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PRINCIPLES, PURPOSES AND PRACTICES

—OF THE—

KU KLUX KLAN

A Textbook on Klankraft for the Instruction of Klansmen
and the Information of Non-Klansmen.

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INTRODUCTION

The author, being a minister, has devoted more than three years to a diligent and careful study of the higher ideals of Klankraft, seeking to emphasize and exalt those sublime principles which produce and develop a dependable Christian Citizenship. If the Klan survives the attacks of its enemies and proves itself worthy of the confidence, respect and support of good men, it must be kept on that high plane of religious and patriotic ideals expressed by its "Objects and Purposes" in the Constitution of the Order.

PURPOSE OF THIS BOOKLET

An intimate knowledge of, and a close personal contact with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan for more than three years has convinced the writer that at least two things are most seriously and urgently needed:

FIRST: Klansmen, themselves, need to be educated and instructed in the ideals, principles and purposes of the Klan. Comparatively few Klansmen have ever understood its mission, grasped the full significance of its possibilities, or caught a complete, comprehensive vision of the sublime principles of Klankraft.

SECOND: The public needs to be correctly informed as to what the Klan is, what it stands for, and what it seeks to do. A clean, clear-cut, brief, but fair and impartial statement of FACTS will place the Klan before the world in its true light and enable all honest men to realize its transcendent value, and recognize its supreme importance. To this end we shall endeavor to present and emphasize

THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE KLAN

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is founded on two great groups of principles. They are inseparably connected, vitally essential to good gov-

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ernment, and indispensable to the development of an ideal Christian Citizenship and Civilization.

The first group is PROTESTANT CHRISTIANITY.

The second group is PATRIOTIC AMERICANISM.

These two groups of principles contain every element and ideal that is essential to the highest type of citizenship, and the building of the best quality of individual character. With such a foundation, whether by that name or not, the Klan spirit is destined to live forever. From the foregoing statement of facts it is clearly evident that the Klan is a

PROTESTANT, CHRISTIAN, PATRIOTIC, AMERICAN INSTITUTION.

Builded on such a foundation, sponsoring such noble purposes, defending religious liberty, upholding the majesty of the law, and supporting American institutions, it could be nothing more nor less.

“TRUTH CRUSHED TO EARTH

will rise again.” It may be suppressed for a time, or even so distorted that honest men will be deceived and misled; but eventually, it will come to light and command the respect and admiration of all good men. If the truth was ever crushed, suppressed or distorted, it has been with reference to the Ku Klux Klan.

Never in the history of the world has any body of men been more grossly and maliciously misrepresented, more viciously and unjustly assailed, or more wantonly slandered and maligned than has this great American Order during the last few years.

FALSE IMPRESSIONS

It is our honest opinion that too much of our literature and too many of our lectures have been either too vague, too general, or placed too much stress on unimportant matters; thus failing to give Klansmen and the public at large the information and facts for which they longed, to which they were entitled and upon which they could base a fair judgment and reach the correct conclusion.

For this reason, as we see it, many good men have gotten the impression that the Klan's main mission is to wage a campaign of racial hatred, religious prejudice and relentless intolerance. Nothing could be farther from the truth, more foreign or unjust than such a conclusion, which, in every case, is the result of unreliable information.

Hence, our purpose is to offer a real textbook covering every phase of the Klan question, for the edification of Klansmen, the defense of Klankraft and the information of non-Klansmen that these false impressions may be removed, the Klan vindicated and the two-fold need mentioned above be supplied.

APPEAL TO FAIRNESS

In presenting this message we appeal to all fair-minded men who believe in a square deal, to give these facts due consideration and weigh them without prejudice or bias. If you HONESTLY DESIRE TO KNOW THE TRUTH about the Klan regarding its principles, purposes and practices, and its attitude toward the perplexing problems that confront the American people today, you will find these matters correctly, fairly and frankly stated in the following pages.

We sincerely trust, earnestly hope and devoutly pray that the contents of this little booklet will edify Klansmen, and inspire them to nobler lives, holier conduct and loftier ideals; and will correct the false impressions, erroneous conclusions and biased judgments formed by the public on the basis of insufficient evidence.

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CHAPTER I

Primary Observations

The Presentation and Discussion of a Few Thoughts Worthy of Our Consideration

Nature of This Discussion:

It is not the purpose of the writer to engage in a long, tedious, technical and historical discussion of this all-absorbing topic; but to deal only with FACTS in a plain, practical way, as briefly as possible, consistent with clearness and fairness.

This is to be a common-sense, dignified discussion of the subject, in which we shall try to furnish just such information as is needed by both Klansmen and non-Klansmen, that each may have a better understanding of the other, and thus be more charitable toward each other.

Three rules will guide us in the presentation of this matter:

First—we will endeavor to discuss every phase of the Klan question in which we believe Klansmen and non-Klansmen are interested;

Second—To make the discussions clear, concise and to the point; but full enough to be understood.

Third—We shall earnestly endeavor to avoid any semblance of deception, misrepresentation, camouflage, ridicule and abuse; and honestly strive to present the facts to which the public is entitled, and which will place the Klan before the world in its true light.

To this end we most humbly and reverently invoke the guidance of Almighty God in the preparation of this message.

THE CRYING NEED OF THE HOUR:

Experience and observation have taught us that a plain statement of cold facts, and the searchlight of eternal truth are needed to correct error, defeat wrong and establish the right.

In the light of this fact we raise the following questions and supply the answers:

What does the public need? Answer: Facts.

What does the public demand? Answer: Plain Facts.

What is the public entitled to? Answer: Cold Facts.

What should the Klan gladly furnish? Answer: Uncolored and unadulterated FACTS.

Certainly if the Klan is what it claims to be, it has nothing to fear from a statement of facts. If it cannot stand before the searchlight of truth it is not worthy of existence and should be destroyed.

But we unqualifiedly affirm, without fear of any kind of contradiction, that when the unadulterated and impartial FACTS about the Klan are placed before the American people, and given a fair and unprejudiced hearing, every true, loyal, law-abiding, honorable, patriotic American citizen will either belong to, or be in sympathy with this GREAT AMERICAN ORDER.

Facts about the Klan, honestly presented and fairly considered, will convince every reasonable man that it is worthy of his confidence, respect and support.

“PLAYING THE GAME FAIR”

The true sportsman always plays the game fair, even though he loses. The man who “cheats” is not a good sport, and is universally condemned.

What do you really KNOW about the Klan? How much of your information is “hear-say,” or newspaper reports? Have you heard both sides and carefully considered the facts with impartial fairness and without malice or prejudice?

Have you made an HONEST effort to learn the truth? Have you consulted men who KNOW? Have you given the Klan a just, fair and im-

partial trial? Are you "playing the game fair"? Or, have you condemned the Klan solely on the testimony of its enemies, without hearing the other side?

You cannot learn the truth about men or organizations from their biased enemies. You cannot form a fair and impartial judgment, and give the case justice until you hear both sides. How would you like to be tried before a court that would hear only the testimony of your enemies and pass judgment without hearing the evidence of your friends? Would you consider that a fair trial?

You are the judge and the jury in this case. Remember that men who do not belong to the Klan are not qualified witnesses. "Hear-say" evidence is not permissible in any court of justice. Why consider it in this case? The writer is a Klansman and is thoroughly qualified to testify. He speaks from actual knowledge. That is why we are asking you to hear our side of the matter.

Let's "play the game fair."

HOW TO LEARN THE TRUTH

The source from which you obtain information determines largely whether it is reliable or not. You cannot depend too much on the testimony of one's enemies, or the enemies of an organization.

To illustrate: If you want to know the truth about the Methodist Church, you would consult a Methodist minister, a member of that church, or read Methodist literature. They are in a position to know what the Methodist Church is, what it stands for and what it does. They are qualified witnesses and their testimony is reliable.

Enemies of the Methodist Church would point out its mistakes, magnify its faults, recite its failures, and seek to turn you against it, by misleading information. The same is true if you want to know about the Baptist Church, or any other church. It is also true of Masonry, or any other organization, whether secret or not.

Therefore, it logically follows that reliable information about the Klan must come from Klansmen or approved Klan literature, if you would form a fair and impartial judgment of the Klan.

Perhaps ninety per cent of the public's information about the Klan comes from radical, intolerant anti-Klan sources, such as Catholic and Jewish controlled daily papers, anti-Klan writers, disgruntled politicians, the un-American, anti-American and lawless elements who seek to destroy the organization by foul means or fair.

Such people do not belong to the Klan, know absolutely nothing about it except "hear-say," and consequently are not qualified to testify in the case. Even if they were disposed to be perfectly fair, they have no opportunity to know the facts, and hence their statements would not be dependable.

HOW TO JUDGE ANY ORDER

At least four important facts should be considered in judging a movement of any kind:

- 1st. What does it stand for? What are its principles and ideals?
- 2nd. Who are its members and friends?
- 3rd. Who are its enemies? Who are fighting it?
- 4th. What does it seek to do? What is its purpose?

As each of these subjects is discussed fully under other heads in this booklet, we will be content here merely to affirm the facts that answer the questions, and supply the proof later.

In answer to the first question we affirm that the Klan stands for every principle of Protestant Christianity and Patriotic American Citizenship that is dear to the heart of all true, loyal Americans. It stands FOR everything that is right, and AGAINST everything that is wrong.

Then, even as our enemies admit, the principles of the Klan are all right; but whether they are carried out and practiced or not, depends on the class, character, honesty and sincerity of its members. If its members

are treacherous, dishonest, designing and untrustworthy, they may hide behind sacred principles and holy ideals to conceal their wicked intentions. In that case every good man would quit and expose the deception as soon as he discovered their evil design, and the order could not long exist.

In answer to the second question we can only designate the kind and character of men whom the Klan seeks to enlist in its ranks.

To be a Klansman one must be a native-born, white, Gentile, Protestant, American citizen. Furthermore, he must be of good moral character, so far as we can know, must believe in the tenets of the Christian religion, accept Christ as his criterion of character, the twelfth chapter of Romans as his Law of Life, and swear an unqualified allegiance to the government of the United States above every other and any kind of government on earth.

Certainly, men of that kind, who bind themselves together with a solemn oath, calling upon God to witness their solemn vows, can be depended on to carry out their declared intentions. If not, then there is no faith or dependence to be placed in the sacred vows, solemn promises and binding obligations made by any man or set of men.

As further evidence that the declared intentions of the Klan will be carried out, we cite the fact that several hundred thousand Masons, several thousand ministers of the gospel, and millions of conscientious Christians are members of this Order. If the Klan should fail to try to carry out its expressed purpose as given to the public, these men of honor would quit immediately, expose the deception and warn the people against its insidious deceit.

In answer to the third question we affirm what every close, honest observer has noticed: Arrayed against the Klan as its enemies are Roman Catholics, Jews, social equality negroes, law violators, bootleggers, boozers, home-wreckers, high-jackers, gamblers, crooks, mobs, and criminals of every kind and class,—with evolutionists, atheists, agnostics, infidels and every un-American and anti-American element in the country. The line-up of our enemies is the strongest evidence in the world that we are right.

Unfortunately, a lot of real good men are opposed to the Klan because they are either uninformed or misinformed. Again we unqualifiedly affirm that no GOOD man will be opposed to the Klan when he KNOWS what it is and what it stands for. Every good man should stop and think. Which side are you on?

GOOD SCRIPTURAL ADVICE

There is but one fair and sensible acid test to determine whether a movement is right or wrong. If right, all the demons in hell cannot stop it; if wrong, all the powers on earth cannot make it succeed.

Gamaliel, the renowned Jewish teacher at whose feet Saul of Tarsus sat, gave the world advice, that if followed, would prevent all unfair opposition and fruitless persecution. When a murderous mob threatened to kill some of the apostles, this Doctor of the Law rose and said:

"Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. For before these days rose up Thudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of taxing, and drew away much people after him; he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed. And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye may be found even to fight against God. And to him they all gave heed."
—Acts 5:35-40.

Take this scriptural advice and give the Klan a fair showing. If it is right it will survive in spite of all opposition; if it is wrong it will surely fail.

Fundamental Facts About the Klan

A Discussion of the Origin, Growth and Development of the Klan, With Its "Objects and Purposes," Foundations and Fairness.

THE AGE-OLD CLANNISH SPIRIT

The spirit of clannishness is as old as the human race.

It is first a principle of the family. The strongest tie of clannishness is blood relationship. The family is a little clan.

Then comes the clannishness of friends. Friendship clans are formed by fidelity and loyalty to each other. These are cemented by mutual deeds of kindness. David and Jonathan and Damon and Pythias are examples of clans born of true friendship.

Poverty and wealth produce clans. The rich are clannish with each other. The poor huddle together in groups, finding comfort in a common condition, and are cemented by their suffering.

There is a geographical clannishness. People from the same city, county or state are clannish. There seems to be some common thought, and they delight to meet each other.

There is a national clannishness. In the larger cities we find "Little Germany," "Little Italy," "Little Russia," etc. These foreigners often organize little clans to protect and perpetuate their national ideals and languages.

There is an educational clannishness. Students of the same college, men of the same profession, and people of the same craft or calling, form little clans or associations, because they have common interests and ideals and have had similar experiences.

The clans of Scotland have been made famous by the writings of Sir Walter Scott. They were bound together in a common cause and cherished common ideals.

The tribes of negroes in Africa and of Indians in America were but little clans within a kindred race, for reasons known only to themselves.

The "Boston Tea Party" was a clan of Masons, disguised as Indians to conceal their identity and maintain a secret membership. It was a secret, masked protest against the tyranny of a foreign foe. There the spirit of American Independence was born.

Strange to say, millions of people who praise and honor the memory of that little clan, denounce and abuse the Ku Klux Klan of today for doing a similar thing.

The "Sons of Liberty" was a clan of patriotic American colonists, bound together by secret vows, with a secret membership, pledged to throw off the yoke of England and establish a free and independent republic.

They won, and their descendants honor their memory; but too many of them condemn the Klan that has vowed and sworn to defend and protect the country and flag which the "Sons of Liberty" bought with their blood and sacrifice.

The most powerful clans in the world are born of religion. People of like faith and religious ideals form churches and sects. Religious clannishness often leads to intolerance and persecution. Mohammedanism and Catholicism are notable examples of such clans.

The Jews have been clannish, religiously and racially, since the days of Abraham. They are so clannish that they will not intermarry with other races or religions. Though scattered among the nations of the earth; nearly nineteen centuries without a flag, a country, a government or a land to call their own, they still maintain the spirit of clannishness current in the days of Moses.

But the most powerful single clan in the world today is the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, bound together by secret, treasonable oaths in every

country, and the accumulated superstition of centuries. The Jesuits, Knights of Columbus, and other Catholic secret societies are but means to an end. They claim both spiritual and temporal power over all the nations of the earth, and these clans work to that end.

Is it not passing strange that millions of people who believe in, uphold and support these various clans, will fight and condemn the Ku Klux Klan? The world has always been full of clans; but it remained for the one GREAT KLAN to face the fiercest and bitterest opposition of all.

We mention these facts to show that as others have been clannish, even so, native-born, white, Gentile, Protestant Americans have a right to be. This is fair play and a square deal.

ORIGIN OF THE KLAN.

The original Klan, known as the Ku Klux Klan of Reconstruction days, had its beginning in Pulaski County, Tennessee, in 1866. At first, it was merely a social club composed of a few young men of the South for their social entertainment, with no thought of it ever becoming a factor in the reconstruction of the Southland.

The name was finally adopted, after much discussion, almost by accident, because of its peculiar, fascinating, mystic jingle. But little is known of this secret phantom that flared up in the South after the Civil War, accomplished its purpose and vanished (1870) as mysteriously as it came. Its records were not kept, save only on the tablets of memory and as deep secrets in the hearts of its members.

Drastic laws were passed against it, and fabulous rewards were offered for a Ku Klux, dead or alive, by Carpetbagger, negro-controlled legislatures. But they rode on with undaunted courage until their mission was accomplished and the South was free from negro domination.

They concealed their identity and held secret meetings to avoid trouble with the carpetbaggers, scalawags and negroes, who were lording it over the South at that time with an iron hand. By mere accident they discovered that the negroes were afraid of them, and took advantage of that fact to prevent the negro from usurping too much authority and to regain their own rights, which they could not secure through constituted authorities as they then existed.

The flower of Southern manhood belonged to that Klan (1866-1870)—men of honor, integrity, courage and sterling character. Wherever you find an old grizzled ex-Klansman today, you find an uncrowned King,—a Prince among men. They are the noblest of God's creation.

That Klan saved the South from negro domination, protected the chastity of Southern womanhood from black brutes in human form, drove the carpetbagger-vultures from the bleeding carcass of an outraged people, swept away the ashes of ruined homes and built a new "Dixie."

