

The Code

The code of Chivalry is and was a made up thing. Here are a few of the virtues, from the oath:

“I here swear fealty and do homage to the Crown of the Middle Kingdom: To ever be a good knight and true, Reverent and generous, Shield of the weak, Obedient to my liege-lord, Foremost in battle, Courteous at all times, Champion of the right and the good. Thus swear I, Sir Osric.”

1. Prowess – this was an investiture of arms. You were to wear arms and prove your fitness in that capacity, if ever called upon by your Lord or King to fight.
 - a. Courage: to never flee in the face of the foe. **“To be foremost in battle. To be shield of the weak.”**
2. Loyalty – Stand true to your feudal obligation. **“Obedient to my liege-lord”**
 - a. Honesty – to your words always be true. **“To ever be a good knight and true”**
 - b. Faith – Champion of the right and the good. Have faith in God and the order. As a knight your actions will be forever watched by God and man.
3. Courtesy – courteous at all times. Self respect, respect for others. Tolerance, for other religions or viewpoints. Modesty, through self denial and self discipline.
4. Munificence – Reverent and generous. Hospitality and Largesse. Compassion to the poor. **“Shield of the weak”**