual.

2. The Official Manual is the first and most important "Landmark" of the Heroes of '76"; any variance therefrom is a violation of said "Landmark".

3. We label our Manual as "Secret". It is not supposed to fall into the hands of those who are not members of the Heroes of '76"; however, as this cannot always be prevented, we have no effective means of providing complete secrecy for the written Ritual. Therefore, certain small portions have been omitted in this printing to preserve some secrecy and leave something to the imagination and resourcefulness of the Camp Commander.

4. Heroes Camps being auxiliary to a Chapter (or Chapters), each Chapter is both responsible and accountable to the National Commander for the conduct of its subordinate Heroes Camp. Presidents of Chapters with auxiliary Heroes Camps must be Heroes if they are fully to discharge their responsibilities. The inactivation or suspension of the parent Chapter(s) automatically terminates the dependent Heroes Camp. In the event of termination of a Heroes Camp, for any reason, the Camp Charter, all Camp colors, records, and a list of additional property will be forwarded to the National Adjutant

with a request for further disposition instructions.

5. To obtain a Heroes of '76* Charter, a Chapter or Chapters must petition the National Commander, listing the proposed Camp name and location as well as the names, addresses and signatures of at least three Heroes of '76* who will be Charter members. Chartering fee will be in accordance with the appropriate National Sojourners, Inc. directive.

6. It is a "Landmark" and an invariable rule and custom of the Heroes of '76* that the degree shall be conferred only upon those Sojourners in good standing who have been selected to receive this award in recognition of exemplary service to National Sojourners, Freemasonry, our National Government and/or their communities and who have demonstrated their loyal support of National Sojourners, Inc. Normally, such interest and activity should cover a period of at least one year. Recommendations of the Chapter President and members of the Camp will be solicited. Selection will be made by the Camp Commander with the concurrence of the Camp.

(CC1) 7. It is also a "Landmark" of the Heroes of '76* that neither initiation fees, nor dues, nor assessments shall be imposed upon a Camp or its members. Nominal fines, customarily 25¢ for Heroes, 50¢ for Camp/Chapter Officers or \$1 for Area/Regional Representatives and National Officers, may be imposed for failure to wear the (CC1) Heroes Ribbon Badge or Heroes Medal or failure to produce his Heroes card, addressing another Hero by his military rank or other "serious" infractions. Expenses incidental to the operation of a Heroes Camp must be paid by the parent Chapter(s), hence, expenses must not be incurred by the Camp without the prior approval of said Chapter(s). Since a Camp of Heroes has no treasury of its own, any funds received therein must be promptly relayed to the Chapter Treasurer by the Camp Adjutant.

(CNR) 8. Area and Regional Representatives act as the personal representatives of the National Commander, taking precedence in rank directly below Past National Commanders. Area and Regional Representatives are authorized to appoint outstanding Heroes as their deputies for Heroes affairs.

9. Any problem arising in a Heroes Camp which its Commander cannot resolve by reference to this Manual will be referred to the Regional Representative or his Deputy, who, failing of resolution, will refer it to the Area Representative, who also failing of resolution, will refer it to the National Commander.

10. Only a Camp Commander, Past Camp Commander, or the elected Chief of Staff may be in charge of the Second and Third Sections of the Degree. A Camp Commander who has not conducted the entire Heroes Degree, including the Second and Third Sections, is not entitled to the rank or privileges of a Past Commander; he is a "Former" Commander but has only the rank and privileges of a regular Hero unless serving as an elected or appointed Camp Officer.

11. Camps whose Chapter(s) have less than 100 members may not initiate more than one (1) Recruit at any one Bivouac without specific authorization from the National Commander. Waivers will not normally be granted except under unusual circumstances or in case of activation/reactivation of Camps. Camps whose Chapter membership exceeds 100 may initiate a maximum of two (2) Recruits per Bivouac. At Encampments one Recruit per participating Camp is authorized up to a maximum of three Recruits per day. If more than one Recruit has been authorized, the Second Section of the Degree must be worked upon each Recruit separately on all occasions. The First and Third Sections of the Degree may be worked on more than one Recruit simultaneously.

12. Recruits will be directed to report to a Bivouac by "Official Orders". Appendix 5 is a sample of Recruit Orders, which may be modified to suit local circumstances. Recruit Orders will normally enclose a copy of "Recruit General Orders", Appendix 6, and "Hints on Heroes of '76* Uniforms", Appendix 7.

13. It is most important that all of those designated to perform parts in the ritual memorize their parts and perform them with soldierly poise and sincerity, developing thereby that mutual faith and respect between Officer and Recruit which is the foundation of all discipline. Reading the Ritual is dull, unimpressive and fatiguing to the listening Recruit and indicates carelessness, disinterest and incompetence. Let our conduct be such as to merit respect for our Organization and honor to the memory of those brethren who gave us liberty and independence and founded the greatest government in world history.

14. It scarcely should be necessary to remind Officers and members of the Heroes of '76° that each of us was a "Man and Mason" before he became a Sojourner and a Hero and we must at all times remember that National Sojourners, Inc. and the Heroes of '76°, including the Chapters and Camps thereof, exist and function solely at the sufferance of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master within whose jurisdiction the same are situated. Hence, the proceedings of all Heroes of '76° meetings must, at all times, be such that any Grand Master would approve, (1) if present or informed thereof. (National Sojourners Regulation 18.1 covers consumption of alcoholic beverages, etc.) Harmless fun is both desirable and obtainable without violation of dignity, decency or decorum, especially in a society composed, as is ours, entirely of "Officers and Gentlemen". To ensure a proper understanding of the Degree, each Recruit should receive the "Guard House Briefing", Appendix 8, upon reporting to the "Fort" in accordance with his orders.

15. Each Camp is required to have a minimum of four (4) meetings per year (activity each quarter is considered desirable). These may be either Bivouacs, or active participation in an Encampment; however, at least two (2) of the meetings will involve exemplification of the Degree and at least one must involve an active Recruit. Failure to comply, not completely justified in the Annual Report, may result in arrest or suspension of the Camp Charter. Active, vital Camps result in equally strong, effective Chapters. Unjustified inactivity on the part of a Camp can only result in weakening the parent Chapter(s).

16. Installation of Officers may be held at a Bivouac, an Encampment, or concurrent with the Installation of Officers of the parent Chapter. See Appendix 9.

17. Each Camp and National Headquarters must have and display the National Colors and also the Bennington Flag; full size are preferred; however, miniatures are acceptable under certain austere and field conditions.

18. No Bivouac or Encampment is official unless the Charter(s) is/are present. A Charter or replacement Charter may be obtained by sending a request to National Headquarters.

19. Elected National Heroes Officers have the authority to "arrest" Charters for a period up to three

months. Camps which have had their Charters arrested are not authorized to conduct Bivouacs or Encampments nor may any Sojourner from their "parent" Chapter(s) participate as a Recruit at a Bivouac or Encampment held by any other Camp. A full report of justification of the action taken shall be submitted immediately to the National Commander for resolution.

20. Chapter suspension is similar to Charter arrest except for a longer time, normally until the next National Encampment. See charter revocation below.

21. Charter revocation causes the Camp to cease all operations and disband. Only the National Commander and the National President have the authority to suspend or revoke a Charter. Revocation will not be final until (CC1) confirmed by the subsequent National Encampment/Convention.

22. Blank Heroes of '76° Membership Cards are furnished gratis by the National Adjutant. They are completed and given, with appropriate remarks, to the newly elected Hero at the close of the Third Section by the Camp Adjutant. Such cards are non-expiring. Camp Adjutants may order up to six cards at any one time. Replacement cards will be issued, upon authorization by the National Adjutant, only when the Camp Adjutant is fully satisfied that the original card is irretrievably lost and the applicant is in fact a Hero of '76°. Replacement cards will be issued in the name of the issuing Camp. Heroes and current Sojourner membership cards must be available for presentation upon demand at all (CC1) Bivouacs or Encampments. Failure to produce this identification will be brought to the attention of the Commander who may appoint an examining committee or leave admission to the pleasure of the Camp.

23. Muster Reports, Appendix 10, will be completed by the Camp Adjutant for distribution in accordance with the instructions contained thereon. Muster Reports should include (on reverse) or be accompanied by "Camp News" prepared in accordance with National Sojourners/directives.

24. Inspection Reports, Appendix 11, will be prepared by Regional and Area Representatives, National Sojourners National Line Officers and National Heroes of '76° Officers whenever they attend a Bivouac or Encampment. This requirement does not apply to those Officers

"home" or regularly visited Camps which need not be "Inspected" more often than annually.

- (CNR) 25. Annual Camp Reports, Appendix 12, are due at National Headquarters not later than 30 July each year. They will be prepared by the Camp Adjutant for the just completed twelve month period ending 30 June. This Report is to be signed by both the Camp Commander and the Chapter President.

