

established, cannot exist and will not endure unless these rights are maintained.

It would be well if, at this time, when men's attentions are diverted by passing considerations, they would return to the principles of the Calverts and re-dedicate our State to the principles upon which Maryland was founded.

Today's tournament is a refinement of the old feudal times and the middle centuries, and many of our present customs date back to the rules which were set down by the English Statute of Arms in 1292.

The plans for today bring forth another example of the pageantry and gay gatherings of the Knights of the Fleece. While the tournament is a display in skill its underlying motive is chivalry, that quality which even now still shines out in a world beclouded by selfish interests.

You knights gathered here today are real symbols of that old noble chivalry and in your jousting efforts to win Ladye Faire I charge you with the admonition that your generosity and fair play must never be lacking or soiled by other than noble motives.

To the spectators and participants let me suggest a thought from Shakespeare that seems to fit this occasion so well, "A light heart lives long."

The days of olde required the ancient Knights to whip out their swords from carved scabbards and avenge even a thin insult to Ladye Faire. Such action, such sensibility of principle and height of honor are rarely found and are unexpected to such a degree on today's passing stage.

Today's combat is worthy of you. The fray will temper and test your mettle. Illustrious Knights, generous defenders of ancient custom, let Mercury give wings to your earnest endeavors and may the wreath of honor be placed on the brow of the victor.