To honor their sacred memory and perpetuate their noble achievements, we have builded no monuments of marble or granite; but we have done more. On Thanksgiving night in November, 1915, three of these veteran Klansmen, with about 30 other good men,—loyal and true,—climbed to the top of Stone Mountain, sixteen miles from Atlanta, Georgia. Nearly a mile high, three-quarters of a mile wide, and several miles long, this mountain of pure granite,—said to be the largest solid rock in the world,—stands like a silent sentinel keeping constant vigil over some hidden secret, while the ceaseless centuries of time roll on toward the never-ending sea of eternity.

Each of these men carried with him a small boulder. When the highest point had been reached, they halted and built of these boulders a sacred altar. Upon it they spread an American Flag, and a Bible, opened at the twelfth chapter of Romans.

From a staff at one side floated Old Glory in a crisp November breeze, and on the other side burned a fiery cross, shedding its sacred and holy light upon this unusual scene; while the midnight stars twinkled and

gleamed from a Southern sky of azure blue. What an imposing scene! Angels must have looked down from the parapet walls of the New Jerusalem with wondering eyes and great joy.

Here, between heaven and earth, with God as their witness, these men took a thrice binding obligation, solemnly dedicated themselves to the sacred ideals of Protestant Christianity, symbolized by the old rugged, blood-stained fiery cross that looked down upon them with its holy light to inspire and bless with its sacred traditions of the past; and consecrated their lives, their property and their sacred honor to the sublime and glorious cause of Patriotic Americanism, symbolized by the blood-bought Stars and Stripes that waved over them in all of its majestic glory to perpetuate the memory of a noble ancestry.

Thus, The Invisible Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was born with a granite mountain for a manger, the Stars and Stripes for swaddling clothes, and a Fiery Cross for the Star of Bethlehem. The angelic choir that sang to the shepherds on the Judean hills nineteen centuries ago must have tuned their harps anew and sang again that wonderful song: "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," while wise men came from the South, East, North and West with their most precious gifts to offer sacrifice and service to their country.

Thus began the greatest movement in modern times. Thus we seek to honor the heroic dead, perpetuate the sacred memory, reincarnate the noble lives, and practice the unselfish sacrifice of our splendid ancestors,—Klansmen of the "Sixties."

GROWTH OF THE KLAN

From that small group of less than two score men, in less than ten years, this Invisible Empire has grown to an army of millions, variously estimated at 5,000,000 to 7,000,000 members.

It has grown like a giant and spread like a Green Bay tree. From weakness it sprang into power. From the top of a mountain it spread to every nook and corner of these United States. From insignificance it sprang into nation-wide prominence. From a matter of little concern it swept into world-wide attention.

No organization, of any nature, in the history of the world, has ever shown such a rapid and phenomenal growth. It swept the country like wildfire; and almost overnight it became a powerful factor in the affairs of America. Not only is the rapidity of its growth unparalleled in the annals of history; but in a few brief years it has become the largest secret fraternal order in the world.

WHY THE KLAN IS NEEDED.

Millions of good, honest, conscientious men who stand for everything the Klan stands for, have not seen the need for such an organization; because they are not informed about the conditions that justify its presence.

No institution can long exist unless there be a real necessity for it. Unless it renders some valuable service and meets an urgent need, honest men will not continue to support it. To be worthy of existence, it must fill a distinctive place and supply an urgent need, or else it will die for lack of support.

Any man who knows the facts about the dangers that threaten to undermine our government, destroy our Constitution, wreck our sacred institutions, and rob us of our liberties, rights and privileges, can readily see the urgent need of some organized effort for self-defense.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

People who will not pay the price cannot long enjoy the blessings. It is as imperative to defend, uphold, preserve and perpetuate our rights, liberties and institutions today, by some concerted action, as it was to win and establish them 150 years ago by the organization of a Continental Army.

Anything of value must be defended and protected, or else the robber will steal and destroy. An organization is indispensable to successfully meet the organized enemies of right and justice.

It may be asked, "What service does the Klan render and what place does it fill?"

The answer to this question will be found below, under the head of "What the Klan Does," and we deem it unnecessary to repeat it here. Keep this in mind, as it will show the further need of the Klan in every community.

Some people have said, "We have but few negroes, Jews, Catholics and foreigners in our community, and we see no need for the Klan." Those who think that the business and purpose of the Klan is to oppose and fight negroes, Jews, Catholics and foreigners are sadly mistaken, and have no conception of its ideals and principles. It is true that we do not admit these classes to membership; but we make no fight on races or religions.

Since the Klan is not fighting races and religions, the presence of these elements in a community does not justify the existence of the Klan; nor does the absence of such elements prove that it is unnecessary. The Klan is a national organization and deals with nation-wide problems, as well as local conditions. Since every community should be vitally interested in the public welfare of the nation as a whole, and each one has special conditions with which the Klan deals, it cannot be truthfully said of any place that there is no need of a Klan.

Most of our problems and principles are of a national scope and directly concern every community in America. The injury of one should be, and is, the concern of all. The presence of the Klan has at least four good effects on any community:

1. It causes the officers to be active and alert, because they know if they fail to do their duty the Klan will seek to replace them with men who serve the people's best interests and enforce the laws!
2. It deters and prevents many criminals from violating the law, because they fear some Klansman is watching and listening, and will report them to enforcement officers.
3. It minimizes the dangers of mob violence, because no Klansman will participate in an unlawful mob, nor will he permit others to do so if he can prevent it.
4. Every Klansman is obligated to report all law violations to the proper authorities and help to enforce the law; while the average citizen will not do this unless called upon by the grand jury.

Many other things might be mentioned; but these will suffice to show that the Klan is a real necessity, fills a distinctive place, and is worthy of existence, confidence and support. If not, God speed the day of its death.

WHAT IS THE KLAN?

You have heard and read what our enemies SAY the Klan is. Now, be fair and let us tell you what we KNOW it to be. Being on the inside, we have a better opportunity to KNOW than those on the outside.

1. The Ku Klux Klan is a Secret, Fraternal, Benevolent and Patriotic Order; the same as all other Secret Orders, and is entitled to the same respect and protection.
2. It is duly chartered, just like all other Secret Orders, under the laws of the State of Georgia.
3. It is legally incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia, and has the same right to operate as any chartered and incorporated institution or organization.
4. It is permitted to operate in every State in the United States, through due process of law, just as all other chartered and incorporated institutions operate, and is entitled to the same rights.

5. It has a Special Legal Charter from the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia. That is something which no other Secret Order has. It is the signed and sealed endorsement of the court.

We submit to you in all fairness, that a lawless organization, designed to violate laws, practice mob-violence and take the law into its own hands, would not ask for a charter from any State; neither would it be chartered or incorporated by any State, much less sanctioned and endorsed by any court, or permitted to operate in all of the States. Such reasoning is absurd and ridiculous. Therefore, all such charges against the Klan are false, unwarranted and unbelievable.

6. Its Obligation, Kloran (Ritual), Constitution and Laws are duly and legally copyrighted by the United States Government. No other Secret Order in America copyrights its obligation and its ritualism. When a document is copyrighted a complete copy must be left in the copyright offices at Washington, D. C., for public inspection, and that is exactly what the Klan has done.
7. It is strictly an AMERICAN organization, by native-born AMERICAN citizens; to defend, perpetuate and promulgate AMERICAN ideals, principles and institutions.
8. It is strictly a white man's organization—not to foster racial hatred or harm the negro; but to preserve the purity of the white Caucasian blood, oppose the intermarriage of races and maintain forever the doctrine of white supremacy.
9. It is strictly a Protestant Christian organization—not to foment religious prejudice or foster religious intolerance; but to defend and uphold the sacred traditions, holy doctrines and sublime principles of Protestantism and exalt the living Christ.
10. It is strictly a Gentile organization—not to fight and persecute the Jew or teach racial hatred; but to preserve and perpetuate the ideals and traditions of the white Gentile race.
11. It is strictly a fraternal organization—not to encourage, condone or practice the boycott; but to stand by each other in times of need in all things honorable, and to help, aid and assist each other in all just and worthy undertakings.
12. It is strictly a benevolent organization—not to encourage promiscuous begging and indolence; but to relieve the injured and the oppressed; to succor the suffering and unfortunate, especially widows and orphans, by means of hospitals, sanitariums, donations, and such other service as we can render.
13. It is strictly a moral organization—not to regulate individual conduct by force or fear; but to develop a dependable character, shield the sanctity of the home, protect the purity of womanhood, teach and practice clean living and a right relationship toward God and man.
14. It is strictly a patriotic organization—not to promote the interest of any particular political party; but to develop and train good citizenship, promulgate the principles of a pure Americanism, respect, defend and honor our country's blood-bought flag, uphold the Constitution of the United States, obey and help enforce the laws of our country, and in every honorable way to promote the general welfare of good government.
15. "The Invisible Empire is founded on sterling character, and immutable principles, based upon sacred sentiment and cemented by noble purposes. It is promoted by a sincere, unselfish devotion of the souls of men, and is governed by their consecrated intelligence. It is the soul of chivalry, virtue's impenetrable shield; and the devout impulse of an unconquered race."

Its purposes are pure.	Its hopes are high and honorable.
Its teachings are timely.	Its powers are practical and potent.
Its conduct is commendable.	Its desire is duty duly discharged.
Its principles are patriotic.	Its methods are matchless and manly.
Its ideals are indispensable.	Its standards are sacred and sublime.
Its motives are magnanimous.	Its practices are patient and peaceful.

In view of the above facts the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is worthy of the respect, confidence and support of all good men.

WHAT THE KLAN DOES

In answer to the fourth question asked under the heading, *How to Judge Any Order* (p. 4), we cite only a few of the many things the Klan is endeavoring to do. Others are brought out in the course of this discussion, under other headings.

1. Its prime purpose is to develop character. In this connection we submit that if the right kind of character is developed, all other problems will adjust themselves.
2. It seeks to build up a dependable citizenship in every community.
3. It seeks to create respect for law, and a strong public sentiment for law enforcement.
4. It seeks to put honest, upright, decent, fearless men in office, that just laws may be enacted, impartially enforced, and the public welfare properly guarded.
5. It seeks to create a proper respect for the Flag and Constitution of the United States and each of the several states.
6. It seeks to defend, support and promote the best interests of our free public schools, that every American and foreign-born child in this country may become a loyal citizen.
7. It seeks to uphold, defend and promote the cause of Protestant Christianity, irrespective of church name or creed.
8. It seeks to promote good morals, and thus protect the chastity of womanhood, the virtue of girlhood and the sanctity of the home.
9. It seeks to prevent the amalgamation and social equality of blacks and whites and the mingling of racial blood in any way.
10. It sets aside 10 per cent of all receipts for humanitarian purposes and benevolent work; and is building numerous hospitals, sanitariums and homes for sick and dependent ones.
11. It expends millions of dollars for charity every year that no one outside the Klan knows anything about.
12. Its motto is: NON SYLBA SED ANTHAR—"Not for self but for others."

By these facts it will be seen that its every act is to aid humanity, advance civilization, uphold the government, promote Christianity, and make the world better.

Judge it fairly in the light of these statements and you will find that the Klan is worthy of your confidence and support.

FAIRNESS OF THE KLAN.

Judged by every principle of justice and fairness, the Klan has been the fairest organization in the world. Everything, save its membership, has been made public, and most of that is well known to its enemies, as well as its friends.

You will pardon us if we repeat here a few facts that will be found in other parts of this message, in order to show how fair the Klan has been with the public:

First—It has a charter from the State of Georgia.

Second—Its charter has been properly filed in every state in the Union.

Third—It has a Special Legal Charter from the Superior Courts of Fulton County, Georgia, which is the endorsement and approval of said court.

Fourth—Its Kloran (ritual), which contains the opening and closing and initiation ceremonies of the Klan, together with its Constitution and Laws, are all copyrighted by the United States government, and a complete copy of each can be found in the Copyright Office, Washington, D. C., subject to public inspection.

NO OTHER SECRET ORDER IN AMERICA COPYRIGHTS ITS INSIDE WORK. They would not dare do it. Even the entire Obligation of the Klan has been made public. What other secret order has made its obligation public?

To further show the fairness of the Klan, it has staged several public initiations where the public could see and hear everything that was done and said. Did you ever see or hear the initiation of any other secret order? Who could be fairer than the Klan?

From every angle the Klan has been perfectly fair with the public.

UNIQUENESS OF THE KLAN.

Beyond any question, the Klan, in many respects, is the most unique organization in the world. It stands alone, in a class to itself, and yet it is interlinked, by its membership, with every church and fraternal order where Protestant Christians are found.

Composed of men and women of the Protestant faith only, it is the fearless defender and protector of every religious belief, whether Protestant, Catholic or Jewish.

Composed of white Gentiles only, it is the courageous champion and advocate of the purity of racial blood, as the Creator ordained.

Composed only of those who accept the tenets of the Christian religion, it is sworn to respect and protect the devotees of every creed and faith in the peaceable enjoyment of religious liberty.

Composed of men and women of various political views, it teaches them to forget party lines and cast their votes for men and measures, for the best interest of the country and the government.

Its members are bound together by the strongest fraternal ties known to mankind, and thus they find in the Klan a closer fraternal feeling than is found anywhere else in the world:—

We are of the same racial blood, claim the same birthplace, have a common religious faith, common interest and similar ideals, we face a common foe, love the same flag, are citizens of the same country and owe our allegiance to the same government.

So far as we know, the members of no other order hold so many things in common as do Klansmen. This fact constitutes one of the unique features of the Klan.

It faces every issue squarely, and takes a definite stand on every question. It deals with present day problems and seeks to solve them to the best interest of civilized humanity and the American government. It strives to meet, courageously and honorably, every new condition that arises. Its supreme desire is to defend and uphold the right, and to oppose and suppress the wrong by all honorable means and methods. It is strictly a militant order, which makes it unique in the fraternal world.

FACTS THAT COMMEND THE KLAN.

The following indisputable facts will commend the Klan to the confidence, respect and support of every fairminded, self-respecting, honest person in America, whether he is eligible for membership or not:

Please turn back and read the three preceding sections: What is the Klan, What the Klan Does, and Fairness of the Klan. Then turn forward and read the Qualifications for Membership. Then consider the following facts:

It is founded on the Bible and the teachings of Christ.

It stands for patriotic American citizenship and American institutions.

It has grown from 34 to more than 5,000,000 members in ten years.

More than 750,000 Masons belong to the Klan.

More than 50,000 Protestant preachers belong.

It is opposed and fought by every crook, criminal and reprobate in America.

There are no atheists, agnostics, infidels, Catholics, Jews or heathens in it. It is the only secret Order that we know of which demands faith in the Christian religion.

It covers all the ground that any secret Order in America covers and does a work that none of them can do.

Every member is a native-born, white, Gentile, Protestant American citizen, of good moral character, so far as we can ascertain and know.

It has more to commend it to your confidence, respect and support than any other secret order in the world.

“OBJECTS AND PURPOSES” OF THE KLAN.

That there may be no room for misunderstanding and to prove our fairness in the matter, the following is taken from the Constitution and Laws of the Klan:

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The objects of this Order shall be to unite white male persons, native-born Gentile citizens of the United States of America, who owe no allegiance of any nature or degree to any foreign government, nation, institution, sect, ruler, person or people; whose morals are good; whose reputations and vocations are respectable; whose habits are exemplary; who are of sound mind and eighteen years or more of age, under a common oath into a brotherhood of strict regulations; to cultivate and promote patriotism toward our Civil Government; to practice an honorable clannishness toward each other; to exemplify a practical benevolence; to shield the sanctity of the home and the chastity of womanhood; to maintain forever white supremacy, to teach and faithfully inculcate a high spiritual philosophy through an exalted ritualism; and by a practical devotion to conserve, protect and maintain the distinctive institutions, rights, privileges, principles, traditions and ideals of a pure Americanism.

Section 2. To create and maintain an institution by which the present and succeeding generations shall commemorate the great sacrifice, chivalric service and imperishable achievement of the “Ku Klux Klan of the Reconstruction Period of American History,” to the end that justice and honor be done the sacred memory of those who wrought through our mystic society during that period, and that their valiant accomplishments be not lost to posterity; to perpetuate their faithful courage, noble spirit, peerless principles and faultless ideals; to hold sacred and make effective their spiritual purpose in this and future generations; that they be rightly vindicated before the world by a revelation of the whole truth.

Section 3. This Order is an institution of Chivalry, Humanity, Justice and Patriotism, embodying in its genius and principles all that is chivalric in conduct, noble in sentiment, generous in manhood, and patriotic in purpose. Its peculiar objects are: First, to protect the weak, the innocent, and the defenseless from the indignities, wrongs and outrages of the lawless, the violent and the brutal; to relieve the injured and the oppressed; to succor the suffering and unfortunate, especially widows and orphans. Second, to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, and all laws passed in conformity thereto, and to protect the States and the people thereof from all invasion of their rights from any source whatsoever. Third, to aid and assist in the execution of all constitutional laws, and to preserve the honor and dignity of the State by opposing tyranny, in any and every form or degree, from any and every source whatsoever, by a fearless and faithful administration of justice through due process of law; and to meet promptly and properly every behest of Duty without fear and without reproach.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR KLAN MEMBERSHIP.