CHAPTER VI OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

1. COMMANDER: Exercises command control over all operations and conduct of Camp. He is accountable to the National Commander and to the President of the parent Chapter for the faithful adherence to this Manual and all additional instructions for Heroes Camps. He collaborates with the Chapter President in the selection of Recruits, conducts rehearsals and in other ways insures that each member of his staff is prepared to perform proficiently his assigned portion of the Official Ritual. He assigns functional duties to staff members in preparation for a Bivouac and makes certain that all necessary arrangements are accomplished, including those for the comfort of visiting Heroes. He is also charged with conducting the interrogation of the Recruit during the Second Section, and conducting the Third Section. See Chapter XI.
2. CHIEF OF STAFF: Coordinates the activities of the Staff, assists the Commander and assumes the duties of the Commander in his absence.
3. ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF: Usually is assigned parts of the Ritual in the exemplification of the Degree and is prepared to substitute for the Chief of Staff in his absence. Is responsible, with assistance of the Lieutenants, for setting up the Camp and receiving distinguished Heroes.
4. OFFICER OF THE DAY: Assisted by the Lieutenants, is responsible for the security and conduct of the Recruit both prior to and during the initiation ceremonies, is in general charge of the succession of events, makes sure that the colors are properly positioned, instructs the Color Guard, directs the activities of the Lieutenants, the Commander of the Guard and the Sentinel, and gives the Guard House Briefing, Appendix 8, to the Recruit

5. LIEUTENANTS: Perform as directed by the Officer of the Day, present and retire the colors upon the order of the Commander, have special functions in the Third Section of the Degree and assist in the presentation of distinguished Heroes.

6. COMMANDER OF THE GUARD: Assists the Officer of the Day in handling the Recruit and answers for the Recruit when required.

7. SENTINEL: Is stationed at the entrance to the Fort where he checks all credentials and welcomes all Heroes arriving, notifies the Adjutant of arriving visitors, and assists the Officer of the Day as directed.

8. ADJUTANT: (Keeper of the Archives) Maintains the Roster and all records of the Camp. Prepares and issues orders to the Recruit (including General Orders, Special Orders, and Uniform Hints); prepares Heroes Membership Cards and Badges; informs the Camp Commander of the arrival of distinguished and other guests prior to the opening of every meeting and prepares a roster of their names, Hero/Sojourner titles and Camps (see Camp Commander's Checklist, Chapter XI); prepares and distributes the Muster Report (Appendix 10) of each meeting; submits Annual Reports (Appendix 12) and other correspondence as required in accordance with National Sojourners Procedural Directives; prepares "Camp News" items for submission to The Sojourner; sees that all funds received are promptly turned over to the Chapter Treasurer and fulfills all functions generally performed by a Secretary.

9. CHAPLAIN, JUDGE ADVOCATE AND SURGEON: Their duties are implicit in their titles.

10. ENCAMPMENT COMMANDER: Has the same duties and responsibilities for an Encampment as a Camp Commander has for a Bivouac. In conjunction with Commanders of participating Camps, selects best qualified supporting Officers and personnel necessary to ensure success of the Encampment.

CHAPTER VII

GENERAL GUIDANCE

1. MUSIC: If available, two drummers and a fifer dressed in Continental Uniforms akin to those in the famous picture, *The Spirit of '76*, or other appropriate "live" music. If live music is not available, a tape recorder should be employed using suitable march music and bugle calls as required. Copies of tape recordings may be purchased from the National Adjutant. (Caution--the recording system should be checked out before the Bivouac; a poor system and/or lack of coordination between the operator and the Commander will be disastrous!)

2. BANQUET: A banquet or other type of repast may be included in the Bivouac/Encampment and may precede the Opening, may be staged between the Opening and the First Section, between the First and Second Sections, or may follow the Degree. During refreshment, it is quite proper that the Recruit perform appropriate duties. He may also receive mild harassment, including special rations and/or grog in "suitable" eating/drinking utensils, to help the Recruit achieve Humility.

3. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: No alcoholic beverages will be dispensed, consumed or present during any portion of the ceremony. As a general guide, this rule applies to the room in which the Degree is exemplified during any period of time when the Bible is open.

4. CONDUCT OF DEGREE: The First and Third Sections of the Degree should be conducted with dignity, decorum and strict reverence. Some levity is permissible at certain parts of the Second and Third Sections, but the situation must at all times be under the control of the Camp Commander who must restrain the proceedings as necessary.

5. COURTESY: All Masons at Heroes functions will be addressed as Brother; the use of rank, either military, Masonic, or civilian, not preceded by the title Brother will be liable for an appropriate fine for discourtesy.

CHAPTER VIII

UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA

1. OFFICIAL INSIGNIA: The Badge of the Heroes of '76° is a blue silk ribbon with the letters IEAR and EIAR and the figures '76 stamped in gold. Camps will present one of these to each new Hero after his election. The official Medal of Heroes of '76° is illustrated periodically in *The Sojourner* magazine. A Heroes of '76° bar for wear on the Sojourner Medal is available as are a lapel button and a miniature medal. The bar and button do not constitute "in uniform" at any type meeting. When attending a Bivouac or Encampment, no Hero is "in uniform" if he is not wearing either the Heroes Ribbon or Medal; he is liable to be fined for the omission.

2. UNIFORMS: Authentic Continental Uniforms are desirable, but they may be of the "Frontier" type as worn by the farmers, hunters and trappers of the period. Some pattern companies now have suitable patterns available.

3. HATS: Tricorn hats of black felt with white binding are the official headgear of Heroes of '76°. Tricorn hats are available from most costumers, at Colonial Williamsburg and from several National Sojourner Chapters. The National Adjutant maintains the names of current suppliers. The rosettes, rank insignia, and colored branch of service patches described in Paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 below are the only hat decorations authorized to be worn on the Tricorn.

4. HAT ROSETTE: A hat rosette, or cockade, will be worn on the left side of the hat, centered on the upturn. The rosette may be the red, white and blue one worn by most Camps, or a reasonable variation thereof. In any case, the maximum permissible diameter is $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches; a sample of proposed Camp distinctive rosettes will be sent to National Headquarters for approval before adoption.

5. RANK INSIGNIA: Insignia of Rank, either National or Camp, will be worn on the right upturn of the hat, one-fourth distance from the front. Miniature metal insignia are most desirable and will be worn wherever available. (Army sources cannot normally supply miniature insignia other than stars; however, other sources can be utilized).

6. COLORED PATCHES: A round felt patch, one and one-quarter inches in diameter, may be worn in the same position as the rank insignia. The color of the patch will signify the branch of service in which the Hero has served. Rank insignia, if authorized, will be worn centered over the felt patch. Colors are as follows: Army--Khaki; Navy/Coast Guard--Blue; Marine Corps--Green; Air Force--Light Blue; Public Health, Coast & Geodetic and Honorary Heroes--White. These patches may be cut from inexpensive felt material available at most dry goods or "dime" stores. A colored patch worn by National Officers will conform to the preceding colors but will be a one and one-quarter by two and three-quarters inch oval patch embroidered with the word "National". Past National Commanders' patches will be embroidered "Past National Commander".

7. NECK RIBBONS: Are authorized only for National Officers and Elected Camp Commanders during their terms of office.

8. AUTHORIZED INSIGNIA OF RANK:

NATIONAL STAFF

National Commander-----	General
Chief of Staff-----	LtGen
Assistant Chief of Staff-----	MajGen
Officer of the Day-----	BrigGen
Senior Lieutenant-----	Colonel
Junior Lieutenant-----	LtCol
Commander of the Guard-----	Major
Sentinel-----	Captain
Chaplain-----	Colonel
Surgeon-----	Colonel
Judge Advocate-----	Colonel
Adjutant-----	Colonel
Assistant Adjutant-----	LtCol
Past National Commanders-----	General

CAMP STAFF

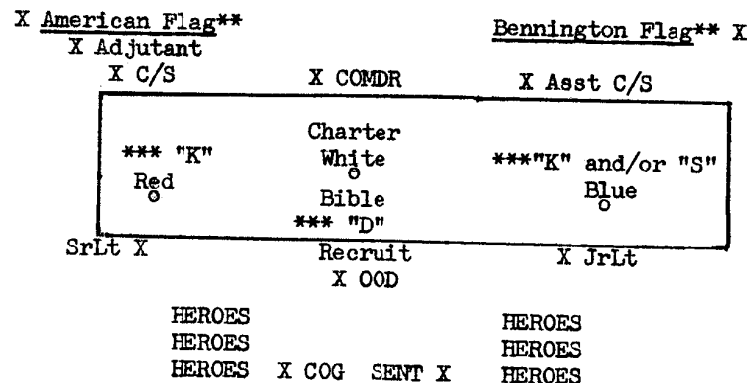
Commander-----	MajGen
Chief of Staff-----	BrigGen
Assistant Chief of Staff-----	Colonel
Officer of the Day-----	Major
Senior Lieutenant-----	Captain
Junior Lieutenant-----	1stLt

Commander of the Guard-----	2ndLt
Sentinel-----	CWO
Adjutant-----	Captain
Chaplain-----	Captain
Surgeon-----	Captain
Judge Advocate-----	Captain
Past Camp Commanders*------	MajGen

*The title, insignia and medal bar of Past Commander may only be conferred on those Commanders who have "obligated" a Recruit and conducted at least one Recruit through the Second and Third Sections of the Degree.

CHAPTER IX

TYPICAL SEATING ARRANGEMENT (ALL SECTIONS)*



*In smaller Camps it may increase effectiveness to have most or all Camp Officers except the Camp Commander and the OOD, join the rest of the Camp except when actually participating. For the Second and Third Sections it may be desirable to turn the table completely around so that the Recruit's face is visible.

**Flags will be displayed in this manner at all times as the Commander and his staff, if not actually on a raised platform, will be considered to be on a symbolic dias for presentation of the Degree.

