

America, as you and your ancestors have known it, and as your descendants *must* continue to know it, is the ideal of popular government. Under its unique Constitution we are guaranteed rights and privileges and opportunities such as no other people on the face of the earth have ever enjoyed. But as these rights and privileges have been ours to enjoy, so now they are ours to protect.

For the sake of those to come after us; for the sake of our own self respect as citizens of the greatest Country the world has ever known, we can do no less than safeguard our governmental institutions with all our energy, with all our effort. I know that the members of the Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters, true to the ideals which membership in their orders entail, will measure up to every responsibility of American citizenship.