It is our purpose here to explain why we have named certain conditions and restrict Klan membership to certain classes.

To be eligible for membership in the Klan one must meet the following requirements:

1. He Must Be a Native-Born American.

Foreigners from almost every country on the globe have their own organizations in America, from which native-born citizens are excluded. Certainly, native-born Americans have as much right to an exclusive organization in their own country as foreigners have. Who would dare deny to a native citizen in his home land, the same rights and privileges that are exercised and enjoyed by aliens?

2. He Must Be White.

Negroes have their own society and secret orders from which white people are excluded. Then who can deny to the white man the same rights and privileges that are granted to the colored race?

3. He Must Be a Gentile.

The Jews have their own organizations from which Gentiles are excluded. Have not Gentiles the same right to organize and exclude Jews? What is fair for one ought to be fair to both. Should any Jew object to fair play?

4. He Must Be a Protestant.

Catholics have their own organizations from which all Protestants are excluded; then why isn't it fair for Protestants to exercise the same rights? No Klansman objects to a Catholic joining the Knights of Columbus; and Catholics should not object to Protestants joining the Klan. What is fair for one is fair for both.

5. He Must Be of Good Morals.

At this point we have made mistakes; because we have to take men on their reputations, and, consequently, have gotten some bad men into the Klan. But that is no reason for condemning the order. All organizations get bad men sometimes,—even the churches. Crooks, criminals, robbers, thieves, bootleggers, etc., have little clans; then why not the good moral elements organize to combat their evil designs?

6. He Must Believe in the Tenets of the Christian Religion.

Have not those who believe in Christianity as much right to organize as other people? If we want to exclude atheists, infidels and agnostics, and band ourselves together as believers in the teachings of Christ, why should anyone object?

7. He Must Accept Christ as His Criterion of Character.

This we do to set a high standard of manhood before every Klansman. Have not those who seek to follow the lowly Nazarene a right to organize and exclude those who do not? That is exactly what the church does.

8. He Must Take the Twelfth Chapter of Romans as His Law of Life and Rule of Conduct.

This scripture defines the highest and holiest relationship that can exist between man and man, and between man and his God. Why should any one object if those who seek to keep that law, bind themselves together with a solemn vow?

9. He must SWEAR AN UNQUALIFIED ALLEGIANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ABOVE EVERY OTHER GOVERNMENT ON EARTH. Have not the loyal citizens of this country the right to organize to uphold it, and demand allegiance to their native country?

Like all secret Orders, the Klan has named some conditions that some people cannot meet.

TWO GROUPS OF PRINCIPLES

Primarily, the Klan is founded on the two greatest documents in the world, namely, the Bible and the Constitution of the United States.

Growing out of these two sacred documents, are two great groups of principles that make up the ideals of the Klan. Upon these two groups of principles the Klan is firmly planted and securely builded.

The first group is PROTESTANT CHRISTIANITY, symbolized in our Order by the Fiery Cross.

The second group is PATRIOTIC AMERICANISM, symbolized in our Order by the Stars and Stripes.

Everything that the blood-stained, glorified, rugged cross of Calvary represents, symbolizes, signifies and means to the world is a part of the ideals, teachings and foundations of the Ku Klux Klan. These ideals will be discussed more fully in the three or four chapters that follow.

Everything that the blood-bought, tear-stained, glorious American flag represents, symbolizes, signifies and means to a true American; every principle, ideal and institution of the great government it represents,—is a vital part of the teachings and foundations of the Ku Klux Klan.

These two groups of principles are indispensable, immutable, and eternal. They are vitally necessary to the perpetuation of this government and the progress of civilization.

An organization builded on such fundamental principles can never die, so long as honor and integrity have a place in the hearts of men and God reigns in the heavens.

With Paul, when he spoke of the foundation of a Christian life, we can triumphantly exclaim of the foundations of our Order: "Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid." Men will seek in vain for a better, broader, more permanent and more efficient foundation than that upon which the Klan rests.

CHAPTER III.

The Klan and Religion

Attitude of the Klan Toward Religions and the Duty of Klansmen Toward Protestant Churches.

The author has made a careful study of the Religious Ideals of the Klan and has sought, both in writing and lecturing, to emphasize that phase of the Klan question. We believe that it is the duty of every Klansman to help promote the cause of Protestant Christianity in some definite way.

It seeks to exalt the LIVING CHRIST and emphasize the fundamental and essential teachings of the Christian religion, upon which all Protestant churches are agreed; but it is not concerned about the differences in doctrine and polity.

In presenting these religious ideals we hope to impress on Klansmen and non-Klansmen the more sacred and spiritual things, and inspire them to nobler and holier lives. We confidently believe that the Klan was born of, and is being watched over by the Spirit of God. Surely his hand is in our fight for the right. Otherwise the Satanic powers of evil, with their unjust persecutions, would have long since crushed it out of existence.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is essentially a great religious institution,—in fact, it is the most religious secret Order that we know of in America,—which will be clearly shown as this discussion proceeds, as well as by the following pertinent and undeniable facts:

First—It is founded primarily on the Bible, and accepts the Holy Scriptures as the Inspired Word and revealed Will of God.

Second—It demands of every applicant for membership that he declare his faith in the tenets of the Christian religion.

Third—It exalts the LIVING CHRIST by pointing to him as a Klansman's criterion of character.

Fourth—It insists that the twelfth chapter of Romans is a Klansman's Law of Life and Rule of Conduct.

Fifth—Being a Protestant organization, it requires all applicants for membership to be of the Protestant faith.

Sixth—It stands unequivocally and unalterably for religious liberty, and an untrameled freedom of worship for all creeds and races.

THE KLAN IS NOT A CHURCH

The above facts show, beyond any question, that the Klan is intensely religious. Its religious ideals are both definite and sacred to its membership. But, that this statement may not be misconstrued or misunderstood, we most positively assert and affirm that the Klan is not a church, nor does it take the place of the church in any sense of the word; but its supreme purpose is to help, aid and assist all Protestant churches.

THE KLAN IS A CHRISTIAN ORDER

Primarily, the Klan is a Christian Order, or an organization of men and women who believe in the religion of Jesus Christ; but it has no quarrel with other religions. It recognizes and respects the constitutional right of every man to "worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience," as all true Americans should do.

We believe that more than 75 per cent of its membership are Christians, and a large majority of the Protestant ministers either belong to, or heartily endorse the principles of the Klan. This could not be true if the Order were un-Christian, as some charge.

A PROTESTANT ORGANIZATION

Being a Protestant Christian Order, composed of people who believe in the cause of Protestantism, the Klan is vitally interested in the success and progress of all Protestant churches.

The Klan is not anti-Catholic, anti-Jewish, or anti-any religion; but it is PRO-PROTESTANT. The Klan does not fight other religions, but it does seek to build, uphold, support and promote the interests of Protestantism.

We submit that such a policy is both fair and honorable, and have no apology to make to any one for defending the sacred religious faith and convictions for which our ancestors gave their lives.

It is, therefore, the imperative duty of every Klansman to attend, help, aid and support some Protestant church in some definite way. In view of these facts, the Protestant minister who fights the Klan is like the man who stabs his best friend.

A PROTESTANT CLEARING HOUSE

As a religious institution it desires and seeks to serve all Protestant churches alike. In doing so it becomes a Clearing House for the cause of Protestantism, and should serve all fairly and impartially.

The Klan is not interested in, or concerned about denominational names, church creeds, sectarian doctrines, and religious differences; but it is vitally interested in the fundamental, primary and essential tenets of the Christian religion as exemplified in the life of Christ.

We cannot "take sides" in religious controversies, and unprofitable wrangles; but we must strive to exalt the LIVING CHRIST as "A Klansman's criterion of character," and stress the twelfth chapter of Romans as "A Klansman's Law of Life," by constantly exemplifying these ideals in our daily conduct.

"In union there is strength," and surely the Klan is unifying the forces of a divided Protestantism. For that reason alone it is a most glorious and God-sent movement.

OUR COMMON INTERESTS

In the Klan we meet, not as Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Lutherans, etc., but as PROTESTANTS, engaged in a common cause, interested in common ideals and defending a common faith against

a common foe. In a broader vision of more important matters we lose sight of our minor differences. We seek to heal the weakness of our divisions by the unity of a common interest. We believe that a nobler and a more commendable spirit, or a more laudable ambition was never born in the breasts of honest men.

If men who hold common ideals, have a common interest and a similar faith have no right to organize and exclude those who do not agree with them, then all the churches, lodges, clubs and political parties are wrong and should be disbanded; for they are founded on that specific right. If others have such a right, then the Ku Klux Klan should not be condemned for exercising it.

A FRATERNAL CLEARING HOUSE

The Klan is not only a Clearing House for all Protestant churches, but it is likewise a Clearing House for all secret fraternal orders, except those fostered by and confined to certain races and religions. The most notable exceptions are the secret Orders exclusively for Catholics, Jews, Negroes and Foreigners. These, of course, have no part in the Klan, being excluded by its terms of membership; but the Protestant element in Masonry, Odd Fellowship, Pythianism, Woodcraft, etc., find a common interest in the Klan.

So far as we know, none of these Orders actually exclude Catholics, Jews or foreigners; but the Protestant Christian, native-born element in each, finds in the Klan a real Clearing House for the exchange and promotion of common thoughts. There is a closer feeling of Brotherhood and kinship in the Klan than is found in organizations composed of different races and conflicting religions.

THE KLAN COVERS ALL THE GROUND

The Klan covers all the ground that any secret Order covers and does a work that none of them can do.

We do not speak disrespectfully or disparagingly of any other Order, for we believe that each one is good in its own line, serving a special purpose; therefore the Klan makes no fight on any other Order. We have never passed resolutions condemning others, but always refer to them in that respectful and courteous manner in which they deserve to be mentioned.

But we challenge any living man in America to name a single fundamental principle of right, that is vital to the best interest of Christian citizenship, that is taught or advocated by any secret Order in America, that is not included in the Klan's program.

To back this broad challenge we submit the fact that the Klan is founded on two great groups of principles as mentioned in our Introduction to this volume, viz: PROTESTANT CHRISTIANITY and PATRIOTIC AMERICANISM. We unqualifiedly affirm that anything outside of these two groups of principles is not essential to the development of good citizenship.

THE KLAN DEMANDS FAIR PLAY

The Jews have their own secret Orders, admitting ONLY those who accept the Jewish religion; Catholics have their own secret Orders, admitting ONLY those of the Catholic faith; then, in all fairness, why should anyone object when Protestant Christians exercise the same rights?

We maintain that Gentile Protestants have the same rights in America that Jews and Catholics have and should be shown the same respect, accorded the same privilege and given the same protection. To deny this fact is unfair, unjust and rank intolerance.

Why all this "howl," "hub-bub" and "hula-ba-loo" about the Klan stirring up religious prejudice and fomenting racial hatred when it is doing no more than others have been doing for centuries? Why not make the same charges against Jewish and Catholic societies—or even negro organizations—for they exclude white people?

The Klan has never claimed for itself any right or privilege, in religion or in politics, that it does not freely and gladly grant to other organizations. It is unalterably pledged to the principle of "Equal rights to all

and special privileges to none," and has never shown any other disposition. That is "Fair Play" and PURE AMERICANISM.

THE KLAN IS NOT INTOLERANT

It has been charged by our enemies that the Klan is intolerant and foments racial hatred and religious prejudice. This charge we brand as false, unfounded and unjustifiable.

The Klan has never, nor will it ever interfere with, molest or disturb any devotee of any religion, or the members of any race, in the free exercise and full enjoyment of the rights and privileges guaranteed to him under the Constitution of the United States.

Be he Catholic, Jew or heathen; Mohammedan, Buddhist or Brahman; white, black or yellow, the Klan will never disturb the sanctity of his religious altar, nor deprive him of his sacred right to worship whomsoever he will in his own way. The Klan does not, never has and never will mistreat, abuse or persecute any race or religion; but it stands for fair play and a square deal to all people, at all times and in all places.

The intolerance, bigotry, hatred and prejudice has always come from enemies of the Klan, and not from the Klan. Every riot, mob and act of violence in which the Klan has figured, has been incited, started and perpetrated by intolerant, anti-Klan elements that were not fair enough to grant to others the same rights and privileges they claimed for themselves.

We unqualifiedly submit and affirm that the Klan does not condone, teach or practice the spirit of intolerance; nor does it stir up and foment racial hatred or religious prejudice.

RIGHTS OF ORGANIZATIONS

We are not objecting to the rules and regulations that exclude certain races and religions; for we believe, and frankly admit that they have that right. It is a well known fact that all Orders have a perfect right to name the qualifications for membership, and to accept or reject whomsoever they will.

Members of an Order must have a common interest, hold similar ideals and be like-minded; otherwise friction and strife will take the place of peace and harmony. Every government reserves the right to name the terms and conditions by which an alien may become a citizen of that country. The same is true of organizations.

RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS

Unquestionably, every individual has a perfect right to join any organization he may choose to join, provided he is in harmony with its ideals and principles and is accepted by its membership; and, provided further, that said organization has a legal right to exist and operate.

No man should fall out with, censure or condemn another for joining an Order to which he himself does not belong. That is rank intolerance and narrow-minded bigotry.

If Catholics have a right to join secret Orders of their own, and Jews have a right to join their Orders, why should Protestant Gentiles be censured for joining an Order of their own selection? That is the right of every individual in a free country.

Klansmen do not seek to overthrow or destroy other secret Orders or prevent any one from joining them, merely because they do not agree with them. We grant to others the same right of choice and affiliation that we claim for ourselves.

A MILITANT PROGRESSIVE ORDER

Casting no reflection on any other secret Order, and meaning no disrespect toward any, we raise the following questions:

What is new in Masonry, Odd Fellowship, Woodcraft, Pythianism, etc.? What new problems, issues and conditions confront them? What great questions are they trying to solve? What issues of the day are they facing and trying to settle?

We submit that nothing new has been injected into them since they originated, save perhaps, a few degrees and ceremonies. Their battles have been fought; their victories have been won, and they are wholly passive and non-progressive.

They are not facing new issues, wrestling with present day problems, nor meeting constantly changing conditions. Consequently they have but few enemies, and little or no opposition.

Not so with the Klan. It faces every issue squarely and takes a definite stand. It deals with present day problems and seeks to solve them to the best interest of civilized humanity and good government. It strives to meet, courageously and honorably, every new condition that arises. Its supreme desire is to defend and uphold the right and to oppose and suppress the wrong, by all honorable means and methods. It is a PROGRESSIVE, MILITANT ORDER, keeping abreast of the times.

Consequently the Klan has multiplied thousands of enemies and meets with a stubborn opposition on every hand. If the Klan were inactive and passive on the living issues of the day there would be no more opposition to its existence than there is to any other Order of its kind.

A DEFENSIVE ORDER

Being an active, progressive, militant Order, the Klan is fighting the battles and promoting the interests of all Protestant churches and secret fraternal Orders, except those that are exclusively racial and religious; and yet, the Klan is not an OFFENSIVE, but purely a DEFENSIVE Order.

Enemies of Protestantism and Americanism are working incessantly to destroy these ideals and institutions; so the Klan steps into the fight, as did David of old, picks up the gauntlet, accepts the challenge and volunteers to meet these modern boastful Goliaths that defy the armies of God and the spirit of Americanism.

Instead of stones, bullets and bayonets,—with a ballot in the hand of an educated citizenry we will put the enemy to route. We did not issue the challenge. We did not hurl the defy. We did not make the attack. We are not the aggressors. We are not the offenders, but the offended. Ours is purely a battle of self-defense.

Protestantism and Americanism have been challenged, defied, attacked, offended and insulted by their enemies in their own domain. We suffered in silence and with patience, until the abuse became unbearable, and then we rose in defense of our cherished ideals and institutions which were seriously menaced by organized forces that threatened to rob us of our rights and destroy our sacred convictions.

Only the uninformed or the misinformed can fail to see the gathering forces that endanger our safety. This is a great task that we have voluntarily allotted to ourselves. Let us get under the burden, face the facts and meet the issue as real men should. "Quit you like MEN."

"Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ," He who is our criterion of character never flinched, faltered or failed; nor can we and prove ourselves worthy followers of Him who was EVERY INCH A MAN.

LOGICAL CONCLUSIONS

In the light of the preceding facts and arguments we submit that no other secret Order, so far as we know, lays down stronger and more definite religious principles, or seeks to promulgate higher and holier ideals than does the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

There is not a principle of right that the Klan does not champion. There is not an act of lawlessness, immorality or injustice that the Klan does not boldly oppose.

Every man who accepts the Bible as the Word of God, believes in the religion of Jesus Christ, the freedom of worship, the separation of Church and State, liberty of conscience, and the spirit of toleration should join hands with the Klan to uphold, protect and preserve these sacred principles, that they may be passed on to coming generations in safety. The future glory of America is at stake.

THIS IS THE ONLY LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

The Living Christ, A Klansman's Criterion of Character

A Study of the Characteristics of Christ and Their Application to the Life of KLANSMEN.