***Not displayed in First Section

*Candles

CHAPTER X

CHECK LIST FOR CAMP PROPERTY

1. GENERAL:
 1. Charter
 2. National Colors
 3. Bennington Flag
 4. Bible with Heroes Medal
 5. Gavel
 6. Tape recorder with "music" tape
 7. Current Heroes Manuals
 8. List of distinguished Heroes and Sojourners and all visitors
 9. "Recruit" neck sign
2. SECOND SECTION EQUIPMENT:
 1. Copy of Recruit's Orders
 2. Suitable "D"
 3. A Hoodwink
 4. Candles (red, white and blue)
 5. A large towel
 6. Sponsor's "Membership Card" (optional)
3. THIRD SECTION EQUIPMENT:
 1. Patches of many colors (and materials)
 2. Working tools
 3. Heroes Card and Ribbon (Medal--optional)
 4. Aerosol Spray (optional)
4. LOCAL OPTION:
 1. Recruit's "special" eating and drinking utensils
 2. Red ink, bandages, crutch, etc., to get a poorly prepared Recruit "in uniform"
 3. Anything else within reason and propriety to add spirit to the ceremonies
 4. "Cue" cards for:
 - WASHINGTON*
 - WARREN*
 - FRANKLIN*
 - JONES*
 - REVERE*

*Two cards are desirable--one for question, one for answer--see comments regarding this in First Section of the Ritual.

CHAPTER XI

CAMP COMMANDERS CHECK LIST

(Suggest cover with acetate and use grease pencil)

Insure the following are present. If not, select another qualified Hero for a substitute:

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Hero Assigned</u>	<u>Spoken Parts</u>
Chief of Staff	_____	Page 21-38
Ass't Chief of Staff	_____	Page 29 & 38
OOD*	_____	Page 21-35 & App.8
Senior Lieutenant	_____	Page 36 & actions
Junior Lieutenant	_____	Actions
Commander of the Guard	_____	Page 21
Sentinel	_____	Actions
Adjutant**	_____	Page 30, 38 & 39
Chaplain	_____	Page 19 & 40
Member of the Camp (Motion to admit Recruit)	_____	Page 21
History	_____	Page 24-5
Washington	_____	Page 27
Warren	_____	Page 27-8
Franklin	_____	Page 28
Jones	_____	Page 28
Revere	_____	Page 28
Camp Hero***	_____	Page 28
Toast to the Flag	_____	Page 30
Monitor****	_____	Page 39
Heroes Medal Lecture****	_____	Page 39
Bennington Flag Lecture****	_____	Page 39
Investigating Officer	_____	Page 33 "report"
Sponsor	_____	2nd Section

*OOD gives "Guard House Briefing" to Recruit before Camp opens.

**Adjutant prepares list of VIPs, including: Visiting Heroes, Past Commanders, Current Commanders, Regional/Area Representatives, Sojourner National Officers, Past National Commanders and National Heroes Officers to be introduced in this, the inverse order of authority.

***Camps named for a Masonic Hero of the Revolution may compose a "Who was it" for that Hero and, upon approval by National Commander, use it in addition to and following Washington, Warren, Franklin, Jones and Revere.

****Optional

SECOND SECTION: SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

A Recruit MUST:

1. Be hoodwinked
2. Be barefoot
3. State correctly his Name, Rank and Organization
4. Provide satisfactory proof of being a Master Mason and Sojourner in good standing
5. Present his orders
6. Present all items required in his orders
7. Be reported upon by the Investigating Officer
8. Cross the "D"
9. Be defended by his "Sponsor"
10. Recite an heroic deed
11. Be elected by unanimous vote of all Heroes present (less abstainers)

THIRD SECTION: SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. Be placed in position
2. Suffer a loss
3. Receive Signs, Words and Grips
4. Receive the Working Tools
5. Receive Heroes Card and Ribbon
6. Receive the Monitor Lecture (optional)
7. Receive the Medal Lecture (optional)
8. Receive the Flag Lecture (optional)

FORMAL OPENING RITUAL OF BIVOUAC OR ENCAMPMENT OF HEROES OF '76"

MUSIC: 1) Ruffle of drums
2) Assembly

(X) ONE RAP OF GAVEL

CDR: The Camp will come to order.

"By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood
And fired the shot heard round the world."

Since no Masonic gathering should ever be held without asking for Divine Guidance, let us be reverently attentive while the Chaplain leads us in prayer.

(X)(X)(X) THREE RAPS OF GAVEL. ALL UNCOVER.

Brother Chaplain, attend the Bible and lead us in prayer.

The Chaplain comes forward, opens the Bible to the 11th Chapter of St. Luke, the 21st through the 23rd verses, places the Heroes Medal or Ribbon on the right open page, and then facing the Commander prays:

CHAP: Almighty and eternal God, Great Architect of the universe, pour down on this assemblage the continual dew of Thy blessing. Grant unto us strength that we may be steadfast in our loyalty to our Country, strict in our adherence to Masonic Principles and reverent in our devotions to Thee. Endow us with a sanity and a clarity of vision that we may be ever in the right as Thou givest us to see the right. This we ask in Thy Holy Name, AMEN.

All remain standing and recover. Chaplain returns to his seat.

CDR: Brother Chief of Staff, are you assured that all present in the Camp are bonafide members of the heroic order of the Heroes of '76"?

C/S: While I feel sure that all in our midst are Heroes, I suggest, Sir, that all present be required to give the usual signs and words of the Degree.

CDR: Before giving the signs and words of the Degree, I ask that each member present act as a committee of one to see that there are no imposters in our midst. Observe and see that those in your immediate vicinity give the proper signs and words and report those who appear to be unfamiliar with them. You will now give the usual signs and words of the degree.

Words and signs are given.

CDR: Have any failed to impress the members of the Camp with the fact of their membership?

If anyone is reported as being uncertain, he will be called upon for an explanation. If the explanation is unsatisfactory, the Commander may appoint a board of inquiry or dispose of the matter himself.

CDR: Lieutenants, you will present the colors.

The Lieutenants procure the U.S. and Bennington Flags at the rear of the room, come to the position of "carry", march to the Commander's station and place the colors. As they approach, all covered Heroes will salute. If miniature flags are used they will be unfurled and placed in stands on the Commander's table prior to the opening and this part of the ceremony will be omitted.

CDR: Let us join in pledging allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

While pledging allegiance, those covered will salute, those uncovered place right hand over heart.

CDR: I now declare _____ Camp, Heroes of '76° open.

(X) ONE RAP OF THE GAVEL

FIRST SECTION--HEROES DEGREE

CDR: Brother Chief of Staff, is there any business of importance before this Camp?

C/S: There is, sir.

CDR: What is its nature?

C/S: Sir, there is a member of the Order of National Sojourners who has been caught trying to gain admission to our Camp.

CDR: Brother Chief of Staff, where is this so-called Sojourner?

C/S: He is confined to the guard house under heavy guard, awaiting your orders.

CDR: Brother Officer of the Day, you and the Commander of the Guard will proceed to the guard house and examine this so-called Sojourner as to his eligibility for entrance into our midst as a Recruit.

OOD: Sir, the Commander of the Guard has just returned from the guard house, where he examined the prisoner and found him to be a superior class of man. He is a member of the order of National Sojourners, therefore eligible to membership in our Camp. He is very desirous of becoming a member. I recommend, sir, that he be received, subject to the customary examination.

CDR: Brother Commander of the Guard, did you go into his history to ascertain his heroic qualities and deeds?

(CT) COG: I did not, Sir. I decided to leave that to the members of the Camp.

CDR: Brother Heroes, you have heard the report of the Officer of the Day; what is your disposition of this prisoner? A motion is in order.

MEMBER OF THE CAMP (previously selected): I recommend, Sir, that he be admitted as a Recruit, subject to the customary examination.

CDR: Is there a second? Very well; all who concur will say "Aye"; contrary "Nay". The recommendation is unanimous. The prisoner will be admitted as a Recruit, subject to the usual examination for membership in our Order and in this Camp. Brother Officer of the Day, you will direct the Commander of the Guard to proceed to the guard house and prepare the Recruit for entrance to our Camp. The Camp will remain at ease until the arrival of the Recruit.

The Officer of the Day escorts the Commander of the Guard to the door where he is joined by the Lieutenants. Commander of the Guard and the Lieutenants exit, Officer of the Day remains just inside door which is closed by Sentinel. In due time there is a distant roll of drums which becomes progressively louder, finally a loud knock on the door.

(X) ONE RAP OF THE GAVEL

CDR: Brother Officer of the Day, what is the meaning of all the commotion outside the guard lines?

OOD: Sir, a Recruit is at Post No. 1, seeking admission to our Camp.

CDR: Is he alone?

OOD: He is properly escorted, Sir.

CDR: Advance him.

MUSIC. At this point MUSIC is played (preferably a spritely march) either live (drums/fife?) or recorded. Following the OOD, enter the Commander of the Guard, then the Recruit, followed by the Lieutenants. They march once around the room, to a place in front of the Commander. The music stops. The OOD moves the Recruit to a place three paces in front of the Commander. OOD, COG, and Lieutenants take their posts.

OOD: (saluting Commander) Sir, I report Recruit _____ from the Order of National Sojourners, who desires entrance into _____ Camp, Heroes of '76°.

CDR: Brother Officer of the Day, does the Recruit acknowledge the American Flag as the most glorious National Emblem that waves over land and sea?

OOD: Recruit, do you acknowledge the American flag as the most glorious National Emblem that waves over land and sea?

REC: I do.

OOD: He does, Commander.

CDR: Brother Officer of the Day, does he have the countersign?

OOD: He has it not, but I have and will give it for him.

