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CHIVALRY ASSIGNMENT

THE CODE OF CHIVALRY WAS A NOBLE IDEAL THAT DEVELOPED OVER THE CENTURIES TO HELP CIVILIZE KNIGHTS AND SOCIETY. THE KNIGHT USED THIS CODE OF BEHAVIOR TO GOVERN HIMSELF IN DAILY LIFE AS WELL AS IN WAR. THE KNIGHTS WERE AN INTERNATIONAL NOBLE BROTHERHOOD OF FIGHTING MEN. AN ENGLISH KNIGHT LIKE ARTHUR WAS GOVERNED BY THE SAME CODE OF BEHAVIOR AS A GERMAN OR FRENCH KNIGHT.

A KNIGHT MUST BE COURTEOUS, GALLANT, BRAVE, TRUTHFUL, STRONG, JUST, MODEST AND LOYAL. HE WAS TO SHOW COMPASSION (CARE) FOR THE WEAK AND BE COMPLETELY DEVOTED TO THE CHURCH OF GOD. HE MUST RESPECT AND PROTECT WOMEN, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS, SERVE THE KING AND FIGHT FOR GOOD AGAINST EVIL.

THE CODE WAS NOT WRITTEN DOWN IN A PLACE, BUT IT WAS PASSED DOWN OVER THE YEARS THROUGH STORIES, POEMS AND BALLADS. THE STORY OF KING ARTHUR AND HIS KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE, SIR GALLAHAD AND LANCELOT ARE FAMOUS LEGENDS THAT ILLUSTRATE THE CHIVALRIC CODE. THE CONCEPT OF CHIVALRY WAS STRENGTHENED DURING THE CRUSADES AND LED TO THE GENEVA CODE AND RULES OF WAR THAT WE STILL FOLLOW TODAY.

BUT IS CHIVALRY STILL ALIVE TODAY? YOUR ASSIGNMENT IS TO PERFORM A SELFLESS ACT AND RECORD IT ON THE BACK. IT SHOULD BE SOMETHING FOR WHICH YOU DO NOT EXPECT REWARD OR RECOGNITION. PERHAPS YOU WILL HELP ANOTHER WITH THEIR GROCERIES OR MAYBE YOU'LL DEFEND SOMEONE FROM A BULLY. EVEN SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS HOLDING THE DOOR FOR SOMEONE COULD BE CONSIDERED "CHIVALRIC."

MY ACT OF CHIVALRY:

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

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