For nearly twenty centuries the Hebrew prophets had told, in strange words and by mysterious symbols, of the expected Messiah,—the coming "Prince of Peace." Nearly nineteen centuries more have passed into the silence of by-gone years since a band of angels announced His advent, to a group of shepherds on the Judean hills near Bethlehem,—since "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on earth, Good will to men," rang out on the midnight air in the Holy Land,—since wise men from the east followed a peculiar star until it lingered above a manger wherein the Holy Child Jesus was found.

THE WORLD'S GOD-MAN

He was not a man of the world; but he was and is, THE WORLD'S MAN. He was "GOD manifest in the flesh," and a MAN among MEN. He was human enough for man and Divine enough for God. With one hand he reaches down to lift man from the lowest depths of sin and degradation; while with the other he reaches up to the highest Spiritual plane and holds on to God. Thus he can lift and lead men from darkness and death into the glorious light of an eternal spiritual life. He was the WORLD'S GOD-MAN.

This wonderful Man of Galilee was, and is, pre-eminently, the world's greatest man. The cynic's sneer, the agnostic's ignorance, the infidel's doubt and the atheist's unbelief have not marred his beautiful life, nor blighted the hopes or weakened the faith of His disciples.

NEED OF A PERFECT CRITERION

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, having high ideals and holy aspirations, seeking to develop a Christian citizenship, promote the interest of the Protestant faith, and point men to a nobler life of sacrifice and service, needed an example and pattern of the type of character they sought to build.

That they might appeal to the highest, holiest, noblest, purest and best in all men, they could do nothing less than to select the world's greatest and best man as that pattern.

Consequently, the Klan has designated THE LIVING CHRIST as a Klansman's criterion of character. So far as we know, no other secret Order in the world has ever selected and designated Christ as the head of the house,—as the pattern and standard by which the lives of its members are to be measured,—as leader and criterion.

"THE LIVING CHRIST"

Please bear in mind that the Klan does not carry a Crucifix (a cross bearing the image of Christ as crucified), and hence, does not worship a dead Christ as some do.

Remember, that a Klansman's Christ is he who was crucified, taken down from the cross, buried in a borrowed tomb, bursted the bars of hell, broke the chains of death, and rose with a triumphant victory over his enemies to sit at the right hand of God the Father, "where he ever liveth to make intercession for those who love and obey him."

"THE LIVING CHRIST IS A KLANSMAN'S CRITERION OF CHARACTER." What more can you ask?

CHARACTERISTICS OF CHRIST

Having accepted THE LIVING CHRIST as our criterion of character,

it behooves us to study his life closely that we may know just how to follow him and the kind of a character to build.

The outstanding characteristics in His life should be made the crowning virtues in the life of every Klansman, if we are to expect the world to believe that we are sincere in what we claim. The more like Christ we can be, the better Klansmen we are; for he was an ideal Klansman.

We may never reach, in this life, that ideal state of manhood to which Jesus attained; but one thing is certain, we will achieve greater success, and build a better character, by fashioning it after a perfect pattern, than we would should our sample man be faulty and imperfect. To be a REAL Klansman, in spirit as well as in name, means to be more Christ-like.

So let us study carefully the commendable virtues in the Christ life, and apply them to the life of a Klansman, that we may be the better able to emulate Him in our daily walk, and thus consistently prove our sincerity.

OBEDIENCE

Although he was the Son of God, it is said of Him that "He was subject (obedient) unto His parents." Thus He obeyed the scriptural admonition, "Children, obey your parents."

He fulfilled, kept, or obeyed the Jewish law "to a jot and to a tittle,"—that is, even to the dot of an i and the cross of a t.

The Apostle Paul says, "He learned obedience by the things which he suffered." His wonderful prayer in Gethsemane, "Not my will, but Thine be done," was supreme obedience and complete submission to the Father's will.

Thus He kept the law that God gave to Israel and the Divine law of the Spiritual Kingdom. His own words: "Render unto God the things that are God's; and unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's," is just another way of saying, "Obey God and respect the earthly constituted authorities."

No man is qualified to command until he first learns how to obey. Obedience is a great virtue and brings its rewards.

As Klansmen, we are honor-bound and oath-bound to obey God and the duly constituted authorities of governments. Every Klansman should accept Christ as his personal Savior and become a citizen of His Spiritual Kingdom. Your soul belongs to God, and you should remember that Jesus said, "Render unto God the things that are God's." This is every man's duty.

Obedience is the opposite of anarchy, lawlessness, sin and crime; therefore, every Klansman will strive to cultivate the virtue of obedience as taught and exemplified in the life of our Criterion of Character.

HUMILITY

If there is any one virtue in the life of and teachings of Christ that stands out above all others, that virtue is Humility.

First of all he was of humble parentage, from the humblest walk of life, who lived in a city of no renown. He was born in the humble village of Bethlehem, midst the humiliation of the cattle, and cradled in a manger.

He called a group of humble men, from among the common people, to assist him in disseminating his doctrines and the establishment of His Kingdom.

He denounced the haughty Pharisees and the proud Saducees in no uncertain terms, and taught his disciples to be humble,—not to exalt themselves. Better take a lower seat and be invited up higher, than to exalt yourself and face the embarrassment of being ordered down.

It was Solomon who said, "Pride goeth before a fall; and a haughty spirit before destruction." Paul said, "Be not puffed up;" and "Let no man think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but think soberly."

Humility is a commendable virtue. The humble life is the beautiful life. All great men are humble.

From this all Klansmen should learn to be humble, and cultivate the spirit of humility, that this beautiful virtue of Christ may be reflected in our daily walk. "Condensed to men of low estate" and be more like the Master.

UNSELFISH

Beyond any question Jesus Christ was the most unselfish man that ever lived on this earth. He possessed all power; yet never did he use it selfishly,—but always to bless others.

When starving, he refused to turn stones into bread; but he multiplied the loaves and fishes to feed a hungry multitude.

In Gethsemane he refused to call a legion of angels to defend him against a murderous mob; but he quelled a storm and quieted the waves on Galilee to save his disciples.

On Calvary he refused to save himself and come down from the cross; but chose to die unselfishly, that a lost world might be redeemed from sin and death.

He did not heal the lacerations made by the mob on his own back; but placed back and healed the ear of Malchus which Peter had slashed off with a sword.

"NON SYLBA SED ANTHAR"—(Not for self but for others)—the Motto of the Klan, marked every step and act in his life. "He went about doing good,"—not for himself, but always for others. He saved others; but himself he would not save. He lost sight of self in a beautiful ministry for humanity, and that is the purpose of the Klan.

Selfishness is at the root of nine-tenths of the sins of the world. Too much self mars and obscures the beauty of any life. Too much self sours the sweetest act of kindness and degrades the noblest deeds of mankind.

Christ, our criterion of character, never did a selfish thing in his whole life. We may not be entirely unselfish, as was the Christ of Galilee; but we can eliminate a large part of self.

Klansmen, our motto is, "Not for Self but for Others," and we have solemnly sworn that we would "discourage selfishness and selfish ambition on the part of ourselves or any other Klansman." May we constantly strive to exemplify our motto and keep our vow inviolate.

HONORABLE

Jesus never did a dishonorable thing in his life. He was the very soul and personification of honor. Every act in his life was honorable. Perhaps he is the only man that ever lived who never did anything to be ashamed of.

The man who places the proper value on honor and makes that virtue a vital part of his character can look the world squarely in the face; and when he comes to the end of life, will have nothing to regret.

Men and nations have fought to defend their honor. It is so priceless that no character is complete without it. It is the anchor that holds the confidence and respect of your fellowman. The man who loses honor has lost all and wrecked his life.

"Honor to a Klansman is more than life." Be so honorable that a fellow Klansman would stake his life on your word,—that he would trust

you to the ends of the earth with his most highly cherished possessions. A Klansman should keep his honor untainted and inviolate. Be honorable and the whole world will respect you.

SACRIFICE AND SERVICE

From the manger in Bethlehem to the Cross on Calvary, his was a life of sacrifice and service. He sacrificed pleasure when a child that he might serve in his Father's shop. He sacrificed appetite, fame and temporal power when he spurned the devil's temptations in the wilderness. He sacrificed wealth, social standing and popularity when he called about him fishermen, tax collectors and common people.

He sacrificed himself when he submitted to the mob in Gethsemane, and stood silent before his accusers in Pilate's hall. He literally "presented his body a living sacrifice" on the cross that God's plan of salvation might be completed and a lost world saved from ruin.

Service was the supreme virtue in the life of Christ and is the motive power behind every successful enterprise. The true measure of all greatness is SERVICE. Christ was and is the greatest man that ever lived because he rendered a greater service than any other man.

He went about doing good. "I came not to be ministered unto (served); but to minister" (serve others). "If any man would be great let him become servant of all." Service makes a man great.

Sacrifice and Service was the keynote in his life. He sacrificed present joy and happiness, choosing rather to serve humanity by suffering the pangs of death in shame and disgrace.

Jesus served the guests at the wedding feast of Cana, he served in the sick room, in the death chamber, in the temple,—everywhere, and always he was serving others.

Sacrifice and service will make the Klan great and command the respect of all good men. If it renders no service and makes no sacrifice it has no right to exist, no place among men and is entitled to no support. Its purpose is to serve humanity and it can do that only by making a tremendous sacrifice.

It is the solemn duty, and every Klansman has sacredly sworn to "Sacrifice and Serve for the Right," socially, morally, financially, religiously and patriotically. Ours is not a campaign of hate and destruction; but a program of sacrifice and service.

May we keep that vow inviolate, as Thou, Oh Christ, art our witness. May we "present our bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service."

LOYALTY

Jesus was always loyal. He never betrayed a trust or proved unfaithful. He was loyal to God, true to his friends, and faithful in every duty. He never swerved from his purpose,—was never swayed by sinister motives, and never betrayed the confidence of those who relied on him.

Loyalty is a beautiful virtue, but disloyalty is a despicable vice. Loyalty should be the crowning virtue in a Klansman's life. Be loyal, faithful and true, and the world will never lose confidence in and respect for you.

TOLERANCE

Jesus was tolerant toward all men. He granted to others the same rights and privileges that he claimed for himself. He was charitable toward those who honestly differed with him. He was fair and impartial. He was considerate of the rights of others. He did not seek to destroy, over-run, or ruin others; but rather to point out their wrongs and help to set them right.

The Klan is tolerant in religion and politics. We do not deny others the rights and privileges we claim for ourselves. Tolerance is a great virtue among Klansmen. You never heard of Klansmen interfering with, disturbing, or molesting others in the peaceable enjoyment of their rights, and you never will.

Intolerance is a crime against the Constitution of the United States, the government, the rights of citizens, freedom and humanity. The Klan does not foster, condone, teach or practice intolerance in any way whatever, all charges to the contrary, notwithstanding.

MERCY

Jesus believed in, taught and practiced mercy. He showed mercy when mercy was due; but was stern in dispensing justice. It is through his abundant mercy that a lost world is offered salvation. He even extends mercy to his enemies.

He extended mercy to the poor fallen woman caught in adultery; he had compassion on the hungry multitude, sympathized with the unfortunate, pitied the poor and helped the needy. He "wept with those that wept and rejoiced with those who rejoiced."

The Klan, as a great benevolent Order, seeks to be an angel of mercy in serving humanity, administering to the needy, relieving distress and aiding the unfortunate. God's wonderful mercy to us should induce us to extend mercy to others. Justice should always be tempered with mercy; but not entirely smothered by a maudlin sentiment.

PEACE

Jesus was the "Prince of Peace;" and yet he was often caught in the whirl of strife and turmoil. He was the apostle of peace; and yet he was caught in the toils of a murderous mob.

He and his apostles were falsely charged with stirring up strife and making trouble. He was called a blasphemer and falsely accused on every hand by his enemies. Finally he was condemned and crucified as a common criminal.

Peace is a great blessing to any community or nation; but it should never be bought by compromising with wrong. A continual war is waged between right and wrong, and we cannot afford to have peace if we have to purchase it at the price of honor and principle. There are times and circumstances when it is necessary to fight for peace.

The Klan is opposed to war, strife and disturbances; but it will not sacrifice honor, right, liberty and justice to secure peace. We are here to defend and uphold the right and oppose the wrong, by all honorable means and methods, regardless of consequences.

Our Law of Life (Rom. 12:18), says: "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." It is impossible to live peaceably with some men. They will not respect your rights, and will rob you of your privileges.

BENEVOLENCE

Out of the spirit of the religion of Jesus Christ has come every benevolent and charitable institution of the world. The "nail-pierced hand" is the helping hand. The soul and spirit of Christianity is to help the needy, succor the weak, relieve the suffering and provide for the helpless. There is no greater ministry.

"In as much as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me." The only way we can serve Christ is by serving humanity, and that is what the Klan seeks to do. With Christ as our criterion of character, we would not be true to our task did we not have a great humanitarian program.

Therefore, we have undertaken to build hospitals and homes to care for the unfortunates who are not otherwise provided for. This is a great field for service and we humbly accept the responsibility. We are not here to be ministered unto; but to minister.

"NOT FOR SELF, BUT FOR OTHERS."

RIGHTEOUSNESS

Whatever may be said of Christ, it is universally admitted that he lived a clean life. He was pure, holy and righteous. He was clean at heart,—morally, mentally and spiritually clean. Pure thoughts prompted pure words, and produced a righteous conduct.

No man was ever able to convict him of sin. He did not defile himself; but was clean in body and mind. His character was above reproach. His language was chaste. His deeds were commendable. His whole life was clean and righteous.

As human beings we have our faults. None of us are perfect; but we shall make a better showing if we try to emulate the righteousness of Christ than if we follow one whose life is imperfect, unclean and unrighteous.

A clean, pure life is a priceless heritage. How much some of us would gladly give could we erase from our past some blots and stains on our character and make the record clean.

As Klansmen, it is our duty to live clean lives and strive to approach the righteousness of the Christ whom we pretend to follow.

COURAGE

Jesus was no coward. He was never afraid. He had the courage of his convictions and never flinched from expressing them. He lived right, and consequently feared neither God nor man.

Courage is a great virtue. God admonished Joshua to "Be of good courage. Quit you like men."

Klansmen should be courageous. Courage to stand for the right. Courage to oppose the wrong. Courage to defend the Protestant faith. Courage to uphold our flag, our country and our institutions. Courage to face all opposition and be real men.

There is no place in the Klan for cringing moral cowards. There is no place in the economy of God for a coward. Nobody has any respect for a coward. God told Gideon to send all cowards back to their tents.

CAUTION

Jesus was always cautious,—careful not to be entrapped by his enemies. They could not take him until he was ready,—until his work was done. He answered their questions cautiously and did not become entangled in their wrangles, nor place himself, purposely, in danger. Caution is a very valuable virtue.

Although he was the Christ, and by no means ashamed of it; yet he cautioned his apostles just three months before his death not to reveal his identity. After he had been revealed to them on the Mount of Transfiguration as the Christ, he said to them as they came down from that vision of glory, "See that thou tell no man that I am the Christ." Some Klan critics would charge that he was ashamed of it.

In like manner, Klansmen should be cautious; not because we are ashamed of the Order, but to aid the cause of right. For the same reason that national armies do not reveal their secrets to the enemy. For the same reason that secret service men, in the employ of the government do not make themselves known to the public.

COURTESY

Jesus was always courteous,—never abrupt, impudent or insulting. He treated even his enemies with courtesy and due consideration. He was never disrespectful toward any one.

Courtesy is one of the marks of a gentleman, and Jesus was, in every respect, a gentleman. Let no Klansman be discourteous toward others,—not even our enemies. Remember that when our Lord was reviled, he reviled not again.

Rather bear with those who treat us with disrespect and by your courteous conduct show them and the world that a Klansman is a REAL GENTLEMAN.

PATIENCE

Jesus was patient in all things. He was never fretful and irritable. He did not become ruffled or angry when things did not go to suit him. He was patient and calm when others were excited.

To patiently bear with the faults and imperfections of others is a splendid virtue. Any of us can be patient when everything goes right, but the man who can be patient when everything seems to go wrong is the REAL MAN.

SINCERITY

One outstanding characteristic in the life of Christ was his sincere earnestness. He was sincere and deeply in earnest about everything that he said and did. His earnestness and sincerity impressed every one with whom he came in contact.

He believed in his task. He knew he was right. He was sold on what he was offering to others. There wasn't a doubt in his mind. He did not pretend to be, he was what he claimed. There was no "make believe" in his life.

Klansmen should be just as sincere and earnest as He was. We are engaged in a serious matter, and must be in dead earnest. Unless a man can be sincere, earnest and honest as a Klansman he should get out. If you do not believe in it do not try to deceive yourself and others.

PRAYERFUL

Jesus was a man of prayer. He not only prayed often himself, but he taught his disciples to pray: "Our Father, who art in heaven." He taught them to pray secretly: "Enter into the closet and pray."

He often went aside and alone to pray. Up in the mountain he prayed all night, and down in Gethsemane he went a stone's throw from his disciples and prayed while they slept. On Calvary he prayed for those who crucified him. He taught his disciples: "Pray for those who despitefully use you."

