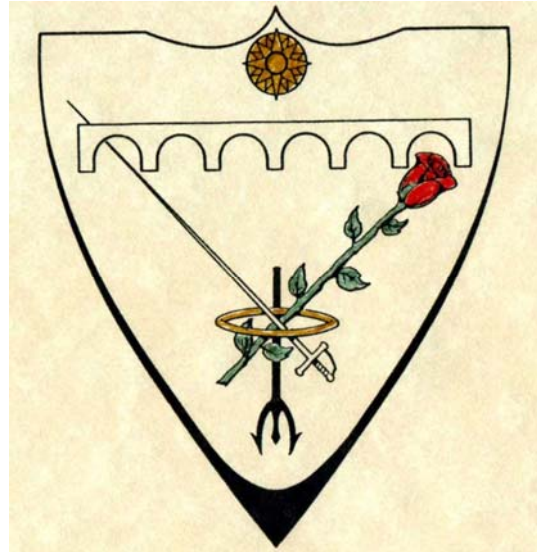


# The Articles of Chivalry



***We as Chivalric Knights of the Holy Order of the Fellow Soldiers of Jacques DeMolay, as we affix our signatures to this set of articles, do hereby agree to uphold them as a covenant upon which we wish to base our lives as Sir Knights. We further recognize that through the incorporation of these articles into our lives, we can better represent ourselves and the Order of DeMolay. We further assert our willingness to be removed from the roles of Knighthood should it ever be found that our conduct has been contrary to the principles herein set.***

## **Article 1 - A Sir Knight is Honorable**

1. A Sir Knight must accept responsibility for the one thing that is within his control: himself.
2. A Sir Knight must always keep his word, realizing that a man who's word is as good as his bond is held in high esteem by all.
3. A Sir Knight must never speak harshly or critically of a Brother, unless it be in private and tempered with the love one Brother has for another, always speaking to him for the purpose of aiding him to be a better man.
4. A Sir Knight must always rely on his instincts and those lessons taught to him throughout the course of his DeMolay career when deciding right from wrong.

## **Article 2 - A Sir Knight Shows Excellence**

1. A Sir Knight must commit to excellence, and seek the highest level of excellence in all aspects of his life.
2. A Sir Knight must always excel in his education, putting forth his best effort in all his school works.
3. A Sir Knight must always excel in his ritual work, endeavoring never to read a part and striving to aid his chapter and zone in any capacity which may be required.
4. A Sir Knight must always excel in deportment, keeping his attitude and conduct above reproach. He should always be aware that through his deportment will he and our Order be judged.

## **Article 3 - A Sir Knight has Courage**

1. A Sir Knight must have the courage to stand up for those principles which he believes are right, especially in the presence of the uninitiated and those who oppose the cardinal virtues of DeMolay.
2. A Sir Knight is never afraid to defend his own rights and those of others.
3. A Sir Knight shall always stand to defend the rights of women, the oppressed, and the downtrodden.

## **Article 4 - A Sir Knight is Loyal**

1. A Sir Knight shall always remain loyal to the Order of DeMolay and the Order of Knighthood.
2. A Sir Knight shall, at all times, remain loyal to his brothers.

## **Article 5 - A Sir Knight is Generous**

1. A Sir Knight shall be generous with his time, always endeavoring to share his knowledge and experience with the younger DeMolay.
2. A Sir Knight shall always offer to help and assist whenever the need should require it .
3. A Sir Knight shall demonstrate his generosity anonymous and by example, placing the needs of others above his own.

## **Article 6 - A Sir Knight is Well-Spoken**

1. A Sir Knight shall not engage in vulgarity.
2. A Sir Knight shall not take the name of the Lord in vain.
3. A Sir Knight shall always be heard speaking favorably about the Order of DeMolay, the Order of Knighthood, Freemasonry, and all other bodies associated with the Masonic Lodge.

## **Article 7 - A Sir Knight is Discreet**

1. A Sir Knight shall maintain all confidences reposed in him.
2. A Sir Knight shall not engage in any conversation that demeans any woman in particular, or women in general.
3. A Sir Knight shall not engage in slander, realizing that that which is unseen is unknown.
4. A Sir Knight shall keep to himself those things which are seen, but may cause physical or emotional damage to another.
5. A Sir Knight shall keep his relationship with his lady private, and not hold their relationship up to public scrutiny.

## **Article 8 - A Sir Knight is Pure**

1. A Sir Knight shall not, in any manner, bring shame upon any woman, himself, the Order of DeMolay or Knighthood.
2. A Sir Knight shall not, with unlawful intent, possess or consume any illicit drug, including alcohol or tobacco.

## **Article 9 - A Sir Knight is Wise**

1. A Sir Knight shall endeavor to use the tenets of DeMolay and the lessons of life to prevent foolish actions.
2. A Sir Knight shall always hold the tenet "think twice before speaking once" as the basis for all his dealings with others.
3. A Sir Knight shall always attempt to apply practical knowledge to all of the situations he faces.

## **Article 10 - A Sir Knight is Courteous**

1. A Sir Knight shall always take the time to display those courtesies which we all are entitled to, remembering that familiarity does not serve as an exception.
2. A Sir Knight shall always attempt to make others feel welcome and appreciated when visiting our Chapters, Encampments or Priories.
3. A Sir Knight shall be patient and understanding when working with a younger DeMolay or Squire.
4. A Sir Knight shall respect the fact that others have their own opinions, and not require them to adopt his own.

## **Article 11 - A Sir Knight is Just**

1. A Sir Knight shall not value himself above others or feel that he should be singled out for special treatment.
2. A Sir Knight shall refrain from judging others based on outward appearances or characteristics.
3. A Sir Knight shall treat all people with fairness and honesty, regardless of his station in life.
4. A Sir Knight shall, when asked to mediate a dispute between two Brothers, judge fairly, honestly and without malice, taking into consideration the effects of his decision on his Brothers, and the Order.