Creed

To believe in the life of love; to win in the fresh morning of our youth the loyal love of faithful friends, who will go with us unmoved into the darkening shadows of life's closing day; and so to seek and to find, to have and to hold the friendships that will abide. To think of God as the common father of all men, and all men as a common brotherhood, thus recognizing the continuity of the Divine and the solidarity of the human life. To build somewhere in the wide world the sheltering walls of a home, however humble and obscure, where Love shall glorify the wife, Duty enshrine the mother, and Affection ennoble the child. To keep green the sainted memory of our loved and lost, their faults forgotten, their virtues enshrined in our hearts forever. To try bravely to do unto our fellow men as they should do unto us, reckoning not their lineage nor their wealth, but esteeming their manhood above their badge of rank. To let our lives be led by the spirits of Gentleness, Justice, and Mercy. And so to be true to the Knighthood of Love.

To walk in the way of honor; to exalt the fundamental virtues of the race; and, prizing every noble impulse, to realize so deeply the baseness of deceit, that no obligation will be more binding than our plighted word. To be steadfast in the performance of every trust, and, spurning the gaudy gifts of greed and power, to be content to live by our knightly vow that our honor is dearer to us than our lives; and so to esteem the man's character first, his culture second, and his pedigree not at all, unless he be worthy of it. Emulating the chivalrous deeds of courtesy, and sealing not our hearts against the torch of tenderness, to win the love and care of some incorruptible woman. And so to be loyal to the Knighthood of Honor.

To serve in the light of truth; to open wide, Life's windows to the revelations of heaven and earth. Avoiding the Phariseeism that belittles the soul and scorning the bigotry that blights the mind, to respect every altar of faith built in God's name, by every sincere worshiper to whom, if we cannot give our sympathy, we shall not deny the kindness of our manly silence; and, whatever our creed, to reverence the Christ as the Divine Compassion for struggling humanity - a compassion that, giving the world its gospel of human service, saves men to the end that they may serve their fellow men.

To seek in nature, the meaning of the Infinite Truth; to understand that the laws of growth are the laws of God to believe that the melody of birds, the laughter of children the unmeasured sacrifice of motherhood, and the ceaseless yearning of all men for a wider outlook and a nobler existence are prophetic of the perfect joy and love of another world and so believing, to find rest, as in the shadow of a great rock, against all the storms that beset us; catching from the
silence of the starlit nights, the peace of the autumn days, the solemnity of the boundless seas,
that spirit of Hope and Faith which soothes hurt of grief, heals the wound of wrong, and calms
the fever of doubt.

To welcome the achievements of art and science, religion and learning, labor and law, under
whose radiant banners battle the hosts of progress; honoring every honest student as the
benefactor of his race, and every consecrated school as a bulwark of the Republic; and so to be
loyal to the American university, as the home of American liberty, democracy, religion, and
culture.

To guard with jealous care not only ancient rights of human freedom, in whose name we shall
destroy all wrong and oppression, but also the newer rights of social service, the ultimate
purpose of whose ministrations shall be to give to every life, the opportunity to enjoy the earth in
the fullness of its beauty and grace, its comfort and good cheer; holding fast to the conviction
that whatever sweetens our natures, uplifts our ideals, strengthens our character and
disenthralls our spirits will us in the end into the full stature of a noble manhood; and, so
inspires, to cling to the visions of our youth, and, despite the sordid struggles of the selfish
world, to practice every day, as lads in college, and men in the world, the Faith of our Fraternity,
thinking of it not only as the inspiring Ideal of a militant Brotherhood, but also as a creative
force for the spiritual development of men, whose lives it shall dedicate to Love, glorify with
Honor, and conquer for Truth. And so to be faithful to the Knighthood of Truth.