

ETA SIGMA PHI 48th Annual Latin Prose Composition Contest (2014)

To be written as an examination, under supervision, within a maximum of two hours. You may use a dictionary that does not contain paradigms (e.g., *Cassell's*). Please write in ink on every other line of the paper provided. The only identification on the contest papers should be your pen name.

This is preeminently the time to speak the truth, the whole truth, frankly and boldly. Nor need we shrink from honestly facing conditions in our country today. This great Nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper. So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself—nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance. In every dark hour of our national life a leadership of frankness and vigor has met with that understanding and support of the people themselves which is essential to victory. I am convinced that you will again give that support to leadership in these critical days...

Happiness lies not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort. The joy and moral stimulation of work no longer must be forgotten in the mad chase of evanescent profits. These dark days will be worth all they cost us if they teach us that our true destiny is not to be ministered unto but to minister to ourselves and to our fellow men.

[Franklin D. Roosevelt, March 4, 1933]

Notes:

- line 1. preeminently: *praecipue*
- line 5. paralyzes: *debilito* (1)
- line 6. leadership: *ductus*, -us m.
frankness: *simplicitas*, -atis f.
- line 12. evanescent: *caducus*, -a, -um