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In October of 2016; let us remember our Motto In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty meant to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and which should mean the same to us today.

Chaplain-in-Chief Lovering states it the best in 1877 at the 11th National Encampment; "I believe in a fraternity which joins indissoluble union, justice, and right. I believe in a charity that, while merciful to a conquered foe, does not stultify itself by surrendering the fruits of victory; that never forgets the brightness of that cause which has been made illustrious by the heroic sacrifice of those whose graves should be the shrines of the nation's reverence; I believe in loyalty that acknowledges one country and one flag; that makes American citizenship honorable everywhere; that calls rebellion a crime, and the penalty of treason death; I believe that, in fraternity and charity, we should stand shoulder to shoulder, willing at all hazard of favor or fame to defend the Grand Army of the Republic as the standard bearer of the nation's loyalty." (Source from History of the Grand Army of the Republic by Robert Burns Beath)

Although a different perspective; the statement expressed the feeling of the GAR. We as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) can still exemplify this spirit in our present time. The fraternity that joins our countrymen in a union that is not divided and has justice, and right still hold in today's world. We can still show charity to our modern day foes without giving up what our nation stands for and still remembering our military personnel who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Loyalty to our country by showing civic responsibility, allegiance to one country and one flag, and despises treason against our country should be what we as an organization exemplifies on a daily basis.

We, the SUVCW have the honor and privilege to continue defending the standard bearer of the nation's loyalty through fraternity and charity. Can we do less then our ancestors in Blue?

Yours In Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity.