



Platform of Principles

OF THE

Patriotic Order Sons of America



Next to love for the Creator, we believe that patriotism is one of the highest and noblest affections of the human soul.

We believe that, without patriotic citizens, the institutions of no country are safe, and that none will so jealously guard and protect them as those born and reared under their influence.

We believe that we have the best form of government for the masses on the face of the earth, and for the welfare, prosperity and happiness of all American citizens and their descendants, we desire to protect our form of government and to preserve it intact from the influence and control of any un-American sentiment or power, whether native or foreign.

By disseminating sentiments of loyalty and patriotism and by establishing a fraternal feeling of devotion to country among all its citizens, we hope to make it impossible for any one to live under the protection of the Flag of the United States of America who does not honor and revere it, and who would not be willing, if necessary, to render any sacrifice or service in defense of the principles of freedom and justice which it represents.

Realizing that the future welfare of our country rests in the youth of today, we especially invite them into our ranks, that, by taking active interest in the principles of our Order, and by practicing leadership fraternally, they may thereby more readily and intelligently become acquainted with the problems of government and in leadership among men that leads to a citizenship that stands aggressively for the highest duty of man—the preservation in its greatest purity and strength, of government of the people, by and for the people.

The bulwark of our liberty is our system of free public schools, and we must insist that they be kept absolutely free from all narrow sectarian or foreignizing influences, and that they be under the sole control of officers elected by the people. We are in favor of compulsory school attendance reasonably administered, and industrial education.

We shall always have with us the wise and the ignorant, the strong and the weak, the rich and the poor, and in order that all may enjoy a right to earn a livelihood, it is the duty of the government to protect the ignorant, the weak, the poor to the extent of equal opportunities under the law, and against all forms of oppression, by wholesome regulations of industrial affairs.

We are opposed to the occupancy of any part of our land by foreign speculators or adventurers, and we believe that all the resources of the nation should be reserved for the exclusive use of American citizens.

We stand for a citizenship that so conducts its influences and action—socially, politically, morally and religiously—as to promote the highest welfare of our country, and pledges its full allegiance to our flag, and the liberty and justice to all that it represents.

We demand the restriction of immigration, not on account of race or religious creeds, but upon physical, mental and moral grounds, that our country may cease to be filled with criminals, agitators against law and order, insane, and paupers. With these exceptions, we cordially welcome all foreigners who come to this country with the honest desire of becoming loyal American citizens, and who sincerely disavow all allegiance to foreign governments.

We are opposed to any grant or donation of any land, money or personal property by the State or any public corporation, for any sectarian purpose, and to the appropriation of payment, from any public fund, of anything in aid of any sectarian purpose whatever.

This Order shall never be used to advance the political interests of any member from a partisan standpoint, or of any individual or political party; nor shall subjects of a partisan or sectarian nature ever be the subject of debate or discussion within the Order.

A creed of the lips, denied and dishonored by the life, merits for its professor general contempt, and the creed of a true patriot, like that of a man of true piety, will control his every act as a citizen, and direct all of his energies to the promotion of the highest welfare of his country and his fellowmen.

We invite all native born or naturalized citizens who believe in their country and its institutions, and who desire to perpetuate free government, and who wish to encourage a brotherly feeling among Americans, to the end that we may exalt our country, to join with us in our work of fellowship and love.

We desire this declaration of principles to be taken and construed only at its face value, and that no addition or variation shall be read into it, and our Order thereby be misrepresented. As an American fraternity, it is our sole purpose to stand for, and work openly for, a purer, nobler, more genuine American patriotism.