Prayer is just talking and pleading with God. The more we communicate with Him the closer we live to Him.

Every gathering of Klansmen is opened and closed with prayer. Klansmen, let us pray. If you can't pray in public you can breathe the spirit of prayer, and God, "who seeth in secret," will hear and understand openly.

Pray that God may guide us in all that we say and do, and that our officers may lead us aright.

DEVOUT

Jesus was very devout,—that is, he was very deeply religious. He was accustomed to go to the temple, the House of God. The only time he was ever lost was at the age of twelve, and after three days' search they found him in the temple confounding the Doctors and Teachers of the Law by his questions and answers.

No wonder they were so long in finding him. Who would ever think of looking in the House of God for a twelve-year-old boy that was lost in a

great city? If our boys were lost in a city today, think you that we would find them in the church discussing religious matters? But the boy Jesus was very religious.

When the people gathered in the temple he stood up to read the prophets, then sat down and expounded these prophecies to the audience. When the temple was being desecrated as a house of merchandise, he drove the defilers out with a scourge and said, "It is written, My Father's house shall be a house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

To the Samaritan woman at the well he said, "The time is coming and now is, when you shall neither worship God in Jerusalem, nor in these mountains; but you shall worship him in spirit and in truth."

Last, but by no means least, he was the head and founder of the world's greatest religion,—CHRISTIANITY. Indeed, he was deeply religious and very devout.

Klansmen are admonished to follow his example. To take him as our criterion of character we too must be devout. Klansmen should be deeply interested in religion, and regular attendants at the House of God.

FORGIVENESS

Jesus forgave freely. He did not hold a grudge against any man. He told his disciples that they must forgive others if they expected to be forgiven. "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

If we forgive not men their trespasses, how can we expect God to forgive us our own sins? Jesus forgave the woman caught in adultery and said, "Go, and sin no more." On the cross he prayed for his enemies: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." What a beautiful virtue is the spirit of forgiveness.

As Klansmen we must have the spirit of forgiveness, if we are to emulate the virtues of our criterion of character.

CONSISTENT

Above everything else Jesus was consistent. He WAS what he claimed to be. He BELIEVED what he taught and expected others to believe. He DID what he wanted others to do; and WAS what he expected others to be. There was not a shadow of pretense or "make-believe" in his whole life. He hated the spirit of hypocrisy and denounced it on every occasion. He condemned the Pharisees for making "long prayers for a pretense." He lived the life he taught and practiced the things he preached. His life was always consistent with his claims.

Every Klansman is admonished to do the same thing. The world will never believe what we teach unless we practice what we preach. Be what you promised to be and kept your vow inviolate.

PATRIOTIC

Jesus was a real patriot. He sent Peter to catch a fish with a coin in its mouth that he might pay the prescribed temple tax. He taught his followers to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's,"—to respect the authorities that be.

He was obedient to law and always respected the powers that be. He was never convicted of a crime. He was, in every respect, an ideal citizen, having regard for the rights and property of others.

He said nothing about law enforcement; but his actions speak louder than words. He believed in the strict enforcement of the law, for he obeyed it himself.

The more like Christ we can be the better Klansmen we are. What he was is what we, as Klansmen, are striving to be.

In conclusion let us say that these are the characteristics of the Christ-life and should be made the crowning virtues of every Klansman's life.

AMEN AND AMEN.

The Twelfth Chapter of Romans as a Klansman's Law of Life

The twelfth chapter of Romans contains more of the fundamental teachings of Christ, and more of the practical rules for Christian living than any other one chapter in the whole Bible. Klansmen have adopted it as their Law of Life because it presents so many of the sacred principles which the Klan seeks to inculcate, and so beautifully portrays the sublime characteristics of our Criterion of Character.

Professor Drummond, in his wonderful essay on "The Greatest Thing in the World," passes the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians through the prism of reason, as it were, and separates "love" into its component parts, showing the ingredients that enter into its composition. Let us analyze the Klansman's Law of Life in this way and note the pleasing results.

VERSE ONE

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

By this we are reminded that we are "brethren," not only in a common cause, but by racial blood as well. Our attention is also directed to "the mercies of God," which we too often forget and fail to recognize and appreciate. We are also commanded to make a tremendous sacrifice,— "our bodies." The Jews had long been accustomed to offer as sacrifices the dead bodies of animals; but the apostle here demands that we offer "our own bodies," as a "living" sacrifice. This was the supreme test. Man thinks more of his body than anything else he possesses. He will gladly give up honor, glory, reputation, character, friends, wealth, and even his own soul, to save his body. The soul may be sin-sick, and nearing the portals of eternal death; but he is not alarmed, nor does he call in the Great Physician to heal the malady. But let the body become sick and endangered, and he calls a human physician, post haste, and utilizes every available means to secure relief.

To lay our "bodies," yet "living," on the altar of service, is the supreme sacrifice. We are further informed that this "living sacrifice," our bodies, must be "holy, acceptable unto God." This demands a clean, consecrated life. God will not accept an unholy offering. But the apostle very modestly declares that this is just our "reasonable service."

Klansmen, "serve and sacrifice for the right."

VERSE TWO

"And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Here we are warned not to be fashioned after this world, not to live worldly lives, but to be "transformed," or changed, by a renewal or change of mind, or heart. Thus we become "new creatures." The reason for this change is given: "that you may prove (or show) what is that GOOD and ACCEPTABLE and PERFECT will of God.

As Klansmen, we should be so transformed, or different from the world, that our lives will prove what is the will of God. Let God show His perfect will through us to others.

VERSE THREE

"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man among you, not to think himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith."

Aside from the grateful acknowledgment of God's rich grace, to which we are all indebted, this verse teaches us to think seriously, to be modest

and unassuming. Self-boasting, self-conceit, pride, arrogance and over-confidence are wholly excluded. We are warned not to over-estimate ourselves; but to be governed by the measure of our faith. A Klansman should think and act with becoming modesty in all things.

VERSES FOUR AND FIVE

"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another."

The human body is composed of many members,—hands, feet, eyes, ears, nose, heart, lungs,—but all members do not perform the same work; yet each one of them is vitally essential. It takes all of them to make up the one body. This is perfectly clear.

So the apostle reasons that there are many members (Christians) in the body of Christ (the Church); and that every one is "members one of another,"—is vitally connected and indispensable. We form one perfect whole. So it is with Klankraft, there are many Klansmen in the body; they do not perform the same office; but each one is equally essential and has a definite place to fill.

VERSES SIX, SEVEN AND EIGHT

"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation; he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness."

Here we are taught that every one should do the things for which he is best fitted, or perform that task for which he has a gift or talent. As each member of the body has a specific work to which it is peculiarly adapted; so also, each Klansman has a task to perform.

The smallest wheel and the shortest belt in the great factory are just as essential and necessary as the great fly-wheel and the massive boilers. Let no Klansman despair because he cannot be the head or heart; but let him rejoice that he can serve as eyes, ears, or even as feet. May we find our place and fill it with credit and profit to all who are concerned. Do what you can do and do it well.

VERSE NINE

"Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good."

Our love must be unadulterated, unmixed with evil; wholly devoted to that which is good. God will not accept a divided love. "You cannot serve God and Mammon." You must love one and hate the other. Every Klansman must abhor, or hate evil, cleave to and defend the good. There is no halfway ground. We cannot compromise with wrong.

VERSE TEN

"Be kindly affectioned one toward another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another."

Brotherly love is a commendable virtue. It is the recognition of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. Klansmen are brothers in a common cause against a common foe. Preferring one another in honor teaches us to be more unselfish in seeking to honor each other. This is the spirit of unselfish fellowship.

VERSE ELEVEN

"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

This teaches us that we should not be lazy, indolent or indifferent in our business or vocational affairs; and that we should be spiritually alive and active in serving the Lord. There is no room, either in the temporal affairs of this life or the spiritual affairs of the Kingdom of God for a slothful or lazy man. The same is true of Klankraft. A Klansman must be actively patriotic and constantly Klannish.

VERSE TWELVE

"Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulations; continuing instant in prayer."

Hope is the anchor of the soul that reaches to that within the veil. Christians should rejoice in that hope. Klansmen should rejoice in the hope that the sacred and sublime principles of Klankraft will triumph over the wrong, and that "right will rule the earth." All of us can be patient when everything is all right and goes to suit us; but when adversities, trials, temptations, troubles and tribulations come we need to be patient. We have passed through the fires of persecution; have been abused, misrepresented, vilified, cursed and hated, but we have borne it all in patience. In patience we will win the victory.

"Continuing instant in prayer" means to be always praying. Paul said in another place, "pray always," and again, "pray without ceasing." Christ, our Criterion, said: "Pray for your enemies." Klansmen should be always in the spirit of prayer. Don't forget to pray, Klansmen, and God will give us the victory. Right will win.

VERSE THIRTEEN

"Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality."

Let us not forget that this is essentially a great fraternal and benevolent Order. Charity is a great virtue. We should seek to build hospitals and homes for the needy and to relieve the suffering of the poor. Christ came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. We should endeavor to follow his example; every Klansman's life and home should be aglow with real hospitality. This is the spirit of unselfishness. Ministering to others is one of our imperative duties. Our motto is: "Not for self, but for others."

VERSE FOURTEEN

"Bless them which persecute you; bless and curse not."

This is hard to do; but the harder the task the more important it is. Let us refrain from denouncing our persecutors. They are to be pitied rather than censured. Let our enemies hurl their curses, but let us "bless, and curse not."

VERSE FIFTEEN

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep."

This verse teaches us the lesson of sympathy and fellowship. We should share the joys and sorrows of our brethren. The joy of others should increase our joy, and their grief should make our hearts sad. Enter into their lives, for we are all a part of the great whole.

VERSE SIXTEEN

"Be of the same mind, one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits."

To be of the same mind means that there should be no friction, malice, envy, division, strife or dissension. Let harmony prevail. Furthermore, we should not be high-minded, puffed-up, arrogant or self-important. That "better-than-thou" spirit is excluded by "condescending to men of low estate." Klansmen are not distinguished by the fiber of their garments, their social standing, their political influence, nor their bank account. They are on a plane of equality. "Be not wise in your own conceit" is a timely admonition to all Klansmen and should be wisely heeded. Be like the owl who lived in an oak.

VERSE SEVENTEEN

"Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men."

It is hard to keep from paying our enemies back and adding a little for interest. We are prone to "get even" with the other fellow. The law of Moses said, "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." But our Criterion of Character taught us to "return good for evil."

Be honorable before all men. A Klansman values honor more than life. He should be the very soul of honor. Let no Klansman stoop to do a dishonorable deed. Honor is the virtue of a Klansman.

VERSE EIGHTEEN

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."

Paul recognized the fact that some men will not be peaceable. The unruly mob spirit cannot be controlled. Some men have no regard for law, or respect for the rights of others. The apostle had been assaulted by mobs, but it was not his fault. If the peace is disturbed, the law violated, or the rights of others disregarded, let it not be "OUR" fault. No matter what others may do, let all Klansmen do the right thing.

VERSE NINETEEN

"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

"Give place to wrath" means to get back and away from it, or give it no place in your life.

It is not ours to wreak vengeance on our fellowman. We should not undertake to get revenge when another has wronged us. Anger and wrath have no place in a Klansman's life. Vengeance, revenge belongs to God. He will satisfy justice. We seek to bring the wrong-doer to the bars of justice and satisfy the law; but not in the spirit of revenge. This is done for the protection of society, the safety of property and the security of personal rights.

VERSE TWENTY

"Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head."

The surest and most successful way to conquer an enemy is to "return good for evil." Do not withhold your service from your enemies. Go to the rescue and assistance of an enemy in distress, as quickly as to a friend. Serve your enemies and win them over. Let nothing deter you from doing good, not even your enemies.

VERSE TWENTY-ONE

"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

This last verse sums up the whole matter in ten little words. Do not let evil control your life, dominate your actions, or in any way get the upper hand of you; but overcome evil inclinations and influences by filling your life with good. Be so occupied by, and so interested in doing good, that there will be no place in your life for evil.

THE SUMMARY

In the language of Solomon, the wise preacher: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecc. 12:13).

As applied to Klankraft this wonderful chapter teaches us the following practical lessons and principles:

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| 1. Sacrifice and Service. | 12. Hope, Patience and Prayer. |
| 2. A Transformed Life. | 13. Benevolence and Hospitality. |
| 3. Humility and Modesty. | 14. Returning Good for Evil. |
| 4. The Need of Many Members. | 15. Sympathy in Joy and Sorrow. |
| 5. Unity and Relation of Members. | 16. Unity, Harmony and Equality. |
| 6. Definite Work of Each Member. | 17. Unresentful and Honorable. |
| 7. Ministering and Teaching. | 18. Strive to Live in Peace. |
| 8. Simplicity, Wisdom and Joy. | 19. Seek no Vengeance. |
| 9. Hate Evil, Love the Good. | 20. Be Kind to Your Enemies. |
| 10. Unselfish Fraternal Fellowship. | 21. Overcome Evil by Doing Good. |
| 11. Industry, Activity and Worship. | |

What a wonderful chapter! And this is a Klansman's Law of Life. It has kept thousands of Klansmen from resenting insults, from recompensing evil for evil, from cursing those who curse them, and from using force to meet force.

May God help us and Christ strengthen us to walk daily by this sublime law of the Divine will, that we, as Klansmen, may prove to our enemies, "what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

The Seven Symbols of the Klan

The language of symbols is the most beautiful, the most expressive and the most impressive of any language known to mankind. The story of Noah's ark suggests the Church. As the ark was the means by which God saved his chosen things from the destruction of the flood, so the Church is the divinely appointed means of salvation from sin. The story of the scape-goat, the brazen serpent and the Passover Lamb suggests to us the Christ, who is our scape-goat, bearing our sins; who was lifted up for us, "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness," that we might "look and live"; and who is our "Passover lamb," slain to deliver us from the bondage of sin.

In the sublime ceremonies of Klancraft we use seven significant symbols, each of which conveys and inculcates a very beautiful lesson, and emphasizes a great Klan principle, when the language of symbols is properly understood. They are, in the order of their importance: The Bible, the Cross, the Flag, the Sword, the Water, the Robe and the Mask, or Helmet. By their presence in the klavern we are constantly reminded of the sacred ideals and sublime principles signified by them, and to which we have solemnly dedicated our lives as Klansmen.

That we may impress upon you these sadly neglected but much-needed lessons, and that you, as Klansmen, may have a higher, nobler and holier regard for, and vision of, the Empire of Chivalry, Honor, Industry, Patriotism and Love, we will now instruct you in their use and significance in our noble order.

WHY THE KLAN USES THE BIBLE

In a klavern you will always find this wonderful old Book opened at the twelfth chapter of Romans. This is unquestionably the most practical and the most complete chapter on Christian living in the whole Bible. It is a constant reminder of the tenets of the Christian religion, in which you have solemnly declared your faith, and is a Klansman's Law of Life. Read it until you become familiar with its contents and then strive to be guided by its Holy teachings.

"The Book of all books is the Book Divine,
Its pages are filled with truth sublime."

Certainly no sane man of reasonable intelligence can look upon this sacred volume without thinking of God as its Author, righteousness as its aim and Eternal Life as its ultimate end. It reminds us that God is our Father, life is our opportunity, and Heaven is our home. It teaches us that there is a God to fear, a hell to shun and a Heaven to gain. It is the traveler's guide, the mariner's compass and the pilgrim's joy. It is the armor of God, the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit. It is a mine of hidden treasures, a storehouse of invaluable riches and a wealth of precious jewels. It reveals to us the dangers of sin, the duties of life and the certainty of death. It is a lamp unto our feet, a light upon our pathway and the only safe guide from earth to Heaven. It promises us a new spiritual body, a robe of righteousness and a crown of eternal glory. Read it to be wise, practice it to be good and obey it to be saved.

"I beseech you by the mercies of God," that you make it your daily companion and endeavor to live according to its teachings.

WHY THE KLAN USES THE CROSS

Out of the wonderful story recorded on the sacred pages of this old Book Divine comes the sad, sweet story of the old rugged, but Holy, cross. Nearly nineteen centuries ago it was an emblem of ignominy, shame and disgrace. Sanctified and made holy by the suffering and blood of the

crucified Christ, and bathed in the blood of fifty million martyrs who "died in the most holy faith," it has been transformed into a sign of the Christian religion, a symbol of sacrifice and service and an emblem of Faith, Hope and Love.

Thus glorified, it stands in every klavern of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and leads us in every parade—blood bought, holy, sanctified and sublime—to constantly remind us that Christ is our criterion of character and His teachings our rule of life.

It inspired the Crusaders of the Middle Ages in their perilous efforts to rescue the Holy Land from the heathen Turks; and is being used today to rally the forces of Protestant Christianity against the ever-increasing hordes of anti-Christ, and the enemies of the principles of a pure Americanism.

