

MEMBER'S CHARM



The Member's Charm may be worn as a pendant or as a charm on a bracelet. It may be worn on any occasion, **but never worn on the Badge with the ribbon and Bars.**

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

Certificates of Membership are 8.5 by 11 inches, bearing the Seal of The National Society and signed by the National President. The member's name, Society, qualifying ancestor, Colonial date of membership and membership number(s) are written in calligraphy. This Certificate is suitable for framing.



STATE PINS

Some Corporate Societies offer their own pins. The qualifications which entitle members to wear these State Pins vary. In all cases, a member is entitled to wear the pin of a Corporate Society to which she belongs. In most cases, a member is entitled to wear the State Pin of the Colonial Society on whose list her ancestor appears. Inquiries for purchase of Colonial Society State Pins should be made through the Colonial Society or its headquarters. State Pins may be worn for any occasion but never above or on the ribbon of the Badge.

HOW TO ORDER

All members may order Insignia and a Certificate. Order forms can be found under Forms on the Registrar's page of the NSCDA website and submitted to the member's Corporate Society Registrar.

Only those members who have been named to the Roll of Honor may order the Roll of Honor pin. The form for ordering this pin is located on the Roll of Honor page or under Forms and Resources. This form must be approved by the Corporate Society President and the Roll of Honor Chair.

DISPOSAL OF INSIGNIA

It is also important to know and prepare for the proper disposal of our Insignia. You can find a sample form for Disposal of Insignia in the Registrars' section of the members' area on the NSCDA web site.

Insignia may be:

1. bequeathed to a relative or friend who is a member of the NSCDA;
2. returned as a gift to the Corporate Society (each Corporate Society keeps Insignia to loan to members to wear on appropriate occasions);
3. sold to another member. The suggested price for Insignia in good condition is one-third of the current price charged for new Insignia.



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INSIGNIA

**Insignia Guidelines
Usage
How to Order
Disposal**

NATIONAL REGISTRAR

The National Society of
The Colonial Dames of America

2715 Q Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007
Phone (202) 337-2288

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BADGE

The Badge consists of a disc with a center of light blue enamel and the figure of a Colonial Dame in gold, encircled by white enamel with the title of the Society in gold letters. Surmounting this is the figure of an eagle in gold. Diverging from the center disc are twenty rays in gold, arranged in four groups of five. Three center rays in each group are embellished with blue enamel stars. These along with a similar star placed immediately below the central disc symbolize the thirteen original colonies.

The Badge is engraved with first initials and last name (or initials only), state abbreviated, and membership number. The year of admission may also be engraved.

The Badge is worn by all members on all occasions when they assemble officially for any stated purpose or celebration, and may be worn on any occasion of ceremony. It is worn conspicuously on the left breast.

Members who are or have been National officers may wear it suspended from the ribbon around the neck. Members who are or have been Chair of the National Historical Activities Committee, the National Museum Alliance Committee, or the National Patriotic Service Committee may wear it suspended from a small bow of ribbon. Members who are or have been First Regent of Gunston Hall or the Senior Sulgrave Manor Representative may wear it suspended from a pleated bar of ribbon.

As a matter of respect, no other pin or Bar shall be worn above the Badge.

Please keep in mind the Badge may not be worn as an article of jewelry.

NSCDA BADGE



COLONIAL AND ASSOCIATE STATE

BAR PLACEMENT

The Colonial State Bar should always be at the top of the ribbon holding the Badge. A member in an Associate State may place her Associate State Bar fastened to the ribbon directly below the Colonial State Bar. A Colonial State member, if she so desires, may wear her ancestral State Bar in addition to the Bar of the Society of which she is a member. No more than two Corporate Society Bars may be worn on the ribbon holding the Badge.

The Corporate Society President's Bar is placed under these Bars.

MEMBER'S DISC

When a member acquires a previously owned Badge, she may suspend from the Colonial State Bar a gold disc on which shall be engraved her initials, state abbreviation and membership number, and/or year of admission. Similar gold discs may be attached for successive holders. The original engraving on the Badge should not be removed. A Member's Disc is not permitted to show ownership by a member who never owned the Badge.



There are two correct ways to place Bars on a previously owned Badge:

- Wear Badge as received with no replacement Bars.
- A member may replace the State Bar or Bars on a previously owned Badge.

ROLL OF HONOR PIN

The Roll of Honor Pin may be worn by a member who has been named to the Roll of Honor by her Corporate Society. This pin is worn on the ribbon below the Bars just above the Badge.



RECOGNITION PIN



The Recognition Pin may be worn by all members on any occasion they choose. It must never be worn on the Badge with the ribbon and Bars.