

The Chivalric Code

- ▶ Word Origin – French *Chevalier* – Knight
- ▶ *Codified in Chivalry* by Leon Gautier (19th century French historian)
 - ❖ Thou shalt believe all that the Church teaches, and shalt observe all its directions.
 - ❖ Thou shalt defend the Church.
 - ❖ Thou shalt respect all weaknesses, and shalt constitute thyself the defender of them.
 - ❖ Thou shalt love the country in which thou wast born.
 - ❖ Thou shalt not recoil before thine enemy.
 - ❖ Thou shalt make war against the Infidel without cessation, and without mercy.
 - ❖ Thou shalt perform scrupulously thy feudal duties, if they be not contrary to the laws of God.
 - ❖ Thou shalt never lie, and shall remain faithful to thy pledged word.
 - ❖ Thou shalt be generous, and give largess to everyone.
 - ❖ Thou shalt be everywhere and always the champion of the Right and the Good against Injustice and Evil.