



## Artist's Statement

*Legend records that when delegates gathered in Philadelphia to sign the Declaration of Independence their courage wavered. Signing would be an act of treason under British law, and no one wished to be the first. From the back of the room, a stranger stood and delivered an oration which galvanized their courage. This became known as "The Speech of the Unknown."*

*Now a new crop of delegates gathers in New Hampshire. Though they may not fear the scaffold they understand that the behemoth created that day in Philadelphia has grown larger and more intrusive than the British crown could have ever dreamed of being.*

*And if your courage wavers, consider this. These words will not only reach the tyrants, who have trampled on mankind long enough. They will speak to those trodden beneath the tyrant's boot. They will say to a persecuted world, "Behold! The rituals of the old world are dead, and you stand on the threshold of Liberty." So, if your heart bears witness to the truth of it, than shake the shackles of the world and sign.*

*I'm truly honored to put my name on this parchment. I have no doubt that history is being made today, and I am grateful to contribute a relic to that history. One day, God willing, I will join you in the Free State.*



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# Shire Society Declaration

**We**, the undersigned witnesses to the lesson of history -- that no form of political governance may be relied upon to secure the individual rights of life, liberty, or property -- now therefore establish and provide certain fundamental precepts measuring our conduct toward one another, and toward others:

**First**, each individual is the exclusive proprietor of his or her own existence and all products thereof, holding no obligations except those created by consent;

**Second**, no individual or association of individuals, however constituted, has the right to initiate force against any other individual;

**Third**, each individual has the inalienable right of self-defense against the initiation of force;

**Fourth**, explicit voluntary association is the only means by which binding obligations may be created, and claims based on association or relationships to which any party did not consent are empty and invalid;

**Fifth**, rights are neither collective nor additive in character, and no group can possess rights in excess of those belonging to its individual members;

**We** hereby declare our commitment to peace, individual sovereignty, and independence, and join the **Shire Society**.