

our lives to public service and the general welfare of our community our state and our nation.

The seal of this great organization enjoins you to know, to cherish and to live good citizenship. I have no doubt that those of you here will abide by that injunction. Furthermore, it is your duty, as it is the duty of all of us, to teach, inspire and encourage good citizenship in others, to the end that we may preserve that spirit of cooperation, of joint effort, that binds us together as a nation of free people. . . .

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The philosophers and statesmen of the Eighteenth Century who designed the pattern for the modern western state placed brotherhood on a par with social and political equality and the liberty of the individual as fundamentals in the organization of a democratic society.

Liberty, equality, fraternity were watchwords of the rebellious citizens of France who rose up near the end of that century to overthrow a despotic monarchy and set up the First French Republic. And while the word "brotherhood" is not found in our own Declaration of Independence and Constitution, the idea of fraternal unity is implicit in all the documents that comprise the framework of our system of government.

The essence of brotherhood, in fact, is embodied in the meaning of equality and freedom, for men cannot enjoy the fruits of social and political equality in a free society unless they are imbued with the kindred spirit of brotherhood.

It was Calvin Coolidge who said that "our doctrine of equality and liberty and humanity comes from our belief in the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God." But brotherhood as we feel it and practice it is, indeed, a spiritual experience, beyond the reach of the law. The law can forbid a man to trespass upon the property of his neighbor, but it is powerless to instill in him the feeling of charity, good will and understanding that is so necessary to a good relationship between the two.

Brotherhood, then, insofar as our democratic society is concerned,