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THE HONOR SOCIETY OF AMERICAN VETERANS

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I find the importance of history paramount in our understanding of American values and their evolution. La Société is an amazing connection to our history and the values of our heroes. Many people take pleasure in denigrating the true heroes of our Republic as racist, anti-immigration and/or bigots. They make the case that our diversity is our greatest strength without acknowledging the necessity of common goals and allegiance.

President Theodore Roosevelt, "Teddy Roosevelt", 26th president of the United States (1901–09) and a writer, naturalist, and soldier. He expanded the powers of the presidency and of the federal government in support of the public interest in conflicts between big business and labor and steered the nation toward an active role in world politics, particularly in Europe and Asia. He won the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1906 for mediating an end to the Russo-Japanese War (1904–05), and he secured the route and began construction of the Panama Canal (1904–14).

Although he died a year before La Société was formed, there is a great connection to this American Hero.

Theodore Roosevelt's ideas on Immigrants and being an AMERICAN in 1907;

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American ... **There can be no divided allegiance here.** Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. **We have room for but one flag, the American flag ... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language ... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people.**"

Theodore Roosevelt 1907

La Société Catechism, a crucial part of our Ritual and commitment, is as follows;

'I FAITHFULLY PROMISE TO OBEY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF LA SOCIETE, TO REMEMBER MY OBLIGATIONS, AND TO CARRY OUT THE LEGAL ORDERS OF THE CHEF DE GARE.

I BELIEVE, FOR THE GOOD OF MY COUNTRY, THAT I SHOULD AND WILL ALWAYS HOLD THE ORGANIZATION OF LA SOCIETE IN HIGHEST ESTEEM, AND WILL CONDUCT MYSELF IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO REFLECT CREDIT UPON IT.

IT IS MY SINCERE DESIRE, THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BE ONE COUNTRY, - WITH ONE LANGUAGE, - AND ONE FLAG, AND, IF NECESSARY, - I WILL FIGHT FOR THAT PRINCIPLE.'

Very proud to be a Voyageur Militaire!

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