CDR: Advance and give the countersign.

OOD: RECRUIT, ABOUT FACE.

The OOD advances and gives the countersign to the Commander.

CDR: The countersign is correct. Let him be received.

OOD: RECRUIT, ABOUT FACE.

CDR: (Addressing Recruit) Brother Recruit, I welcome you to our midst but assure you that your entrance to full membership will depend entirely upon yourself. Brother Chief of Staff, why are we gathered here?

C/S: To pay tribute to the memory of those gallant Heroes of '76 who gave us Liberty and Independence.

CDR: How did they gain for us Liberty and Independence?

C/S: By undying devotion to the cause of Freedom, by unshakable faith in God's Justice, by ceaseless toil and indescribable privations.

CDR: Where did they practice these truly great Masonic Ideals?

C/S: On land and on sea, everywhere, at Lexington, Concord, Bunker Hill, Ticonderoga, Valley Forge and on the great Atlantic.

CDR: Does not the noble example of those gallant Heroes of Old contain a lesson for the Heroes here assembled?

C/S: It does. To resist tyranny, to uphold justice, to love our Country, to preserve its ideals and to reverse the Flag.

CDR: To resist tyranny, uphold justice, to love our Country, to preserve its ideals (Commander uncovers and points to colors) and to reverse the Flag. Brother Officer of the Day, you will conduct the Recruit to the Chief of Staff ("Brother ", if other designated Hero) for further instruction.

At this point, if he is not the Chief of Staff, the Hero giving the History takes his position, just to the right or the left of the Commander's table. The Chief of Staff would stand in place while giving the History. The Officer of the Day should face the Recruit toward the lecturer while he speaks.

HISTORY

C/S: (Or other qualified Hero.) About 1876, Brother E. B. Jones, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, composed a ritual of a side degree and called it the HEROES OF '76°. Its innocent and enjoyable nature made it most popular with the Craft. A notice in the newspapers announcing a meeting of Heroes after the close of the Lodge always brought out a large attendance.

During the lifetime of Brother Jones, no one conferred the degree but himself. Before his death he gave a copy of the ritual to Brother Thomas J. Flourney, a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Kentucky.

After Brother Jones' death, many craftsmen insisted that Brother Flourney revive the degree. This Brother Flourney did, conferring the degree upon selected Masons of many states. Brother Flourney passed to the Great Beyond at Rockmart, Georgia, September 5, 1925. Some time before his death, he gave a copy of the ritual to Brother Colonel Christopher Van Deventer, his nephew, with authority to confer the degree upon selected Masons.

Brother Van Deventer, an active Sojourner, considered that the National Sojourners was the logical organization for the custodianship of the ritual, as it is most appropriate to our membership. The degree was therefore instituted in Chicago Chapter in July, 1922, and the first Camp organized there. In June, 1923, George Washington Camp was instituted by Brother Van Deventer and several Heroes from Chicago.

Since that time, Camps have been organized in nearly all of the Chapters of National Sojourners and form an enjoyable part of the Chapter activities. The degree has never been commercialized and the founders never intended that it should have any other purpose than to give enjoyment and innocent pleasure to Brother Masons and Sojourners. It has never had any initiation fees or dues. To receive and retain the degree you must be a Master Mason and a Sojourner in good standing.

(X)(X)(X) THREE RAPS OF GAVEL

ALL: ONCE A HERO, ALWAYS A HERO!!!

C/S: Brother Officer of the Day, you will reconduct this Recruit to the Commander.

CDR: My Brother, we do not obligate you in this degree in the manner already familiar to you.

Before proceeding further, however, it is necessary for you to agree to certain stipulations, none of which, I am pleased to assure, you, will

in any manner conflict with the duty you owe to your Country or your fellow men, nor will they interfere with such obligations as you may heretofore have taken in Masonry. With this assurance on my part, are you willing to proceed?

REC: (Answer having been made in the affirmative, the Commander continues):

CDR: You will then take the position of a soldier at attention, place your right hand over your heart, and repeat audibly and carefully after me.

CDR: I, pronounce your name in full,/agree that I will not confer,/ nor assist in the conferring of this degree/ upon anyone who is not a Master Mason/ and a Sojourner in good standing;/ that I will not confer/ nor assist in the conferring of this degree/ unless there be present/ at least three Heroes of '76"/ that I will never reveal the secrets of this degree/ to anyone not lawfully entitled to receive the same;/ that I will not confer/ nor assist in the conferring of this degree/ upon a woman,/ even though she be the wife,/ daughter,/ mother or sister/ of a Master Mason and Sojourner./

I furthermore promise and agree/ that should I violate or transgress this binding agreement,/ I will suffer myself to be subjected/ to the penalty of this degree/ which is the execution of the grip in its complete form,/ as will hereafter be explained to me.

To all of this I solemnly,/ sincerely,/ unqualifiedly/ and willingly agree/ without any mental hesitation or secret evasion whatsoever.

(X) ONE RAP OF GAVEL

CDR: Brother Chief of Staff, (or any predesignated Hero) will you now give the lecture.

NOTE: During the succeeding lectures, designated Heroes speak from their positions. The OOD uses Military commands to cause the Recruit to face

each Lecturer. If the speaking parts have not been fully memorized it is better to have the Recruit face the Commander and have the parts "dramatically" read from behind the Recruit. Parts may be further assigned so that one Hero asks the "Who was it?" and another gives the "It was". A minimum of three should participate with #1 asking, #2 answering, #3 asking, #4 (or #1) answering, #5 (or #2) asking, #6 (or #3) answering, etc. This not only is more effective, but increases participation and stimulates interest.

WASHINGTON: This Degree, my Brother, was instituted for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of our Brethren who figured so conspicuously during our Revolutionary struggle. We should never forget who it was, that quitting the peaceful shades of Vernon's Hill, with all the pleasure that wealth could purchase, friendship offer, and domestic felicity afford, placed himself at the head of our Armies, at the unanimous call of his countrymen and contended many years for our Liberties and Independence, until victory at last crowned his efforts with success.

ANS: It was WASHINGTON, who was a Mason, and who ever delighted to meet his Brethren upon the level and part with them upon the square.

WARREN: Who was it, quitting the peaceful pursuits of private life, a useful, honorable and lucrative profession, assumed the sword and fell in defense of our Liberties at Bunker Hill?

ANS: It was WARREN who was our Brother and at the head of our Order in his native state, when the Angel of Death threw her mantle over his prostrate form.

"Ah, many a noble heart was hushed
In the battle's din that day;
And many a long life's hope was crushed
In that dark and sad array;
But never a heart more brave and true
Than the martyred Heroes who fell,

The first in the cause of Liberty
On the heights of Bunker Hill.
It swept the country like a funeral knell,
The sorrowful tidings—How WARREN fell."

FRANKLIN: Who was it that by his discoveries in electricity gained a high place in Fame's Temple? Who was it by his exertions raised himself from the humblest walks of life to the highest eminence as a statesman? Who was it, in fine, who snatched the thunderbolt from Jove and the scepter from tyrants?

ANS: It was FRANKLIN who was our Brother, and at one time Grand Master of Masons in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

JONES: Who was it when defeat seemed certain said, "I have not yet begun to fight?" Who was it that stood on the deck of a vanquished vessel and watched his own victorious ship sink gloriously beneath the waves?

ANS: It was JOHN PAUL JONES who was our brother and the Father of the American Navy.

REVERE: Who was it that made the famous ride which called the Minute Men to arms? Who was it that by his cunning fabrications and invaluable knowledge of metals helped to gain our Country's Independence?

ANS: It was PAUL REVERE who was our Brother and at one time Grand Master of Masons in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

NOTE: (Optional) Camps named for a Masonic Hero of the Revolution may insert their approved "Who was It" and "Answer" at this point.

C/S: WASHINGTON, WARREN, FRANKLIN, JONES and REVERE were Masons, whose virtuous labors in public and private life deserve our esteem, our admiration and our gratitude. Let us pause for a moment in the midst of our ceremonies and pay

silent tribute to the memory of those gallant patriots of the Revolution, as well as to all Heroes of '76*, who have followed in their footsteps, and--

(CT) (X) (X) (X) THREE RAPS OF THE GAVEL. All uncover and bow heads.

"Who now rest on Fame's eternal camping ground,
Where their silent tents are spread,
While Glory guards with solemn round
The Bivouac of the Dead."

"Muted" TAPS is played. (NOTE: If Taps is not available, other solemn music may be played or a moment of silence may be observed.)

(X) ONE RAP OF GAVEL

AC/S: How sink the potent patriots of these days when compared with those who, during our struggle for Independence, might have been tracked by the blood which at every step distilled its crimson currents from their naked and weary feet.

Although their clothes consisted of "shreds and patches" of every color, ripped and torn, barefoot and hungry, they redeemed us from slavery. With soldiers thus accoutered our Brethren, WASHINGTON, WARREN, MONTGOMERY, CLINTON, LEE, LAFAYETTE and others, conquered the best appointed armies that Great Britain had ever sent into the field. Patriots of every age and country should repeat this story to their children, while we, as Sojourners, should rejoice that the principal actors in those times of peril were our brethren.

OOD: RECRUIT, ABOUT FACE. AT EASE.

CDR: Brother Adjutant, earlier in this Bivouac, you were instructed to compose a list of distinguished Heroes and Sojourners and of all visiting Heroes present in our midst. You will read the list and as their names are

called I ask that they stand so all may see them whilst being duly received by the Commander in the name of _____ Camp, Heroes of '76°.

