**Preamble to the Constitution**

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as "Sons of The American Legion" for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

to maintain law and order;

to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism;

to preserve the memories of our former members and the association of our members and our forefathers in all Wars;

to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation;

to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth;

to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy,

to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness;

to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.