We have added the fire to signify that "Christ is the light of the world." As light drives away darkness and gloom and enables one to walk without stumbling over hidden dangers; so a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus will dispel ignorance, superstition and intolerance and enable one to walk mentally, morally and spiritually without falling into the pitfalls of sin. You should walk not only in the light of this fiery cross; but also in the light of the teachings of Him who sanctified it by His death. "By this sign we conquer."

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

"On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame,
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best,
For a world of poor sinners was slain.

(Chorus)

"So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown."

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me,
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.

"To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear,
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share."

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WHY THE KLAN USES THE FLAG

This old flag, purchased by the blood and suffering of American heroes, represents the price paid for American liberties. It is the symbol of the Constitution of the United States of America, free speech, free press, free schools, freedom of worship, peaceable public assembly, rights of citizenship, and all constitutional laws, both state and national.

Its Red represents the bravery and blood of American heroes that has crimsoned a hundred battlefields. Its white symbolizes the sacrifice and tears of American womanhood whose husbands and sons paid the price, as well as the purity and sanctity of the American home for which they suffered. Its Blue is but a patch of America's unclouded sky, snatched from the diamond-studded canopy that bends above our native land. Its Stars represent an aggregation of undefeated states bound together by an inseparable union.

It is the greatest, grandest and most glorious flag that ever waved over a land, floated over a sea or fluttered in a breeze. It has never been trailed in the dust, trampled in the mud or stained with dishonor. It was never defeated in battle, never led a retreating army and was never hauled down at the command of an enemy.

This precious inheritance from our illustrious ancestors we have most solemnly vowed to uphold, to protect, and defend with our property, our blood, our sacred honor and our lives. May we ever be true to that solemn and sacred vow. Under its fluttering folds, Klansmen will forever defend the sublime principles of a pure Americanism, and thus perpetuate the sacred memory of our venerable and heroic dead.

Its Red is the red of the sunset's evening glow,
Its White is the white of the winter's driven snow;
Its Blue is the blue of the ocean, sea and sky,
Its Stars are the United States that shall not die.

Who can stand under the Stars and Stripes, remembering the sacred traditions that entwine about its glorious past, without feeling that sublime patriotism that inspired our noble sires to die for our own, our native land?

"Long may it wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

YOUR FLAG AND MY FLAG

"Your flag and my flag—and how it flies today,
In your land and my land and half the world away.
Rose-red and blood-red its stripes forever gleam—
Snow-white and soul-white—the good forefather's dream.
Sky-blue and true blue—with stars to gleam aright—
The gloried guidon of the day—a shelter through the night.

"Your flag and my flag—and oh! how much it holds—
Your land and my land secure within its folds.
Your heart and my heart beat quicker at the sight—
Sun-kissed and wind-tossed—Red and Blue and White.
The ONE flag, the GREAT flag—the flag for me and you—
Glorified all else beside—the Red and White and Blue.

"Your flag and my flag—to every Star and Stripe—
Hearts beat as drums beat, and fifers shrilly pipe.
Your flag and my flag—a blessing in the sky—
Your hope and my hope—it never hid a lie.
Homeland and far-land, and half the world around—
Old Glory hears our glad salute and ripples to the sound."

WHY THE KLAN USES THE SWORD

This unsheathed sword of steel is a symbol of military defense, constituted authority and law enforcement. It is the power of the government to compel respect and force obedience to its laws.

Its presence on our sacred altar signifies that we, as an organization, are solidly behind and backing up every enforcement officer in the land to "help, aid and assist them in the proper performance of their legal duties." We stand unqualifiedly and unconditionally for the just and impartial enforcement of all law, and for the defense and protection of the rights and privileges of all citizens, irrespective of race, color, creed, lineage or tongue.

It also signifies that we are unconditionally pledged to the defense of our flag, with all that it symbolizes, against the attack and invasion of every foreign power, government, sect, ruler or people in the whole world. We believe in America for Americans, and we are sworn to defend it by all justifiable means and methods, against any encroachment whatsoever, whether it be traitors from within or enemies from without. It is a constant

reminder of our obligation to defend our country and help enforce its law through duly constituted authority. May we wield it wisely and well in defense of our honor, our rights, our homes and our native land, that we may prove to be worthy sons of noble sires.

WHY THE KLAN USES THE WATER

"This God-given, powerful, life-giving fluid, more precious and far more significant than all the sacred oils of the ancients," is a symbol of the purity of life and the unity of purpose. With this divinely distilled fluid we have been dedicated and set apart, in body, in mind, in spirit and in life, to the sacred, sublime and holy principles of Klankraft.

In this dedicatory service we are solemnly admonished to keep our character as pure, clean and transparent as the fluid in this glass. Sin and wickedness in our lives will have the same effect as a drop of ink or blood in this crystal fluid. May we keep our record clear and transparent, free from the sin stains of evil and wrong doing.

As water is useful to human life, so may we, as Klansmen, be useful to humanity. As drops of water mingle and intermingle, thus becoming one solid mass, may we as Klansmen become so united each with the other, that we will become one solid body in Klankraft. Thus we see that water is a beautiful symbol of unity, usefulness and purity. Who can fail to learn from these drops of water the lesson of real Klanishness, and of Brotherhood in a common service to mankind?

As pure water is essential to physical life, but he who drinks it must thirst again, we earnestly pray and sincerely hope that every Klansman may drink deep of that "Water of Life" to which Jesus referred when He said: "If any man drink of the water that I shall give him, he will never thirst again."

WHY THE KLAN USES THE ROBE

"The distinguishing marks of a Klansman are not found in the fiber of his garments, nor in his social, financial or political standing; but they are spiritual, namely, a Chivalrous Head, a Compassionate Heart, a Prudent Tongue, and a Courageous Will; all devoted and consecrated to our country, our homes, our Klan and each other."

We use the robe to signify that we do not judge men by the clothes they wear, and to conceal the difference in our clothing as well as to conceal our identity. There are no rich or poor, high or low, in the circles of Klankraft. As we look upon a body of Klansmen robed in white, we are forcibly reminded that they are on a common level. By this means we help to conceal our identity and maintain a secret membership which is an essential principle of Klankraft.

This white robe is also a symbol of that robe of righteousness to be worn by the Saints in the Land of Yet-to-Come. The aged apostle, a prisoner in exile on the Isle of Patmos, peeped into the portals of the Great Beyond and caught a glimpse of the Saints robed in white, "which was the righteousness of Christ." Taking Christ as our criterion of character and the twelfth chapter of Romans as our Law of Life, Klansmen wear this white robe to signify that they desire to put on "that white robe which is the righteousness of Christ," in that Empire Invisible that lies out beyond the vale of death where there is no more parting and no more tears.

"A lying scoundrel may wrap his disgraceful frame in the sacred folds of a Klansman's robe and deceive the very elect, but only a KLANSMAN possesses a Klansman's heart and a Klansman's soul." Therefore, as we seek to cover here our filthy rags and imperfect lives with the robe of a Klansman, may we through the Grace of God and by following His Christ, be able to hide the scars and stains of sin with the righteousness of Christ when we stand before His Great White Throne.

That hated mask, the terror of every crook in the land! How they cry, "Take off the mask"; but they know not what they say. They do not understand why we wear it nor what it means. "If they only knew!"

In the first place, it helps to maintain a secret membership. The secret of our power lies in the secrecy of our membership. We are a great secret service organization to aid the officers of the law and we can do our best work when we are not known to the public. By this means we see and hear everything. We know the criminal, but he does not know us.

The founder of Christianity came to earth under a mask—He was veiled in the flesh—and did not reveal His identity until after His crucifixion. The early Christians had to worship in secret and conceal their identity. The great Protestant movement was born in secrecy and worshipped in the caves and catacombs. The spirit of American freedom and independence was born under a mask. The Boston Tea Party was a band of Masons disguised as Indians and maintained a secret membership. The Sons of Liberty in the Revolutionary War was a secret membership organization.

The mask is a symbol of unselfishness. With it we hide our individuality and sink ourselves into the great sea of Klankraft. Not as individuals, but as KLANSMEN, we "sacrifice to serve." Our motto is "Non Sylba Sed Anthar—Not for Self but for Others." Therefore we hide self behind the mask that we may be unselfish in our service. Who can look upon a multitude of white robed Klansmen without thinking of the equality and unselfishness of that throng of white robed Saints in the Glory Land? May the God of Heaven, who looks not upon the outward appearance, but upon the heart, find every Klansman worthy of the robe and mask that he wears. Then when we "do the things we teach" and "live the lives we preach," the title of A KLANSMAN will be the **most honorable title among men.**

Thus with our symbols we seek to emphasize and impress the sacred, sublime and holy principles of Klankraft. With God as our Father, Christ as our criterion, the Bible as our guide, and Old Glory as our protection, we mean to march on to a triumphant victory for the principles of right in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Specific Principles of the Klan

A Thorough Discussion of the Social, Moral, Racial and Political Problems of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Klan is essentially a patriotic institution, and is vitally interested in real American patriotism. Not merely the kind that wells up in time of war, shouts loudly on the Fourth of July, or lifts the hat and salutes when the flag passes;—these may be well and good, but too often they do not mean anything;—the Klan's interest is in real, deep-seated, heart-felt patriotism.

The supreme aim of the Klan is to develop a dependable Christian citizenship that will be patriotic in serving its country, both in times of war and in times of peace. The perpetuation of the government and the existence and safety of civilization itself depend upon the type and character of citizens we produce during the present age.

Therefore, the Klan is a builder,—building for those who come after us,—removing the hindrances, destroying the dangers, smoothing the rough places, routing the enemy and bridging the chasms so that our posterity may continue to enjoy the rights, privileges and liberties for which our noble ancestors died.

To make it safe for our children who follow after us we must play the part of

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man traveling a lone highway
Came at evening cold and gray
To a chasm deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fear for him,
But he turned when he reached the other side,
And builded a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with your building here,
You never again will pass this way,
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build this bridge at eventide?"

The builder raised his old gray head:
"Good friend, in the way I've come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This stream which has meant naught to me,
To that fair-haired boy a pitfall may be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

THE KLAN AND THE HOME

The home is the most sacred and the most essential institution in the world. It is the basic foundation of individual character and national greatness. Out of the home come the sweetest memories, the richest experiences, the tenderest relationships and the most powerful influences.

Schools, churches and governments,—and even civilization itself,—are builded on and supported by the home. It is the Divine institution by which the stream of humanity is continually increased. It is the cradle of the human race. Into the home comes the tender babe, to be fashioned into "a thing of beauty and joy forever," or marred by evil influences into

a veritable demon. Here the most lasting impressions are made and character is either builded or wrecked.

The protection and proper care of the home is a challenging task. It requires our most careful attention and most diligent efforts. Here the foundation for citizenship is laid and the country's future either blessed or cursed. It behooves us to throw every possible safeguard about the home that we may insure the future glory of our country.

A wrecked home is the most pathetic tragedy in all history. The saddest story ever told is the story of a ruined home. The darkest picture on memory's wall is the vision of a fallen home.

To maintain the purity, sanctity and beauty of the home, the factors and forces that make up the home must be protected and preserved.

The sanctity of the marriage vows must be sacredly kept.
The virtue and chastity of womanhood must be diligently respected.
The God-ordained laws of clean moral living must be observed.
The tremendous responsibility of parenthood must be accepted.
The building of manly character must be promoted.

The home is like a beautiful fragrant flower,—easily crushed, marred and wilted. Love is to the home what sunshine and rain are to the rose. Kindness in the home is like the fragrance of the flowers. Christianity adds a beauty and a glory like God gives to the sun-kissed dew drops on the rose petal. "God Bless Our Home."

The Klan prizes the home above all institutions and stands for its defense, the purity of womanhood, the sanctity of the marriage vows and the development of character. No true Klansman will ever wreck a home, despoil womanhood, break his solemn marriage vow or desecrate such a holy union.

THE KLAN AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We believe that the free public school is the bulwark of American liberties, the glory of this republic and the foundation of the world's greatest civilization.

The Klan has a well defined educational program designed to develop, promote and perfect the usefulness and efficiency of the free public schools of America.

1. We demand a Federal Department of Education with a Secretary of Education in the President's Cabinet. If any difference, education is more important than War, Navy, Agriculture, Labor, etc., and since we have Special Departments for these, we believe that there should be a Department of Education.

2. We demand a National Committee of Education, composed of the Superintendents of Public Instruction in each of the several states and territories which shall work in conjunction with the Federal Secretary of Education in perfecting our schools.

Just here permit us to say that a bill covering the above demands is now pending in Congress, with the endorsement of many leading educators and teachers' associations. The daily press, as a rule, is opposing the bill on the ground that it will lead to the surrender of another cherished state right and turn the schools over to the Federal Government. Their attitude is the result of Catholic and anti-school influences on the press. The charge is unfounded and untrue, as provisions are made in the bill to forever keep the schools under the control of the several states.

3. We believe in compulsory public school attendance for all children until they have finished the eighth grade. This will give every child in America an equal opportunity to become a loyal and useful citizen, with a proper regard for our laws and institutions.

4. We demand that only those who have attended and finished the free public school course be employed as teachers in said schools; and that only patrons of public schools be elected or appointed to serve on school boards.

5. We favor the passage of a law that will require attendance of the public schools for a certain period of years before one can vote in our elections. This will prevent the un-Americanized foreigner from interfering with our political affairs.

6. We favor the reading of some portion of the Bible in our schools at regular intervals, without comment, that the pupils may be taught to reverence God's Word.

7. We believe that children of foreigners should be in the public schools and learn to speak the English language. This is the first step in their Americanization.

8. We believe that special attention should be given to teaching the Constitution of the United States in our schools, that respect for law should be stressed in order that the pupils may be taught to obey and help enforce the law.

9. We stand for and will support every effort and movement that makes for the improvement and efficiency of the free public schools; but we are unalterably opposed to, and will strenuously fight every effort on the part of any man or group of men to berate, belittle, slander, cripple or hinder the progress and development of the American school system.

Let us have ONE COUNTRY, ONE FLAG, ONE SCHOOL and ONE LANGUAGE.

THE KLAN AND CITIZENSHIP

The Klan seeks to develop the highest type and character of citizenship. The prime purpose of the Order is to develop character, and out of character comes good citizenship.

Citizenship and Klankraft are synonymous terms. A good citizen may not be a Klansman; but a good Klansman is always a good citizen.

There are many kinds of citizens in America; but the two principal classes that concern our discussion at present are: NATIVE-BORN and NATURALIZED. Each of these groups is composed of three kinds: GOOD, BAD and INDIFFERENT.

The fact that a man is a native-born American does not prove that he is a good citizen. On the contrary, many of them are actually bad, undesirable and dangerous; while some are indifferent and unconcerned about the affairs of state.

A good citizen, whether native-born or naturalized, is one who obeys the law, recognizes authority, honors the flag, respects the rights and property of others, willingly pays taxes, votes for good men to fill the offices, serves on juries, assists the duly elected officers in their duty and serves the country in every possible way.

A bad citizen, whether native-born or naturalized, is one who wilfully violates the law, repudiates authority, ignores the flag, disregards the rights and property of others, dodges taxes, evades jury service, votes for men whom he thinks will wink at crime, and refuses to help the officers and courts enforce the law.

An indifferent citizen is one who is not interested or concerned about the things that make a good citizen, nor does he do what the bad one does. He just barely gets by the law, tolerates authority, permits others to have rights and hold property, pays the least taxes possible, doesn't vote, and is not interested in law enforcement or the good of the community.

Which class are you in: Native-born, or naturalized?

What kind of a citizen are you: Good, Bad or Indifferent?

THE KLAN AND THE GOVERNMENT

The Klan's loyalty and devotion to the Constitution and government of the United States are unquestionable and unconditional. The charge that the Klan seeks to destroy the Constitution, overthrow the government and take the law into its own hands is an unmitigated falsehood.

The very nature and primary purpose of the Order is to support, defend

and uphold the government of the United States and of the various states of which we may become residents.

To prove our allegiance and unswerving loyalty to the government we quote from the Klan Obligation:

"I most solemnly assert and affirm that to the government of the United States of America and any state thereof, of which I may become a resident, I sacredly swear an unqualified allegiance above any other and every kind of government in the whole world. I here and now pledge my life, my property, my vote and my sacred honor to uphold its flag, its Constitution and constitutional laws, and will protect, defend and enforce same unto death."

"I swear that I will most zealously and valiantly shield and preserve, by any and all justifiable means and methods, the sacred constitutional rights and privileges of free public schools, free speech, free press, separation of Church and State, liberty, white supremacy, just laws and the pursuit of happiness, against the encroachment of any nature, by any person or persons, political party or parties, religious sect or people, native, naturalized or foreign, of any race, color, creed, lineage or tongue whatsoever."

Do you think for a moment that five or six million men in America would take that serious, sacred, solemn and binding oath and then violate it by trying to overthrow the government to which they swore such allegiance? Even the suggestion is absurd.