(CT) ADJ: Reads list (visiting Heroes first, then Past Commanders with the names of Camps they commanded, then current Commanders and Camp names, then National Sojourner Regional/Area Representatives and National Officers, the Past National Commanders, and finally Heroes National Line Officers, starting with the junior present, if more than one). As each arises he will come to attention and exchange salutes with the Camp Commander.

CDR: Will any other Visiting Hero whose name was not read please stand, announce his name, Camp and its location?

The Commander will then greet them briefly, giving a previously selected VIP the opportunity to respond for the group, if desired.

OOD: RECRUIT, ABOUT FACE.

CDR: Brother _____, will you please give the "Toast to the Flag".

(X) (X) (X) THREE RAPS OF THE GAVEL. All salute if covered, place right hand over heart if uncovered.

TOAST: The "Toast", Appendix 1, will be given from memory with the speaker standing next to the Flag, uncovered and either pointing or touching/pointing as he speaks.

(X) ONE RAP OF GAVEL

(CT) CDR: Brother Officer of the Day, you will reconduct the Recruit to the guard house and see that he is properly prepared for his second entrance into this Camp.

OOD gives Recruit proper facing movement, Forward March, and escorts him to the guard house. March music may be played at this time; as soon as the Recruit is out of the room the music/drums cease.

CDR: Brother Chief of Staff, you will arrange the Camp for the reception of the Recruit. The Camp will be at ease.

SECOND SECTION - HEROES DEGREE

NOTE: Refer to Sequence of Events, page 15. Room should be dimly lighted (candles are best) for proper control and effect.

(X) ONE RAP OF THE GAVEL

CDR: The Camp will come to order! The next part of our ceremonies will be the further initiation and acceptance of Recruit _____ as a Hero of '76*.

(CC1) At this time any special handling instructions and information about the Recruit (including significant medical condition/history) should be communicated to the Camp. The Recruit's Sponsor is identified and pro/con voting discussion/instructions are covered.

CDR: Brother Officer of the Day, bring in the Recruit.

MUSIC while OOD goes to Guard House and returns with Recruit. One knock on the door, Sentinel opens door and OOD enters with Recruit. If space permits, the Recruit (who is hoodwinked and barefoot) should be led around the room three times to the chant of "T.E.A.R." (given by Chief of Staff as Recruit passes the Commander) and "E.I.A.R." (given by the Officer of the Day--the Camp may join in the response if desired). In some cases the pace can be stepped up until the Recruit is nearly running, or he can encounter minor obstacles such as ice from the "D". The Recruit is led to a spot directly in front of the Commander and in position to cross the "D".

OOD: Brother Commander, I have the pleasure of presenting to you and to this Camp of Heroes of '76*, Recruit _____.

CDR: Recruit, you will state your name, rank and organization.

Wait until all answers are given, then, if incorrect, signal Camp to react. Continued in-

correct responses here and subsequently can properly result, with the encouragement of the Camp and the Order of the Commander, in the OOD assisting the Recruit to "Take one step forward", and cross the "D", in order to "stimulate his thinking" and "ensure the necessary flow of vital juices." Inquiry as to the temperature of the "D" are in order. Remove from "D" when proper answers are given or prudent judgment dictates.

After satisfactory answer to above:

CDR: Are you a Master Mason and a Sojourner in good standing?

After receiving an affirmative answer, the Recruit may be required, with the assistance of the OOD, to present proof of membership.

CDR: By what further right or benefit do you seek admission to this Camp?

In response to this question, Recruit must present his orders. The longer it takes him to realize this, the more "interesting" things can become. He then presents, with the assistance of the OOD, items required in his Orders, and is reported upon by the Investigating Officer who includes references to Recruit's "alias" and "retreat". Various well thought-out "planted" questions can be asked by Camp members. Extemporaneous questions are in order but extreme care must be taken not to embarrass both the Recruit and the Camp. No vulgarity will be permitted by the Commander who will "control" the Camp by hand motions. After minimum requirements have been met the Recruit will present his "Heroic Deed" while facing the Camp, and with hoodwink removed, Candlelight or very dim lights are required, so that faces of Heroes are indistinct, but the Recruit can be clearly seen.

The Commander will prepare the Recruit for his Heroic Deed as follows:

CDR: Brother Officer of the Day, remove the Recruit's hoodwink.

After OOD removes hoodwink, the Commander continues. (The following may be paraphrased inasmuch as sincerity is of the essence. The important thing is that the Recruit is convinced frivolity has ended):

CDR: We have now come to the serious part of our Degree. We have had some levity at your expense, but that is now past. You now stand as each Hero present has at one time stood. To be considered for membership in this Camp of Heroes you must recite an heroic deed which you yourself performed. It need not have happened on active duty, or even since you attained your majority, but it must be acceptable to the Heroes here assembled. We will judge whether it is in fact heroic, but your acceptance into this Camp depends on it. Do you understand?

I am going to face you about to present your heroic deed to the Camp. You may consider for a few seconds, then proceed. RECRUIT, ABOUT FACE.

Commander continues to control Camp members with hand movements. Camp should listen attentively while Recruit presents his deed. If Recruit is not serious the Commander may reinstruct him or may have him removed to the guard house for further instruction by his Sponsor or the OOD. When the Recruit has presented the serious deed on which he desires to "stand", he may be questioned on it. At this time his Sponsor and members of the Camp begin to "take sides". His previous performance should be discussed. The vote is now taken. Three votes are normally used. Final must be unanimous. "Dissidents" may withdraw, refrain from voting or join the majority. Sponsor and friends may indulge in discussions as to the actions and motives of others, including service branch, rank, length of "attitude adjustment hour", etc. between votes. Commander, behind Recruit as both face Camp, controls the action.

VIPs present may discuss "Charter arrest". After final vote the Commander comes around the table and with the assistance of the OOD escorts the Recruit toward the door. As they walk, he places his hand on the Recruit's shoulder and says (may also be paraphrased as sincerity is of the essence):

CDR: My Brother, I am sorry, but what can I do? You have heard the verdict of these Heroes. I would like to remind you that you took a solemn obligation not to repeat the secrets of this Degree. Your previous obligations in Masonry still apply here. This last part of the Degree was to impress upon you the meaning of HUMILITY.

Hence, I am authorized to inform you that the vote you have just heard is the way we accept Recruits. You have been, in fact, unanimously elected and I congratulate you.

Brother Officer of the Day, return Brother _____ to the guard house, see that he is reinvested with that which he has been divested, then return him to the Camp for further instruction.

Neck sign is removed from new Hero.

This is an appropriate time for Heroes to congratulate their newest member.

If there are two Recruits, the first Recruit is seated inconspicuously among the Heroes while the second Recruit receives the Second Section. A break now may be taken—otherwise proceed with the Third Section.

THIRD SECTION

The Commander takes his place at his table where he will face the candidate upon his return. Space permitting the Hero audience may move in closer, or even behind the Commander, to observe the reactions of the new Hero during this section. (If two candidates, they may receive the Third Section together with assistance, as required, of other Camp Officers.)

OOD returns the newly elected Hero who is placed before the Commander.

CDR: My Brother, in the furtherance of this Degree, you may suffer a loss, but the benefits to be derived from the knowledge of this will, I assure you, more than compensate you for any loss you may sustain. With this assurance on my part, are you willing to continue this degree?

Answer having been made in the affirmative, the Commander will continue.

CDR: Throughout the remainder of your initiation, you will continue to gaze fixedly at the Flag of our Country. Brother Lieutenants, you will take your posts and prepare the candidate.

The Lieutenants place Recruit in proper position, legs wide spread, both hands (with short Recruit, or tall table, elbows) on Commander's table, and hold him there, admonishing him to "Look at the Flag."

SRIT: In order, Commander.

The Commander now picks up "K"s (or "K" and "S") which should be of the large type, moving same back and forth against each other with sharpening motion while he addresses the Recruit.

CDR: No doubt, my Brother, this portion of our ceremony may seem strange to you, but its symbolic purpose will in due time be fully explained.

Commander begins to walk around the table to the rear of the candidate's position. The Commander will be assisted by the Chief of Staff and the Assistant Chief of Staff (who have preceded him) changing "K"s for "C". A good realistic "C" must be tested prior to Third Section.

CDR: Heroes of the Revolution, guided by the eternal principles of TRUTH, JUSTICE and PATRIOTISM, sought to exalt their country and succeeded in their efforts.

Commander should now be behind Recruit, and as he uses "C" realistically ("aerosol" may be used, but practice with "one shot" necessary for effectiveness. A good "C" by itself is usually very effective if properly used) he continues:

CDR: Although their clothes consisted of shreds and patches of every color, ripped and torn, barefoot and hungry, they redeemed us from slavery.

(If two Recruits, proceed to second Recruit and repeat "loss action"). The Commander takes "p" (which must "match" for proper effect on Recruit) from one of the assistants, exchanges "C" for other tools, then walks around behind his table and addresses the Adjutant who moves to receive "p".

CDR: Brother Adjutant, you will place this "p" in the archives as a memento that Recruit _____ has this day been made a Hero of '76° and a member of this Camp. Lieutenants, you may release the candidate. Brother _____, I-E-A-R?

The Commander may repeat this query, once or twice if necessary. The Commander may state "You may ascertain." Quietness should be maintained during this work and sufficient time be allowed for the Recruit to give the sign. If the Recruit does not give the sign the OOD may assist him.

