

CHI OMEGA RHO

handbook



THE MEDIEVAL KNIGHT

During the darkest days of medieval Europe, there arose an order of men dedicated to the uplifting of the higher ideals of civilized man; mainly those of respect, loyalty, courtesy, and generosity. These men became known as knights and their system of ideals as chivalry.

The right to bear arms as a knight was earned only after proving one's trustworthiness and ability to bear the responsibility of knighthood. This right to bear arms came to a youth upon his arrival at manhood after serving as a castle page for seven years learning of the manners of courtly life and serving as squire, attached to a knight, where he underwent seven more years of intense training in arms and horsemanship.

An applicant for knighthood was first required to confess his sins and spend time in prayer and fasting before receiving his rank.

Upon being dubbed knight, he swore an oath to uphold the ideals of knighthood and to stand ready to serve his lord or king at a moment's notice without question or hesitation. It was this unfailing dedication to ideals which led to the choice of knighthood as a theme for Chi Omega Rho.

THE KNIGHT'S OATH

The knights of the middle ages pledged to their fellow knights, faithfulness and loyalty. Just as medieval knights, the knights of Chi Omega Rho should also pledge faithfulness and loyalty to other fellow knights. We should be true to other knights throughout life.

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to uphold the principles
of CHI OMEGA
RHO, to fulfill its
goals and to be a
friend to my fellow

Knights."