### Characteristics of the Code of Chivalry

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| **Fair Play** | Never attack an unarmed foe  
Exhibit self discipline  
Administer justice and mercy |
| **Valor** | Exhibit courage in word and deed  
Avenge the wronged and defend the weak and innocent  
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 |
| **Courtesy** | Exhibit manners  
Practice the rules of decorum  
Be respectful of host, authority and women |
| **Loyalty** | Be faithful to God, sovereign, kingdom and the code  
Show respect for authority and the law  
Be true to one's beloved |
| **Largess** | Be generous as one is able  
Show hospitality to strangers  
Be able to support your rank |
| **Piety** | Be well grounded in one's faith  
Depend upon God, the saints, and Mary  
Oppose the Infidel |

**Raymond Lull (1235-1315), Book on the Order of Chivalry (ca. 1270).**
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A proper chivalric knight must be:

1. able-bodied;  
2. of good lineage;  
3. have sufficient wealth to support his rank;  
4. wise (to judge his inferiors and supervise their labors; to advise his lord);  
5. generous within the limits of his means;  
6. loyal;  
7. courageous;  
8. honorable.

His ethical duties are:

1. to defend the Christian faith,  
2. to defend his lord,  
3. to protect the weak (women, children);  
4. to exercise constantly by hunting and jousting in tournaments;  
5. to judge the people and supervise their work;  
6. to pursue robbers and evil-doers.;  
7. to avoid pride, lechery, false oaths, and treachery.

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