CDR: (Or the Chief of Staff) I now desire to invest you with the SIGNS, WORDS, and GRIPS of this Degree. Many Recruits give (or "You gave") the FIRST SIGN of this degree correctly, which is _____. The words which accompany this sign are "I-E-A-R". Since you found everything to your satisfaction, you responded "E-I-A-R". The GRIP of this degree is the usual grip of a gentleman and good fellow. In its complete form, you raise your T- - - - to meet mine. The PENALTY for violating your obligation is the execution of the GRIP in its complete form which is that these T- - - - - be - - - - - . The GRIP in its complete form gives the SECOND SIGN of this Degree, which is _____, symbolically signifying - - the old - - - - . Your attention is invited to that time to your obligation, wherein you agreed never to confer this Degree upon anyone except he be a Mason and a Sojourner in good standing, and unless there be at least three Heroes present. You further agreed never to confer this degree upon a woman. It is needless to remind you that no true Hero will confer this degree upon a woman with three Heroes present.

C/S: I now desire to present you with the WORKING TOOLS of this Degree. The working tools are the K- - - - and the Common C- - - . The K- - - - is given to us as an instrument to cut away the knots and rough places we find in life; the C- - - to untangle the skeins which bind us to trouble and sorrow. Both symbolically represent our desire to make life more smooth and happy for our members and to clear the mental paths of others, in order that the road to the Valley toward the West will be more pleasant to travel.

CDR: Brother Adjutant, you will present the new Hero with a membership card of this Camp and the Emblematic Ribbon of the Heroes of '76*.

ADJ: Brother _____, I now present you with your membership card, duly signed and authenticated. Care for it in order that it may not be damaged

or destroyed. Replacement is extremely difficult and may only be approved by National Headquarters. This Ribbon is the official Ribbon of the Order. You may also purchase a Heroes Medal which I have for sale. You must wear either this Ribbon or a Heroes Medal at each future Bivouac or Encampment of Heroes. Failure to do so may cause you to be subject to a fine of twenty-five cents.

Commander then shakes hands with new Hero and welcomes him into _____ Camp of Heroes of '76*. This welcome and charge are not prescribed, but are left to the Camp Commander to compose and deliver. Careful thought should be given, for when adequate this speech can well determine the full activity of the new Hero in the years ahead. This is an appropriate time to present the new Hero with a copy of the Official Manual. Experience has indicated future effectiveness is dramatically increased by such action.

CDR: Welcome into _____ Camp of Heroes of '76*.

The Commander may then declare a short recess so that the Members may greet the newly-made Hero.

NOTE: Prior to closing the following Optional Instructions and lectures may be given by the Commander, Camp Officers or appropriately prepared Heroes:

1. Monitor lecture--Appendix 2
2. Heroes Medal Lecture--Appendix 3
3. Bennington Flag Lecture--Appendix 4

CLOSING

CDR: Brother Chief of Staff, is there any further business before this Camp?

C/S: (NOTE: States date and place of next Bivouac, Encampment, other pertinent activity or matters of interest to all.)

CDR: There being no further business before this Camp, we will now give the usual signs and words of the Degree of the Heroes of '76°.

(X) (X) (X) THREE RAPS OF GAVEL

The signs and words are given.

CDR: Brother Chaplain, will you attend the Bible and lead us in a closing prayer?

All uncover. The Chaplain advances to Commander's Table, closes Bible, faces about and prays.

CHAP: Great and Grand Commander to us all, to Thy care we commend these, our Brethren, as they wend their separate ways. May the deliberations of this meeting give them stronger friendships, freedom from restraint in their future associations, and a deeper love for their Country and for Thee. This we ask in all humility and reverence. AMEN.

CDR: Lieutenants, retire the Colors.

The Lieutenants procure the flags, and flanked by the OOD and COG, march out of the room with the colors. Music may properly be utilized during movement of the colors. If the Camp has no large flags, then this portion is omitted.

CDR: I now declare this Bivouac of _____ Camp of Heroes of '76° (or this Encampment of Heroes of '76°) duly closed.

(X) ONE RAP OF GAVEL

THE TOAST TO THE FLAG

Here's to the red of it—
There's not a thread of it,
No, nor a shred of it
In all the spread of it
From foot to head.
But heroes bled for it,
Faced steel and lead for it,
Precious blood shed for it,
Bathing it red!

Here's to the white of it—
Thrilled by the sight of it,
Who knows the right of it
But feels the might of it
Through day and night?
Womanhood's care for it
Made manhood dare for it,
Purity's prayer for it
Keeps it so white!

Here's to the blue of it—
Beauteous view of it,
Heavenly hue of it,
Star-spangled dew of it
Constant and true;
Diadems gleam for it,
States stand supreme for it,
Liberty's beam for it
Brightens the blue!

Here's to the whole of it—
Stars, stripes and pole of it,
Body and soul of it,
O, and the roll of it,
Sun shining through;
Hearts in accord for it,
Swear by the sword for it,
Thanking the Lord for it,
Red, White and Blue!

MONITOR LECTURE (OPTIONAL)

CDR: Brother Hero, you will now give attention to the Monitor.

FIRST TENET--PATRIOTISM:

My Brother, the Degree of Heroes of '76°, whereby you became a Hero, is a unique ritual, indeed, which through adroit allegory, fastens in our minds and hearts, certain essential truths, tenets and purposes, without which no man can truly be a Hero. The first of these is PATRIOTISM, born in our breasts when we learn of the deeds of those who struggled heroically to found this Republic, thus teaching us that we should ever be willing to accept our share of patriotic duties and sacrifices to preserve and defend this Nation they founded. Lip-service is of no worth. Ours must be an active and operative patriotism, as this ritual clearly sets forth.

When an American receives no quickening of the pulse at the mention of Trenton - Valley Forge - King's Mountain - he is lost in ignorance or dead to patriotism, love of country and achievement.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
'This is my own, my native land!
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned,
As home his footsteps he hath turned.
From wandering on a foreign strand,
If such there breathe, go mark him well,
For him no minstrel raptures swell;
High though his titles, proud his name,
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim,
Despite those titles, power and pelf,
The wretch concentered all in self,
Living shall forfeit fair renown,
And, doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust from which he sprung,
Unwept, unhonored and unsung."

So we let the light of Patriotism shine upon our Brothers.

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SECOND TENET--FRATERNITY AND HAPPINESS

Second, this degree symbolizes FRATERNITY and HAPPINESS. All normal men crave companionship, enjoy harmless fun and seek a tightening bond of good fellowship. If we thus forge a bond to hold us closely together in the hours of crisis, stress, and danger, another aim of this degree will be achieved.

THIRD TENET--FAITH OR OPTIMISM:

The third tenet is of FAITH or OPTIMISM. We believe in our Country, its past history, its present development and its future hopes. Everything is all right with our people when we follow the precepts given us by our patriotic founders. Perfection is a Divine attribute, and we mortals may not attain it, but as far as human nature will permit, we have the best in this country that mortals have yet devised. We have FAITH in our Country. We believe in its institutions, and we pledge our support in its aims and purposes. "May she always be right." We, therefore, let the light of FAITH and HOPE burn in our midst.

FOURTH TENET--HUMILITY:

The fourth lesson or tenet came at the time when you were voted upon to receive this Degree. This Degree is unique in that the candidate is not voted upon unless and until he demonstrates his worthiness to receive such honor by his behavior under stress and in full sight and hearing of the Heroes present. This lesson illustrates that only after one has achieved a frank and humble evaluation of himself, is he truly a man and justly heroic. We do believe that this lesson was indelibly impressed upon your mind.

CDR: My Brother, you may now take a seat among your fellow Heroes.

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HEROES OF '76° MEDAL LECTURE (OPTIONAL)

Let your eyes rest upon the Medal before you, which is a reproduction of the seal of the Heroes of '76°. Inscribed thereon are several symbols with which you are already familiar.

The first of which strikes your eye is taken from A. M. Willard's famous painting "Spirit of '76". The three figures leading the colors are a young man, a mature man and an older man, symbolic of the membership of our order. One plays the fife. Two are drummers, which brings to mind the old saying "March to the Sound of the Drums", or paraphrased, "Follow your Conscience". It is also a reminder that tonight you were caused to represent a character similar to those illustrated.

These figures are encircled by a blue border bearing the word Heroes and the numerals 76 which identify this as our seal.

The whole is superimposed over crossed muskets to remind us of our military heritage. On the muzzles and the stocks of the muskets are the letters EIAR. You have just been invested with the true meaning of these letters.

The medallion is suspended from a ribbon of two colors, Blue and Gold. These are also the colors of National Sojourners and denote the close relationship between the two orders. The blue is to remind us of the strength we gain from Freemasonry, and the gold is to remind us of our faith in our Country's ideals.

When pinning the medal on your breast before a Heroes bivouac, we charge you to reflect on this night, and remind yourself that as Sojourners and Heroes we are bound together by not one, not two, but three ties of Brotherhood.

We trust that it will never be your lot to hazard your life in the defense of our Country or in support of a brother Mason, but should such be the case, your performance tonight has given us every confidence that you will do so with credit to yourself, and honor to the fraternity and your Country.

