

The Junior Order of United American Mechanics

(For a period of time, the Junior O.A.U.M. conducted regular meetings in the upstairs of the Corinth United Baptist Church at Smokey Junction.)

The Junior Order of United American Mechanics was formed in 1853 with its own agenda and for very specific reasons under the motto of the Order, "Our Country." The result was to begin a period of healing in America to promote the creed of our Order, "Principles, not men." The Jr. O.U.A.M. organized and its members conducted business legally and ethically. It began as a society of brothers to promote trade among its members, and it flourished. It was restoring order to a society that harbored hatred.

Juniors around America prefer to teach tolerance and not bigotry; kindness not cruelty; benevolence not malevolence; acceptance not rejection, and love not hatred.

There are many organizations in America with similar values and principles - Masons, York Rite, Scottish Rite, BPOE, IBPOE, Moose, VFW, DAV, IOOF, IORM, and many more. We all have similar objectives - helping individuals lead richer and more fulfilling lives."

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Jr. O.U.A.M. Principles
Motto - Our Country
Creed - Principles, Not Men

We believe that we should:

Bear true allegiance to our government, its institutions, Constitution, and laws;
To give the preference to an American citizen in every relation of life; and
To aid a member of this Order, if in need, whenever we can do so in justice to ourselves and family;
To give loyal support and ready obedience to the officers and laws of local councils, state and national councils; and
Never to aid, advise or consent to revolt against the constituted authority within the Order.

We further believe that:

Fellowship builds character and integrity, and sets an example for our youth;
Meetings unite us and build a common bond whereby Americans can develop strong moral fiber;

We should be civic minded and support local activities, which are good for our communities; and

Promote good fellowship and offer care and concern for members who have met with misfortune.

We further strongly believe that:

The Constitution of the United States of America is the defining instrument for governing our society.

The Constitution was written by men who believed in the Bible and its teachings; therefore, it is the basis upon which our government is founded.

Legal immigration is the only way to gain entry and remain in America to reap the benefits of our society.

It is our duty to uphold the laws of our land and promote a strong and free America; and

Liberty for Americans will keep America strong.

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