Do you think that 750,000. Masons, thousands of Odd Fellows, Elks, Woodmen, Pythians, etc., millions of devout Christians, including 50,000 preachers, would voluntarily assume that solemn oath; then wilfully break it and fail to expose the damnable, deceptive treachery and treason of such an Obligation? If you do you are either a fool or a knave.

If you do you have lost confidence in humanity and the sacred vows, solemn promises and binding obligations assumed by men under any circumstances or for any purpose become mere "scraps of paper."

THE KLAN AND POLITICS

Primarily, politics mean "the science of good government." "Political Economy" is a text book in our schools. It treats of "politics," or "the science of good government." Politics and Patriotism are synonymous terms when correctly defined.

The Klan is vitally interested in "the science of good government;" but it is not concerned about "party politics." It is, in no sense, a political party; nor is it circumscribed by party lines. Klansmen are not hide-bound, brass-collared, party slaves; but they will ever be found supporting men and measures which they believe to be for the best interest of the country, regardless of party lines. It seeks to develop real patriots; but it has no confidence in or respect for professional politicians. It cultivates love of country, but discourages the selfish political office seeker.

Every principle of the Klan symbolized by the Stars and Stripes is a political, or patriotic ideal. Every problem of the Klan not included in its Religious Ideals, is a political issue. Therefore the Klan is and must ever be interested in politics. As you study the principles and purposes of the Order you cannot escape this conclusion.

Politically, the Klan is interested in the enactment of good laws, the election of good men to office, the impartial enforcement of law, the Eighteenth amendment, the race problem, the public schools, the protection of the home, the training of citizenship, the immigration question and every issue that affects the personal and property rights of the individual and the welfare of the nation as a whole.

This, with the discussion of other subjects treated in the following chapters, is the attitude of the Klan on politics and political questions. Every true Klansman is vitally interested in the welfare of his country, and consequently in all matters of a political nature.

THE KLAN AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Klan stands for the strict and impartial enforcement of law through duly constituted channels, regardless of what our enemies, through ignorance or malicious meanness may charge. Our position on law enforcement is clearly stated in unequivocal terms in the Constitution of the Order, and in the solemn obligation which all Klansmen assume. To prove this claim we quote again from the Klan Obligation:

"I most solemnly promise and swear that I will always, at all times and in all places, help, aid and assist the duly constituted officers of the law in the proper performance of their legal duties."

Do you think that several million native-born, white, Gentile American citizens, including several hundred thousand Masons, Odd Fellows, Pythians, Elks, Woodmen, etc., with several thousand ministers, would take that solemn oath in the presence of an open Bible, in the light of Calvary's fiery cross, under the folds of the Stars and Stripes, and then go out and take the law into their own hands? If you do you have but little faith in the sacred honor of mankind.

Because the Klan stands for law enforcement every crook, criminal, gambler, and reprobate in the country is against it. Klansmen stand ready at all times to aid the officers in every possible way to enforce the law and often render valuable assistance without being known in the matter.

It is not only the sworn and moral duty of a Klansman to obey the law himself, but if he keeps his Klan Obligation inviolate he must report all willful violations of the law that come to his knowledge to the proper officers.

No other secret Order, so far as we know, requires its members to take an oath like the one quoted; nor do any of them emphasize law enforcement as the Klan does. In addition to our law enforcement program we bring to bear all the moral suasion possible to deter and prevent men from violating the law.

The principal objection to secret membership in the Klan comes from the criminal class. They want to know who the Klansmen are so they can be careful in their presence. They know that a Klansman will report law violations and they want to play safe.

Every criminal defense lawyer endeavors to keep Klansmen off the jury because they know that if their client is guilty he will get the limit of the law. Klansmen are ready and willing to back its law enforcement program by serving on juries, testifying as witnesses, seeking for evidence and voting for good, clean, honorable men to fill the offices, who will endeavor to enforce the law.

THE KLAN AND PROHIBITION

The Klan stands for absolute sobriety and the strict enforcement of the prohibition law. Drunkenness of any degree constitutes a major offense against the laws of the Order, and will not be tolerated in our ranks. We think as much of a bootlegger as we do of his customers. Of the two, we believe the customer who buys it is a greater menace to society than the bootlegger who sells it. He would neither make, transport nor sell it if there were no customers. Hence the buyer is a party to every crime the bootlegger commits, even to murder.

The writer introduced a resolution in the state Klorero (convention) of the Klan early in 1924 which was unanimously adopted and put the Klan on record against the sale of whiskey by drug stores on a doctor's prescription. It demanded the passage of a law, as 23 other states had done, that would prevent doctors from writing and drug stores from filling prescriptions for whiskey.

The Klan was the first organization, so far as we know, that made such a demand. Some of the candidates for governor that year took up the cry and promised to put the "bootlegging drug stores out of business," but up to this time no such law has been passed, and the governor is as silent as the grave.

Some people have an idea that because they do not like a law they are at liberty to ruthlessly violate it. Disrespect for one law breeds disrespect for all law, and that leads to anarchy.

The Klan has done much to help enforce the Eighteenth Amendment and intends to do more. We believe, in fact we know that the prohibition laws can be enforced as well as other laws, when we have the right kind of men in office and the proper backing of the courts.

Let every decent, self-respecting citizen who believes in law and order, get behind the officers and help make the law operative. Line up with the Klan and help fight the lawless elements in America.

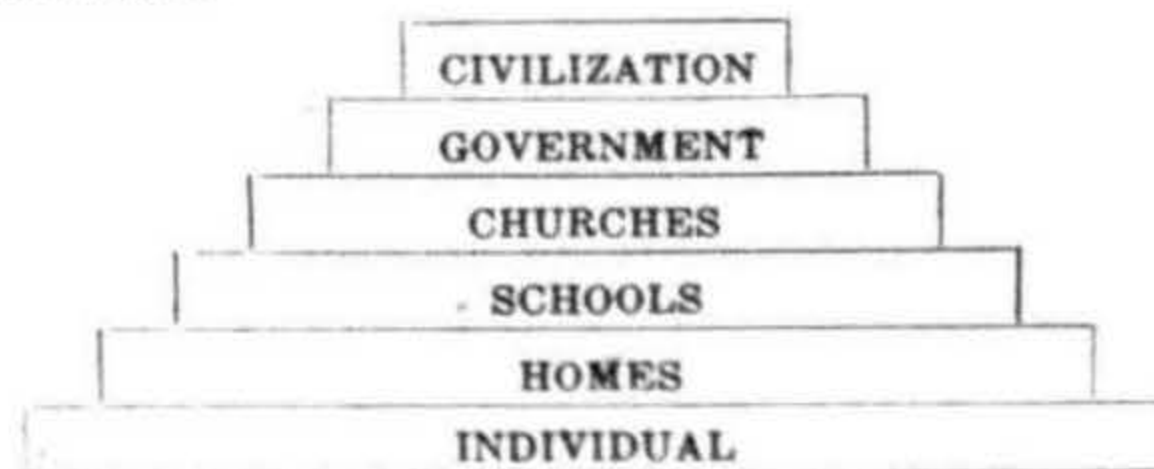
The slanderous charges that the Klan takes the law into its own hands will be answered under another heading.

THE KLAN AND CIVILIZATION

There are five fundamental factors in the development of an ideal civilization and ONLY five. These form a mighty pyramid upon which the structure of civilization securely rests. When either of them fails civilization totters.

They are, in the order of their importance:

1. The Individual.
2. The Home.
3. The School.
4. The Church.
5. The Government.



THE PYRAMID OF CIVILIZATION

Homes are made up of two or more individuals.

Schools are made up of several homes and individuals.

Churches are made up of schools, homes and individuals.

The government is composed of individuals, homes, schools and churches.

Civilization is the happy result of such a combination, properly blended, with each factor performing its allotted task.

The individual comes first, because without him there could be no homes, schools, churches or government, and consequently no civilization. Hence he is indispensable.

The home is a vital factor because it produces the individual, develops the school, supports the church and demands the government.

The school is necessary to educate the individual, fit him for usefulness and train him to meet the responsibilities of life in the home, school, church and government.

The church plays a vital part, inasmuch as it develops the spiritual man, gives him higher ideals, blesses the home, enriches the school and stabilizes the government.

The government is an essential factor in protecting the individual's rights, guarding the home, providing the schools, shielding the churches and doing for all what none of them can do for themselves.

It is clearly evident from the above facts that these factors are indispensable and inseparable.

The prime purpose of the Klan is to develop character,—to improve the individual; but it is also vitally interested in every force and influence that enter into the development of civilization.

The better the individual the better will be his home; which in turn will produce a better individual who will make a better home.

The better the individuals and homes, the better schools they will have; but the better the school the more it will do to improve the individual and home, which in turn will develop better schools.

The better the individual, the home and the school, the better churches they will have; but these better churches will be a greater blessing to the individual, home and school, which in turn will demand better churches. And so on and on.

The better the individual, home, school and church, the better government they will establish and maintain; but the better government will render more efficient service to the individual, the home, the school and the church; which in turn will promote a better government, and on and on.

Thus the endless chain of these factors builds an ideal civilization as each works on and with the other. A proper, perfect and proportionate blending of these factors co-operating with each other is what constitutes an ideal civilization; and that is the ultimate aim and purpose of the Ku Klux Klan.

That is why the Klan is the avowed exponent and courageous defender of Christian character, good homes, free schools, Protestant churches and an efficient government. Every man who believes in the highest type of civilization should align himself with the Klan and help promote the principles that make to that end.

THE KLAN AND THE NEGRO

That the race problem is a perplexing question in America there can be no doubt. No nation in the history of the world has ever been able to maintain two distinct races under the same government with equal rights and privileges. It seems to be a physical impossibility.

Because the Ku Klux Klan of 1866-1870 taught a few impudent negroes how to stay in their place and respect the rights of a white man, rescued the South from Carpet-bag rule and negro domination, and saved the civilization of America and the world, some people have an idea that the Klan of today is the black man's enemy.

Such is not the case. The Klan of today is the negro's best friend. He has his own society, secret Orders and churches and does not admit the white man. This is as it should be. The Klan will not disturb, or molest him in the exercise and enjoyment of the rights to which he is entitled as a citizen of this country. On the other hand, we stand ready to defend, protect and aid him in every honorable way to be a good citizen.

There are just two ways to settle the race question,—the RIGHT way and the WRONG way. Sooner or later, if left alone, it will settle itself in the wrong way and wreck the nation.

The two ways of settling the race question are:

1. Colonization; and 2. Amalgamation, or miscegenation.

The first is fair, honorable, moral and right. The second is unjust, immoral, degrading, disgraceful and therefore wrong. Egypt and India ignored their race problem and left it to settle itself by amalgamation. Behold their degradation. America is slowly but surely drifting toward the low level of Egypt and India.

Of the 11,000,000 negroes in America today, more than one-third have white blood in them. This is enough to make every decent man hang his head in shame. The yellow negro, or mulatto, is a real menace to society. It is a matter of record that 85 per cent of the crimes chargeable to negroes in America are committed by the yellow negro who has some low-lived degenerate white man's blood in his veins.

The mixing of racial blood is a violation of Divine law. It was this sin that brought the flood on the world in the days of Noah; and it will destroy any nation on earth that permits it. The Bible says that God

created everything that was made; but a friend of the writer recently questioned that statement. He declared that God did not create a mule or a yellow negro. They are the products of man's sin and shame.

THE KLAN AND WHITE SUPREMACY

One of the fundamental principles of the Klan is WHITE SUPREMACY. By this we mean three things:

1. That the white race is superior to any other race of men, has been the advance guard of all great civilizations and must ever be the leading race of people on earth.

2. That America is a white man's country, discovered, dedicated, settled, defended and developed by white men, and the negro, being our wards, shall not control, govern or dominate it.

3. That we avow the distinction made by the Creator between the races of men and are pledged to forever strive to keep the white Caucasian blood pure and undefiled.

To this end we are unalterably opposed to the intermarriage of whites and blacks, or the amalgamation of the races in any way, legal or illegal. We have no respect for the reprobate who stoops to mingle his blood with the blood of a negro, and every self-respecting negro feels the same way about it. The crime of the age is miscegenation.

While the Klan does not advocate the colonization of the negro, it is unconditionally pledged to keep the white Caucasian blood pure, and in doing so it will maintain the purity of the negro blood. Therefore, we demand a federal law to prevent the marriage of whites and blacks.

THE KLAN AND THE JEW

The Klan has no fight to make on the Jew. He has his own religion, his own customs and secret Orders. He makes his religion and racial blood conditions of membership in them. Gentiles and believers in other religions are excluded from Jewish Orders. This they have a perfect right to do.

The Jews are a wonderful people; the remnant of a God-chosen race. Whatever may be said of them, one thing is sure: They have never forgotten God's law on marriage. Through nearly forty centuries they have maintained the purity of their racial blood, refusing to intermarry with other races; because God forbade such marriages.

The most pathetic figure in all the world today is the Jew. He is a "ward" of the nations of the earth. He has no country, no flag, no government, no land to call his own,—once the greatest nation on earth, specially favored of God,—but now, haunted only by the memory of departed glory and Divine favors.

For nineteen centuries he has been driven from "pillar to post," snubbed, hated, jeered and mistreated. The hands that were nailed to the cross are the only hands ever lifted in his defense.

His only safety lies in lands where Protestant Christianity predominates. Believers in the Protestant religion are his truest and most loyal friends. In every land where other religions hold sway the Jew has been bitterly persecuted and mercilessly murdered. The blood of Jewish martyrs has crimsoned the soil of every nation, except the land where Protestantism prevails. In Protestant lands his life, liberty, property and religion are safe.

It has been charged that the Klan is inconsistent; because we take Christ (a Jew) as our criterion of character and exclude the Jews from our Order. To answer this we raise the following questions:

What makes a Jew? To a thinking man the answer is clear and simple. Religion makes a Jew, regardless of his blood. The very moment a Jew repudiates the Jewish religion, or violates their religious law by marrying a Gentile, he ceases to be a Jew, is excommunicated from Jewish Synagogues, ostracised by Jewish society, and in their eyes becomes "a dog," or Gentile.

We raise another question: What keeps the Jew out of the Klan? That they are white, many of them native born Americans of good morals, and law abiding, patriotic citizens is not questioned; but five things bar the Jew from membership in the Klan:

1. **The Cross of Calvary.** They do not believe in it, cannot take an oath in its holy light, do not believe the teachings symbolized by it, and cannot follow it in a parade.
2. **"Do you believe in the tenets of the Christian religion?"** This they cannot answer in the affirmative as the Klan demands, and hence they cannot qualify for membership.
3. **Christ Is a Klansman's Criterion of Character.** The Jew denies that he was the promised Messiah, rejects the claim that he was the Son of God and looks upon him as an imposter; therefore, they cannot consistently accept him as their criterion of character.
4. **The Twelfth Chapter of Romans Is a Klansman's Law of Life.** The Jew does not admit the inspiration of the New Testament, rejects it as a part of God's Word, repudiates much of its teachings, and consequently cannot accept any part of it as his Law of Life.
5. **The Klan Is Distinctively a Protestant Christian Order.** For that reason, the Jew being neither Protestant nor Christian, cannot qualify for membership in the Klan. And should he be admitted he would resent our religious ideals, feel insulted on the above five counts and be entirely out of harmony with its teachings.

To state the matter in one sentence: The Jew bars himself from the Klan because he does not accept the Christian religion.

What we have said of the Jew applies to those who are loyal, patriotic, honorable American citizens; but as there are bad Gentiles, there are also bad Jews. The moving picture producing business is controlled by a bunch of Jews who never fail to misrepresent, slander, vilify and insult the Christian religion when they have an opportunity, and seek to foment every immoral suggestion possible.

The K. L. H. is a secret political organization of Jews with headquarters in New York City, the principles of which are both un-American and anti-American. Many of its demands are in direct and open conflict with the Constitution of the United States, and others are for "Special" privileges for Jews.

While the Klan has no fight to make on the race or religion of the Jew, as stated in the beginning of this section, it will strenuously oppose every movement against our government, every attack made on the Constitution of the United States, and every assault on American institutions, from whatever source they may come,—be it black or white, Catholic or Protestant, Jew or Gentile.

THE KLAN AND THE CATHOLIC

The Klan has always sought to be perfectly fair with all men, irrespective of their political, religious or fraternal connections and we believe that it has been. The public, and even some Klansmen, by reason of misinterpretations, based on facts and unverified information, have been led to believe that the Klan is anti-Catholic; but this conclusion is unwarranted, unjust and without foundation.

The Klan has no quarrel with any religion; but it is a Pro-Protestant organization, for which we make no apology. It has no fight to make on the individual Catholic, nor on Catholicism as a religion. We recognize and respect the right of every man to choose his own religion, as well as his constitutional guarantee to freedom of worship, and will protect and defend him in the enjoyment of these privileges, whether he be Protestant, Catholic or Jew.

The Klan never has and never will molest, disturb or in any way interfere with Catholics in the exercise and enjoyment of their religious liberty.

We realize that religious faith is as sacred to a Catholic as it is to a Protestant. As a religion, Catholicism has the same rights in America that any religion has; but when they begin to meddle in politics, that is a different question.