BENNINGTON FLAG LECTURE (OPTIONAL)

The flag of our Order is the Bennington Flag, named after the Battle of Bennington, Vermont, on 16 August, 1777. The Battle of Bennington is believed to mark the first appearance of an American flag bearing thirteen stars and thirteen stripes. Although this claim is not backed up by direct contemporary evidence, it is supported by three strong arguments: the flag associated with the battle is still preserved in the Bennington Historical Museum and remains unchallenged as the oldest Stars and Stripes in existence; the claim is corroborated by a coherent and continuous local tradition that dates back to the day of the battle; and it is generally accepted by almost every historian and scholar who has investigated and reported on Burgoyne's campaign and the Revolutionary history of the New Hampshire Grants, as Vermont was then called.

Two months after the Battle of Bennington a flag of Stars and Stripes is supposed to have presided over Burgoyne's surrender at Saratoga. Accounts of its display vary considerably. One is that such a flag flew over the tent of the Commander in Chief, General Horatio Gates. Another version relates that it was carried at the head of a parade of victorious American troops. Also present is the familiar story of how the flag was made by patriot women cutting up their flannel petticoats in a burst of patriotic devotion. The distinguished Vermont historian John Spargo has suggested the interesting and reasonable theory that the Saratoga Stars and Stripes was the Bennington Flag.

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CAMP, HEROES OF '76°

(Camp/Chapter Address)

(Date)

From: Camp Commander

To: Recruit _____

Subj: Orders

(CE) Ref: (a) National By-Laws, National Sojourners, Inc.
(b) Official Manual, Heroes of '76°, Bicentennial Edition.

Encl: (1) Uniform Hints
(2) General Orders for a Recruit

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1. As recommended by your Sponsor, Brother _____, and the Investigation Committee, and in accordance with references (a) and (b), you are directed to report to the Officer of the Day of this Camp of Heroes of '76° at Fort _____, at _____ on _____, 19____.
2. Uniform will be as follows:
A Recruit of the Continental Army (or other appropriate 1776 unit depending on Recruit's branch of service, employment, hobbies, etc.). Enclosure (1) may assist you.
3. You will bring with you:
 - a. Proof of good standing as a Master Mason and Sojourner.
 - b. A small flag of our country.
 - c. A small, green, oval picture of George Washington facing left.
 - d. A suitable hoodwink.
4. You will:
 - a. Be prepared to present, upon request, a five minute speech on Brother _____ (Washington, Warren, Franklin, Jones, Revere or heroic Revolutionary Mason after whom Camp named).
 - b. Keep the original of these orders in your possession at all times.
 - c. Be prepared to give the American Creed.
 - d. Be thoroughly familiar with, and obey the General Orders for a Recruit. See enclosure (2)
5. It is noted that the Investigation Committee did not go into your Heroic deeds.
6. Should these orders conflict with those of higher authority, you will immediately notify the Adjutant.

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Chapter President

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(NOTE: THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF APPROPRIATE RECRUIT ORDERS)

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GENERAL ORDERS FOR A RECRUIT

The following General Orders will be committed to memory by every Recruit prior to reporting in accordance with official letter orders:

1. A Recruit acknowledges the American flag as the most glorious national emblem that waves over land and sea.
2. A Recruit is a Recruit is a Recruit and has no rank.
3. A Recruit conducts himself in a dignified and serious manner.
4. A Recruit remains silent until given permission to speak. This permission is given only by the OOD; a Recruit obeys orders of OOD.
5. A Recruit promptly answers, in a respectful manner, all questions put to him.
6. A Recruit does not smile, grin, smirk, chuckle, titter, nor engage in raucous laughter unless specifically directed.
7. A Recruit never questions a statement made by a Hero.
8. A Recruit demonstrates fortitude and forbearance.
9. A Recruit volunteers no facts nor information until ordered to do so.
10. A Recruit is meek. He is not aloof, sarcastic, cynical, nor belligerent. He displays no irritation nor impatience. He avoids harsh language and baleful glares.

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(NOTE: THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF APPROPRIATE ORDERS)

HINTS ON HEROES OF '76* UNIFORMS

"Although their clothes consisted of shreds and patches of every color ripped and torn, barefooted and hungry, they redeemed us from slavery. With soldiers thus accoutered Washington, Warren, Lee, Lafayette, and others defeated the finest armies Great Britain had ever sent into the field."

A uniform of the Continental Army, Navy, Marines or Militia is appropriate. Let your imagination be your guide. Consider:

1. Basic Uniform: Old uniforms, utilities, hunting clothes, etc. A button box or discarded clothing may give you an idea and be a source of supply.
2. Hat: A cut-down fedora turned up into a tri-cornered hat.
3. Shoes: Boots, old tennis shoes with bloody rags, burlap, or rag wrappings.
4. An old cane, crutches or a musket to add sparkle.
5. Generous use of bandages, slings, blood and "bullet holes"--an active imagination is your best asset.

GUARD HOUSE BRIEFING

The following introductory remarks, commonly called the "Guard House Briefing", will be delivered to the Recruit by the Officer of the Day, on his arrival at the Bivouac. These remarks are intended to alert the Recruit and to prevent grave misunderstanding of the events that will take place. The Recruit's sponsor will be present.

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My Brother:

Heroes of '76* is a Masonic organization. Like all others the lessons are veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols; everything said and done has a very special purpose.

- (CT) To derive the fullest benefits from the activities you must be aware of and fully understand the purposes of this Degree, which in due time will be more fully explained to you.

You are going to represent a colonial patriot during 1776. Imagine yourself as a recruit arriving at Continental Headquarters.

As you recall from your history, the Continental forces were made up of a multitude of individualistic Americans. They were in this country in search of freedom and they were not about to entertain any undue restrictions on that freedom.

Many of the officers organized their own troops. Some of them even paid a part or all of the costs of their troops. And even though they were joined in a common endeavor, they valued their independence. To us, accustomed to a high degree of discipline and organization, they appear as a rag-tag group of crude individuals. The officers felt that it was necessary to have some restrictions for the benefit of the cause, but they were very careful that they retained as much of their independence as possible. They were willing to follow orders, but wanted to be sure those orders were no more than necessary for the prosecution of the war. The Commander in Chief made it plain that drunks, egotists and summer soldiers were not wanted, nor were those who could not

stand the physical and mental trials ahead, or who had a less than reputable background. We trust that you do not fall into any of these categories.

According to your orders, you are representing a _____ . For the time being, you will be under my control. Do not respond to any orders, or perform any duties unless I personally direct you to do so. At the appropriate time, it will be evident that I am no longer in charge. You will then be responsive to the Camp Commander and his staff.

If, at any time, you do not understand what is happening and the purpose therefore, please feel free to ask me. I will either answer your questions or tell you when they will be answered.

(CT) You were told to prepare a speech, and at the appropriate time, I will tell you to give it. Also I will assign various duties as the meeting progresses. Remember, you want to join the Continental Forces and plan to help you.

(CC1) Do you have any medical condition or history which could place you at risk in any stress of the degree to follow? (Answer will be noted and reported to the Camp Commander.)

I will now take your orders and deliver them to the Camp Commander.

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HEROES OF '76° INSTALLATION CEREMONY*

Prior to the Installation Ceremony, the Installing Officer (IO) should appoint an Installing Chaplain (ICHAP), Installing Adjutant (IADJ), and Installing Marshal (IMAR).

Requirements for Installing Adjutant are:

1. List of Officers to be installed (with proxy for any absentee).
2. Camp Charter.
3. Badge of Office for Commander.
4. Camp Gavel.
5. Past Commander's bar.

IO: Brethren, we are about to install those who have been selected to guide the destinies of _____ Camp, Heroes of '76° during the ensuing year. Since every Freemason professes a belief in the existence of Deity, let us look to the Great Commander of the Universe for guidance. Brother Chaplain, will you lead us in our devotions to Deity?

(X)(X)(X) THREE RAPS OF THE GAVEL

ICHAP: Great and Grand Commander of us all; Thou who are the Creator, the Preserver and the Director of the World and all that dwell therein; we implore Thy blessing upon this assembly of Thy children, who gratefully acknowledging Thy mercy and goodness, now renew their fidelity to Thy law, and pray for the desire and strength to do Thy will. Bless, we beseech Thee, our labors in behalf of our Country, and may we always be staunch and loyal in our devotion to her welfare and cause. Give to those who are about to be invested with official authority and leadership the will to serve, the knowledge to direct, and the power to perform those duties and obligations that shall be theirs. And may we all continue to enjoy the blessings that are the reward of the faithful. AMEN

(X) ONE RAP OF THE GAVEL

*See Sojourners Manual for "short" and "joint" Installation Ceremonies.

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IO: Brother Adjutant, you will call the roll of the Elected and Appointed Officers now to be installed. As their names are called, those Brethren will rise and, under the guidance of the Installing Marshal, assume positions in front of the Installing Officer.

Installing Adjutant calls roll individually. If there is a "proxy" the Adjutant states, for example, "Chaplain, Brother _____, Brother _____ will act as proxy." Installing Marshal positions Officers facing, and with Camp Commander Elect to the extreme left front of the Installing Officer.

Brethren, you have been chosen to be Officers of this Camp of Heroes of '76° for the ensuing year. Are you willing to accept the trust? (The Officers will respond.) I will now face you toward your Camp. OFFICERS, ABOUT FACE. Members of _____ Camp, Heroes of '76°; Behold the Brethren chosen to govern your Camp for the ensuing year. Are you still satisfied with your choice? (The Camp Members will respond.) OFFICERS. ABOUT FACE. There being no objection to your installation, I shall proceed with the ceremony. You will place your right hand over your heart and repeat after me the following obligation: All Heroes please rise.

