
Personal Honor

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The most sacred and binding seal known to civilized men is the pledge of honor. No matter what the cause may be in which it is given. The more worthy the cause the greater the wrong done by its violation. No man, with any moral scruples, would be able to contemplate, without a keen feeling of shame, the record of a broken pledge. It is our aim to impress this fact upon the minds of our members. We want them to fully understand that the obligation they take to support the rules and principles of our Order is as binding upon a man of honor as a bond backed by millions, and anyone who violates that obligation strikes down his manhood with his own hand.

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