

KNIGHTHOOD

***A KNIGHT WITHOUT HONOR IS
NO LONGER ALIVE.***

ROLE OF A KNIGHT

- ❖ **MEMBER OF THE FEUDAL ARMY**
- ❖ **OCCUPATION: FIGHTING**
- ❖ **SERVE HIS MASTER**
- ❖ **DEFEND CHRISTIANITY**



CODE OF CHIVALRY

- ❖ **AN HONORED SET OF RULES SWORN TO BY ALL KNIGHTS**
- ❖ **EMPHASIS UPON COURAGE, LOYALTY, DEVOTION TO DUTY**
- ❖ **COURTESY TOWARD AND DEFENSE OF WOMEN**
- ❖ **PROTECTION OF THE POOR, THE WEAK, AND THE NEEDY**

The Code of Chivalry

To live one's life so that it is worthy of respect and honor by

Fair Play

Never attack an unarmed foe.
Never charge an unhorsed opponent.
Never attack from behind.
Avoid cheating.
Avoid torture.

Nobility

Exhibit self discipline.
Show respect to authority.
Obey the law.
Administer Justice.
Protect the innocent.
Respect women.

Valor

Exhibit courage in word and deed.
Avenge the wronged.
Defend the weak and innocent.
Fight with honor.
Never abandon a friend, ally, or noble cause.

Honor

Always keep one's word.
Always maintain one's principles.
Never betray a confidence or comrade.
Avoid deception.
Respect life.

Courtesy

Exhibit manners.
Be polite and attentive.
Be respectful of host, authority, and women.

Loyalty

To God, Sovereign, Country, and the Code of Chivalry.

STAGES OF KNIGHTHOOD

❖ **PAGE (AGE 7 ON)**

❖ **LEARN TO RIDE A HORSE, MANNERS,
RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION, MUSIC, AND
DANCE.**

STAGES OF A KNIGHT CONTINUED

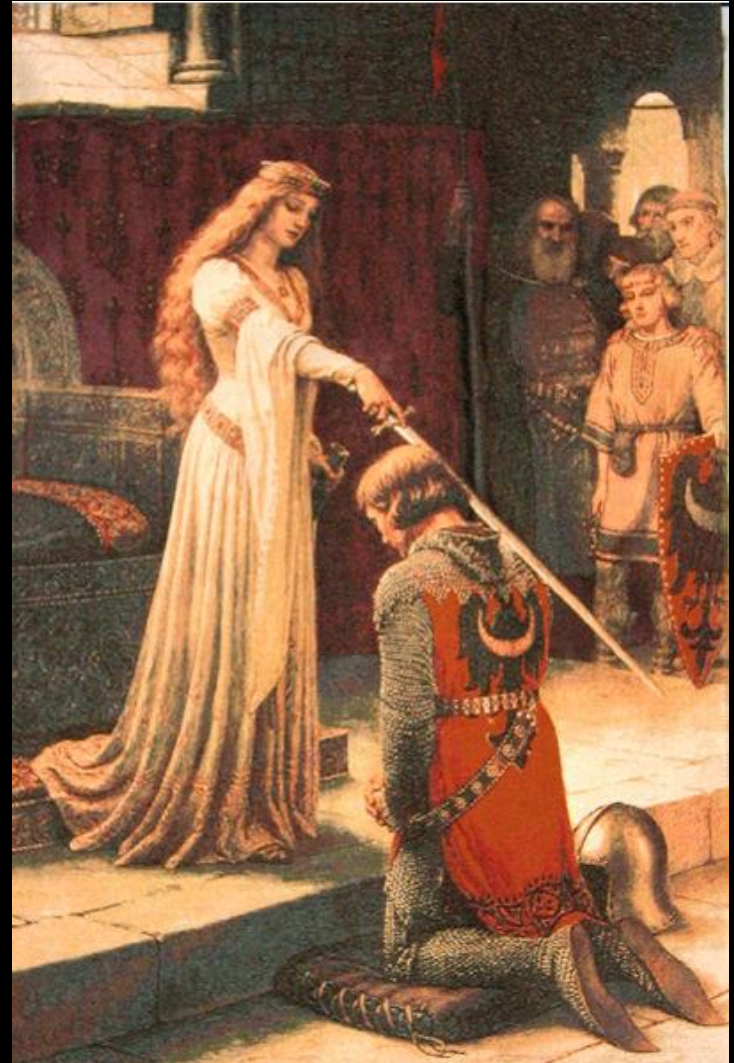
- ❖ **SQUIRE (AGE 12-13)**
 - ❖ **ASSIST KNIGHTS, BECOME LORD'S DEVOTED ATTENDANT, TAKE CARE OF ARMOR AND WEAPONS AND BECOME SKILLED IN THEIR USE, HELP IN TOURNAMENTS.**



STAGES OF A KNIGHT CONTINUED

❖ KNIGHT (WHEN QUALIFIED)

- ❖ USUALLY KNIGHTED BY
THE KING
- ❖ SOMETIMES
CEREMONY TOOK
PLACE ON THE
BATTLEFIELD-
PARTICULARLY AFTER
A BRAVE ACT THAT
SAVED SOMEONE'S
LIFE.



HERALDRY

- **ALSO CALLED A COAT OF ARMS**
- **USED AS IDENTIFICATION ON A KNIGHTS SHIELD DURING BATTLE**



