



Let it **B**e **K**nown to all **W**ho **P**roless the **A**rt of **A**rms and **W**alk the **P**ath of **C**hivalry that we send **G**reetings and a **D**eclaration of **F**raternity.

Wherefore it has been our great fortune to rekindle the embers of the **N**oble **A**rt of **A**rms, which has endured only tenuously through the foresight of its ancient **M**asters, so too does the burden of its correct preservation and transmission fall upon our shoulders;

Wherefore, the **A**rt of **D**efence is also known as the **K**nighly **A**rt, and its study has been a conveyance to instill the virtues of **P**rowess, **C**ourage, **J**ustice, **L**oyalty, **C**ourtesy, **H**umility, **L**argesse, **F**ranchise, and **F**aith in its adherents;

Wherefore this **A**rt also stands as a bond between us and our ancestors, and its practice cannot be separated from the ethos that bore them;

Therefore, the tragedy of our day is that, even as new life has been breathed into this **A**ncient **A**rt, there are those who stand ignorant, even contemptuous, of its history and nature. **A**nd so it is the more incumbent upon those men of arms who profess the aforesaid knightly virtues that they seek those of like mind and spirit to share in this endeavor and foster such values.

And to this end, **W**e, the principals of the **C**hicago **S**wordplay **G**uild and the **F**echtschule of the **N**oble **O**rders of **S**elohaar, do establish an alliance in perpetuity, dedicated to the following:

Item: That there is but one **A**rt of the **S**word, and all who take up its study become **B**rothers in **A**rms, regardless of nation, race or creed.

Item: That there is a need for standards of safety and excellence amongst those **B**rothers.

Item: That we share a determination to impart the underpinning virtues of the **K**nighly **A**rt, within and without this confraternity.

Item: That we acknowledge an obligation to promulgate the study and understanding of the **A**rt within its greater historical milieu.

Item: That we shall support the education and fostering of each other's students.

Item: That we shall mutually encourage and recognize each other's study and ranks, in accordance with the traditions of our **A**ncestors.

Item: That any scholar of either **G**uild or **F**echtschule shall be welcome in the other's training hall and home as brothers.

Item: That we shall seek out and extend the hand of fellowship to others of like mind.

Thus do we bind ourselves to these resolutions, with a respect for the past and an eye towards the future.

Done at the first **F**ree **S**cholar **P**rize of the **C**hicago **S**wordplay

Guild, the **T**wenty-**F**ourth **D**ay of **F**ebruary, in the year **T**wo-**T**housand and **E**ight, at the **S**ala d'**A**rme **S**an **M**ichele **A**rcangelo.

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