(X)(X)(X) THREE RAPS OF GAVEL. Heroes only will stand.

I SOLEMNLY PROMISE/ UPON THE HONOR OF A FREEMASON,/ THAT I WILL TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY/ FAITHFULLY PERFORM ALL THE DUTIES/ APPERTAINING TO THE OFFICE/ WITH WHICH I AM ABOUT TO BE VESTED,/ AND DO ALL IN MY POWER/ TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF THE ORDER.

Now, by the virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I declare that each of you is now duly installed in the office to which you have been elected or appointed, to serve therein until your successor shall have been duly chosen and installed. And, now, as evidence that we are one in faith, one in hope and one in charity, will all please rise and repeat after me, the American Creed.

(X)(X)(X) THREE RAPS OF GAVEL. All will stand.

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IO: I BELIEVE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA/ AS A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE,/ BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE,/ WHOSE JUST POWERS ARE DERIVED/ FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED./ A DEMOCRACY IN A REPUBLIC,/ A SOVEREIGN NATION OF MANY SOVEREIGN STATES,/ A PERFECT UNION, ONE AND INSEPARABLE,/ ESTABLISHED UPON THOSE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM,/ EQUALITY, JUSTICE AND HUMANITY,/ FOR WHICH AMERICAN PATRIOTS/ SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES AND FORTUNES./ I THEREFORE BELIEVE IT IS MY DUTY TO MY COUNTRY/ TO LOVE IT,/ TO SUPPORT ITS CONSTITUTION,/ TO OBEY ITS LAWS,/ TO RESPECT ITS FLAG,/ AND TO DEFEND IT AGAINST ALL ENEMIES.

(X) ONE RAP OF THE GAVEL.

IO: Brother Marshal, you will make proclamation that the officers of this Camp have been duly installed.

IMAR: I am directed to proclaim, and I do now proclaim, that the Commander and all the other Officers of _____ Camp, Heroes of '76°, have been duly installed into their respective offices.

IO: Brother Marshal, you will seat all the newly installed officers except the Commander. You will escort the Commander to his station on this side of the podium.

Installing Marshal may assist one or more of the officers to their seats or he may request, "Gentlemen, (or "Newly installed officers,) will you please take your seats?" He then escorts the Commander to his place with the Installing Officer behind the podium.

IO: Brother _____, you are now the Commander of _____ Camp, Heroes of '76°. As such it will be your duty to preside over the Bivouacs of the Camp and enforce conformity with all of the Landmarks, Directives, Policies and Customs of the Order. To accomplish this acceptably, you must familiarize yourself with all of their respective requirements, and by your own conduct set an example which other Heroes will not hesitate to follow. The gavel, now placed in your hands,

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is the symbol of your authority and, as none should disobey it, I trust you will wield it with firmness but also with discretion and justice.

I now invest you with the badge of your office, (places ribboned medal of the Commander around the Commander's neck or places Commander's bar on Heroes Medal Ribbon), and I am sure that you will wear it with pleasure to yourself and honor to our Order.

I now present you with your Camp Charter, the authority under which your Camp may meet and function and without which you cannot open a Bivouac or initiate a Recruit. Guard it well and ensure its safety.

Now, Brother Commander, I come to the final act of this ceremony, the permanent relinquishment of the gavel to you.

(Hands the gavel to the Commander.)

IO: Henceforth it is yours to wield, and I feel confident that, at the close of your term of office, your successor will accept it from honored hands. We rejoice at your ascension to this place of honor and pledge our constant and hearty support. To you, Brother Commander, and to your Staff of Officers, I extend my personal congratulations, and wish for you a most successful administration of the affairs of your Camp during the ensuing year.

New Commander makes appropriate remarks and Installing Officer resumes his seat.

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MUSTER REPORT* - HEROES OF '76*
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FROM: CAMP ADJUTANT
TO: NATIONAL COMMANDER
VIA: NATIONAL ADJUTANT

SUBJ: REPORT OF MUSTER

1. BIVOUAC W/RECRUIT? _____ RECRUIT'S NAME _____
2. OTHER PURPOSE (if no Recruit present) _____
3. BIVOUAC DATE _____ PLACE _____
4. NUMBER OF HEROES ON ROSTER _____ NUMBER PRESENT _____ NUMBER VISITORS _____
5. NUMBER WITH HATS _____ FIELD UNIFORMS _____ DRESS UNIFORMS _____
6. WERE ORDERS ISSUED IN ADVANCE TO RECRUIT? _____
7. WAS MUSIC USED? _____ DID RECRUIT APPEAR IN UNIFORM? _____
8. WHICH WERE GIVEN FROM MEMORY? 1ST SECTION: HISTORY _____ OBLIGATION _____
SHINGTON _____ WARREN _____ FRANKLIN _____ REVERE _____ JONES _____ CDR _____ C/S _____
3RD SECTION: SGS/WDS/GPS _____ W/TOOLS _____ MONITOR _____ MEDAL _____ B. FLAG _____
9. WAS THE 2ND SECTION EFFECTIVELY PRESENTED? _____ BY WHOM? _____
10. DATE OF NEXT BIVOUAC _____ PLACE _____
11. NUMBER OF SOJOURNERS QUALIFIED AND AWAITING ELEVATION TO HEROES RANK _____

Copy to: Regional Representative
Chapter President
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SIGNED _____

*Submitted in accordance with Chapter V, Bicentennial Heroes Manual. Report of activities for "Camp News" section of "The Sojourner" may be reported on reverse or attached hereto. "Camp News" should be written in form prescribed in Sojourner directives.

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DATE _____

FROM: _____

TO: NATIONAL COMMANDER

VIA: ATION ADJUTANT

SUBJ: MEETING OF _____ CAMP, _____ CHAPTER # _____

1. BIVOUAC W/RECRUIT? _____ RECRUIT'S NAME _____

2. OTHER PURPOSE IF NO RECRUIT PRESENT: _____

3. DATE _____ PLACE _____

4. TOTAL NUMBER OF HEROES PRESENT _____ LOCALS _____ VISITORS _____

5. NUMBER WITH HATS _____ FIELD UNIFORMS _____ DRESS UNIFORMS _____

6. DID RECRUIT RECEIVE PROPER ORDERS? _____ WAS HE PROPERLY PREPARED? _____

7. WAS CAMP PROPERLY PREPARED FOR BIVOUAC? _____ WAS CHARTER DISPLAYED? _____

8. WERE THERE ADEQUATE BICENTENNIAL HEROES MANUALS? _____ WAS MUSIC USED? _____

9. WHICH WERE GIVEN FROM MEMORY? 1ST SECTION: HISTORY _____ OBLIGATION _____

WASHINGTON _____ WARREN _____ FRANKLIN _____ REVERE _____ JONES _____ CDR _____ C/S _____

3RD SECTION: SGS/WDS/GPS _____ W/TOOLS _____ MONITOR _____ MEDAL _____ B. FLAG _____

10. WAS THE 2ND SECTION EFFECTIVELY PRESENTED? _____ BY WHOM? _____

11. WAS DATE OF NEXT BIVOUAC ANNOUNCED? _____ IF SO, WHEN? _____ WHERE? _____

12. GENERAL COMMENTS ON CONDUCT OF BIVOUAC, QUALITY OF OFFICER PERFORMANCE, EFFECTIVENESS OF SECOND SECTION/ENTIRE DEGREE AND COMMENDATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT (CONTINUE ON REVERSE): _____

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CHAPTER # _____

DATE _____

FROM: Camp Commander/Chapter President

TO: National Commander

VIA: National Adjutant

SUBJ: Annual Heroes Report for period 1 July _____ to 30 June _____

REF: a. Chapter V, Bicentennial Heroes Manual

1. This report due by 30 July annually in accordance with reference (a). If more space required, continue under paragraph 10 on rear (citing paragraph # and/or on additional sheets)

2. Camp Officers: _____
Last Name, First, MI, Rank, Service _____ Expiration of Terms _____ Telephone _____

a. Commander _____ ()

b. Chief of Staff _____ ()

c. Asst C/S _____ ()

d. OOD _____ ()

e. Adjutant _____ ()

3. a. Number of Bivouacs held during last year? _____ With Recruits? _____ Without? _____

b. Number of Heroes initiated during last year? _____ (List at Para 8)

c. Usual Bivouac date? _____ Place? _____

d. Is Camp Charter displayed at each Bivouac? _____

e. Future Bivouacs are planned (monthly or ?) _____

f. Has Camp participated in an Encampment? _____ Where/when? _____

g. Number of Heroes on roster? _____ Average number attending Bivouacs? _____

h. Number with tricorns? _____ Field uniforms? _____ Dress uniforms? _____

i. Parts of degree given from memory? _____

j. Camp has _____ copies of Bicentennial Heroes Manual

4. a. Are Muster Reports/Camp News items submitted IAW reference (a)? _____

b. Are your Camp News published? _____ If not, do you know why not? _____

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS (continued)

LtCol Richard M. TWITCHELL.....	1976-77	USA
Major Leland H. WILLIAMS.....	1977-78	USAF
CWO James E. JOHNSON.....	1978-79	USMC
LCDR D. Morton LEVY.....	1979-80	USN
*Colonel William BIEHL, Jr.....	1980-81	USMC
Captain J. Layton WALKER.....	1981-82	USA
Major Raymond S. GRIFFITH.....	1982-83	USAF
LtCol Ogden JOHNSON.....	1983-84	USA
Lieutenant Charles S. ALLEN.....	1984-85	USA