The Roman Catholic Church in America is a gigantic political machine, seeking to control this government and bring it under the rule of the Vatican at Rome, in spite of the constitutional guarantee of the separation of Church and State. Religion with them is a secondary matter. Their principal aim is expressed by three letters,—MAC,—meaning "Make America Catholic," and they are bending every effort in that direction.

In support of the above charges we bring the following serious indictments against the Roman Catholic Church:

1. It is opposed to the freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of worship, peaceable public assembly, separation of Church and State, the Eighteenth Amendment, and many other fundamental principles of the Constitution of the United States. This charge is fully proven by their utterances and actions.
2. It encourages, fosters and perpetrates mob violence, lawlessness and crime; because the priesthood claims the power to absolve its devotees from any blame in such matters. Hundreds of instances can be cited where lawless Catholic mobs have attacked peaceable gatherings of Protestants, assaulted Klan meetings and parades, disturbed the peace of the community, endangered life, destroyed public and private property, and committed cold-blooded murder, out of pure hatred and intolerance condoned by the church.
3. It slanders, ridicules, misrepresents and seeks to destroy our great free public school system. Lest some one doubt this charge we submit the following proof:
 - (a) Priests and dignitaries of the Roman Church berate, decry and denounce the public schools, threaten parents who allow their children to attend, and even deny ablutio and the Holy Communion to Catholic children who do attend.
 - (b) They denounce public schools as "Godless." "cess pools of hell," "breeders of iniquity" and "producers of criminals." This in face of the fact that Catholic parochial schools furnish 65% of all the criminals in our jails and prisons, while only 5% come from free public schools.
 - (c) Roman Catholics, aided by agnostics, atheists, infidels and Jews have forced the Bible out of our public schools in many states; and, in eleven states of this Union it is an actual violation of law to read any portion of the Bible in a public school.
 - (d) Roman Catholics have established their parochial schools in every community where it is possible to maintain one and will not send their children to a public school if they are in reach of a parochial school. Thus they are in competition with our public schools. They claim that the public schools are Godless, immoral and unfit for their children.
 - (e) Roman Catholics in many states have sought to have their pro-rata part of the public school fund transferred to their parochial schools; and in some instances they have threatened to refuse to pay the school tax.

Hear Mngs. Cappell: "The day is not far distant when Catholics, at the order of the Pope, will refuse to pay the school tax, and will send bullets into the breasts of the officials who attempt to collect them." How do you public school teachers like that?
 - (f) Roman Catholics seek to serve as trustees and supply Catholic teachers in our public schools. The contention of the Klan is that people who refuse to patronize our schools and threaten to withdraw their financial support by force, in open violation of

law are wholly unfit to serve as trustees or teachers. The only object they could have in view would be to wreck the schools. People who oppose an institution should not be allowed to serve it in any way. The school that is "Godless" for Catholic children should be "Godless" for Catholic trustees and teachers.

- (g) Based on the above facts and the declaration of Pope Pius IX that "Education outside of the Catholic Church is damnable heresy," and supported by hundreds of similar expressions from Catholic dignitaries, we confidently affirm that the Roman Catholic Church would immediately close or convert into a parochial school every public school in America if they had the power. Hear Priest Phelan of St. Louis: "The children of public schools turn out to be horse thieves, scholastic counterfeiters, and well versed in schemes of deviltry. I frankly confess that Catholics stand before the country as ENEMIES OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL; they are afraid that the child that left home in the morning would come back with something in his heart as black as hell." How do you Protestant Americans like that?
4. The Roman hierarchy teaches that all couples whose marriage ceremony was not performed by a Catholic priest are living in concubinage and that their children are illegitimate. Thus they repudiate our legal marriages, libel Protestant parents and slander children of Protestant homes, under the guise of religion.

Marriage ceremonies performed by Catholic priests are recognized and respected by Protestants, Jews and others. The same law that authorizes a Catholic priest to perform marriage ceremonies, also authorizes Protestant ministers, Jewish Rabbis, Judges, etc., to solemnize weddings, and such ceremonies should be respected.

The contention of the Klan is that Catholics must recognize the legal rights of others, respect the moral character of Protestants and Jews, refrain from slanderous and libelous teachings and quit insulting decent people or go where the laws fits their intolerant theory.

Space will not permit us to present all the phases of Catholic intrigue and political trickery to gain control of our government and bring about a union of Church and State in violation of the Constitution of the United States; but the above indictments are serious charges and should arouse the spirit of true Americanism.

THE KLAN AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

The Klan takes a common sense view of the Catholic parochial school. In the first place historical facts and figures show that as an educational factor they are sadly deficient. Their teachers are incompetent, and until recently very few of them held teachers' certificates.

Where Catholics have had undisputed control of the schools you find the largest percentage of illiteracy. Mexico, South America, Spain and Austria are notable examples.

Catholic parochial schools can never develop good American citizens; for the reason that they teach a divided allegiance and inculcate ideas of superstition. To support a parochial school in competition with the public schools is a direct thrust and stab at our free public school system. If other religious bodies should set up parochial schools as the Catholic Church has done (which right they have if the Catholics have it), our school system would be forever doomed.

Because the Catholic parochial schools have been an utter failure for 300 years the Mexican government is closing them and establishing free public schools patterned after America's school system. When a benighted nation like Mexico bans the parochial school as a dangerous menace and miserable failure, it is high time that enlightened people take notice.

The Klan maintains that there should be One Country, One Flag, One School and One Language in America; and that every child should have an equal opportunity to become a loyal American citizen. We do not object to Catholics teaching their children their own religion; but they should do it as others do,—outside of school hours.

CATHOLIC PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Lest some may doubt the possibility of a 20 per cent minority controlling an 80 per cent majority, we cite you to the proof that they already do it. The following information has been broadcasted by the Protestant Press of America:

From a reliable source is obtained the following information regarding the several departments of the Government of the United States:

In the Department of State, 61% of the employees are Roman Catholics; in the Treasury Department, 70% are Catholics; in the War Department, 53%; of the army employees, 70%; in the Insular Affairs, 89%; in the Department of Justice, 73%; in the Office of Indian Affairs, 93%; the Bureau of Education, 60%; in the Patent Office, 54%; in the Alaskan Railroad, practically 100%; in the Congressional Library, 63%.

As shown by the following figures, when Roman Catholics fill more than 20% of the offices they have more than their proportional share. Americans should see to it that no one religious sect holds all the public positions.

The Catholic population in this country in 1776 was 20,000. Today, it is more than 18,000,000. The population of the United States has increased thirty-five times while during the same period the Catholic population has increased more than 800 times.

And yet, some ask why there should be an all-American Protestant organization at work in this land!

These figures are enough to arouse every true American; but there are some feather-brained "smart alecks" who will sneer and ridicule the idea of danger until it is too late.

How did Catholics get into these places of trust? We answer: By and through the pussy-footing political trickery, scheming and cachinery of the Catholic hierarchy dickering with politicians who were willing to trade political pie for the promise of Catholic votes.

THE KLAN AND IMMIGRATION

We submit that the Klan's position on immigration is one of common sense and absolute fairness. The Klan does not seek to exclude all foreigners from our shores; but only the undesirable characters for self protection. To those who are worthy and who come to our land for the purpose of engaging in some legitimate business or honorable vocation and become loyal citizens of the United States, we extend a most hearty welcome; but we are unalterably opposed to the coming of that lawless, immoral element of reprobates that pour into America to escape the clutches of the law in their native land and make money by violating our laws.

We do not open our homes to criminals and crooks, we do not invite them into the community where we live, nor do we want them to associate with our families; and consequently we should not allow them to come to our country.

The Klan demands the deportation of foreign-born criminals. Every foreigner who comes to our shores, engages in some illegitimate or immoral business and ruthlessly violates our laws should be deported to his native land as soon as convicted, or at least as soon as he has paid the penalty for such crime as he may have committed. Deportation of foreign-born criminals will almost cure the much talked of crime wave in America.

The Klan demands a restrictive, selective immigration law.

It is an alarming fact that 75 per cent of all foreigners coming to America since 1900 have been undesirable characters. They are engaged in illegitimate or immoral business, lawlessness, and crime of every nature.

The Klan's position on immigration, briefly stated, is this: We demand a standard investigation or test, to determine one's fitness for citizenship in this country before he be given a passport:

1. A Mental Test. To determine whether he is of sound mind. Did you know that nearly 75 per cent of the inmates of our asylums are either foreign-born or of foreign parentage? Every nation should take care of its own feeble-minded folk.

2. A Physical Test: We should demand a health certificate to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, or the breaking out of epidemics. This is a necessary precaution to protect the health of our people and far more important than the quarantining of diseased cattle districts.

3. A Moral Test. To ascertain whether the immigrant is a moral reprobate with a criminal record, or of reasonably good reputation. If he has a police record or is of low, debased morals we don't need him. We certainly don't need to ship any crooks or criminals into America. They grow here promiscuously and spontaneously. Should we run short, we have ex-governors and high officials who can give post-graduate courses in crookology.

4. An Intentional Test. We should demand a declaration of the intentions of every one who desires to come to our shores. Unless his intentions are to become a loyal, law-abiding citizen and engage in some honorable business, let him stay where he was born. If he is coming to America to make money,—by foul means or fair, by engaging in bootlegging, gambling, hi-jacking, robbery and immorality, we should say to him:

"Bud, we are under obligation to protect our native-born American bootleggers, gamblers, hi-jackers, crooks and criminals against the importation of cheap foreign competition, and we can't let you go."

On the other hand, if he is of sound mind, clean morals, good health and his intentions are to become a good, loyal, law-abiding citizen, we should give him a hearty welcome, after explaining what will be expected of him when he arrives in this country.

In connection with the above tests we should require him to make the following pledges:

1. That he will learn and speak the English language as soon as it is possible for him to do so. Foreign languages should be left in foreign countries where they fit. Immigration has made of America a veritable Bedlam and Babel of tongues. More languages and dialects are spoken in America than in all of Europe. No man should be allowed to adopt this, or any other country as his home unless he adopts and uses its language.

2. He should promise to engage in some respectable business or calling; otherwise he should not be admitted to our shores. He must not add to our long list of criminals or increase the moral corruption of our society, under penalty of deportation.

3. If he comes he must send his children to our free public schools; and we should see that he does it; for that is where we train and develop real American citizens. Unless he expects his children to become American citizens he should not rear them in this country.

4. He should swear an unqualified and unconditional allegiance to the government and flag of the United States and obedience to its laws, above every other earthly power and flag in the whole world. There is no place in America for people who hold a divided allegiance.

5. He should be informed that he must live in America 21 years before he can vote in our elections; because they make us wait that long before we can vote. It will take the average foreigner that long to become thoroughly Americanized.

All foreigners now in America should be required to stand the same test and meet the same requirements. This will protect our American ideals and institutions from the corruptions of foreign influences.

THE KLAN AND THE CHURCH

By the term CHURCH in the above headline we mean all Protestant churches. The Klan is not a church, as we have already said; but it is pledged to the support of all Protestant churches.

The Klan is not concerned about church names, creeds, doctrines and differences. It is only interested in the great fundamentals of Christianity upon which we are all agreed.

The Klan membership is composed of members of all churches. Here we meet as brethren in a common cause. We have a common interest. We face a common foe. We are of common blood. We have assumed the same obligation, made the same vows and stand for the same ideals. Here we forget our differences of opinion, our petty bickerings, our personal peculiarities and our selfish interests.

The Klan, therefore, becomes a great Clearing House for all Protestant churches. Being divided into nearly 200 factions, Protestantism is weak and ineffective. There is no unity of action and no fixed purpose, no co-operation and no recognized earthly leadership.

But in the Klan the forces of Protestantism are united, the strength of unity is gained, a closer co-operation is obtained and a leadership is supplied to carry on the battles of Protestant Christianity with a unity of action and singleness of purpose.

The Klan is not only a great Clearing House for all Protestant forces, binding them together in a common cause; but every Klansman is urged to attend and help support some Protestant church in some definite way. Thousands of men have been led to accept Christ as their personal Savior and line up with the church through the influence and sublime principles of the Klan in exalting Christ and His church. The most pitiful specimen of humanity on earth is the Protestant preacher who fights the Klan. Like the mob that crucified Christ, the poor fellow doesn't know what he is doing.

THE KLAN AND THE BIBLE

The Klan accepts the Bible as the inspired Word of the living God, and has an implicit faith in its contents. We recognize it as the supreme law in matters of religion. In every Klan meeting the Old Book is opened at the twelfth chapter of Romans and placed upon our sacred altar.

It reveals the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable. We read it to be wise, believe it to be saved and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct us, food to sustain us and comfort to cheer us. It is the traveler's guide, the pilgrim's staff, the mariner's compass, and the Christian's hope. It is the armor of God, the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit. Here the gates of hell are disclosed, the door of heaven is opened and the way of Eternal Life is revealed.

Christ is its grand theme, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure.

It is given to us in life, will be opened at the Judgment and remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor and condemn all who trifle with its contents.

"The Book of all books is the Book Divine."

THE KLAN AND BENEVOLENCE

The benevolent and humanitarian program of the Klan challenges the manhood of America. Of this feature of the work but little is known to

the public. In fact, some phases of our benevolence cannot be made public, lest we be denied the privilege of doing good, by our intolerant enemies.

Putting aside all boasting, with no intention of advertising our good works, may we mention a few things the Klan is doing along the line of benevolence and charity:

1. Every local Klan has a special charity fund out of which they care for local cases of need.

2. Special donations are often made to ministers and churches, only a few of which ever reach the public ear.

3. Ten per cent of all receipts of the state and national offices of the Klan are set aside for humanitarian work.

4. Texas Klans own and operate an orphans' home in Dallas, known as Klanhaven, where 40 orphan children are fed, clothed, housed and educated. Similar homes will be established in all the states as soon as possible.

5. Funds have been started, and in some instances construction work begun, for the erection of Klan hospitals in various sections of the country.

6. A special day will be designated as "Harvest Day" in Texas, at which time every Klansman will be asked to make a worth-while contribution to some benevolent work.

The field of benevolence furnishes an unlimited opportunity for doing good, and the Klan means to do its share in caring for the unfortunates, especially widows and orphans. In a few more years the Klan will be respected and prized for its benevolent work.

THE KLAN AND EVOLUTION

The Klan takes no part in the wrangle between modernists and fundamentalists; but stands firm for the Old Book. We accept the Bible as the inspired Word of God and the revelation of His will to mankind, and cannot endorse or accept anything that conflicts with Divine truth.

We stand for, believe in, and seek to promote every effort to advance true science, develop the intellect, discover truth and expose error. We are interested in research, development, discovery and invention; and stand ready to accept all proven facts; but we are neither willing nor ready to accept unproven and unsupported "theories" that are nothing more or less than wild, visionary guess-work of so-called scientists, based solely on "suppositions."

Personally, the writer believes that evolution, primarily, is purely speculative, unsupported by a single fact or concrete example in all history or known laws of science. There is an abundance of evidence of growth, development and improvement; but no sign or trace of evolution anywhere.

The writer can find no place in the theory of evolution for God or the Bible. Belief in evolution inevitably leads to agnosticism, atheism or infidelity; and since the Klan requires faith in the tenets of the Christian religion we cannot see how those who land in such "bogs of unbelief" can become members of this Order. Although there is nothing to bar them if they declare their faith in Christianity.

In fact, we do not believe that any established law of science will ever conflict with the Word of God. But as the writer sees it, so long as God's law of reproduction holds good,—that everything must produce after its own kind,—the theory of evolution will not stand up.

Enemies of the Klan charge that we have affirmed that all who did not belong to the Klan were reprobates and degenerates or criminals and crooks. In order to forestall any such slanderous misrepresentations we want to make the matter perfectly plain to every fair-minded man who is disposed to be honest.

There are thousands of as good men out of the Klan as there are in it and many of them are actually fighting it. They are honest and sincere in the matter. They actually think they are doing the right thing. The trouble is they have based their conclusions on misinformation or a lack of information. We reaffirm what we said in the beginning, that no GOOD man will oppose the Klan when he knows what it is and what it stands for. If he is a good man he must endorse its principles.

Many people wonder why the Klan has so many enemies. This is easily explained. The Klan takes a definite and positive stand on every important issue and problem of the day. That is why we have enemies.

Being a Protestant Order Roman Catholics are its enemies.

Being a Christian Order the Jews are not friendly.

Accepting the Bible as the inspired Word of God, atheists, agnostics and infidels are its enemies.

Defending and supporting the public schools, every enemy of our schools is an enemy of the Klan.

Demanding law enforcement, every criminal, crook and law violator in the country hates us.

Upholding the Eighteenth Amendment, the boozers and bootleggers are against us.

Advocating white supremacy, social equality, negroes and degenerate white negro-lovers are opposed to us.

Disregarding party lines, the professional politicians are against us.

More than 80 per cent of the daily papers are against us because they are dominated and controlled by Jewish and Catholic influences.

Others dare not come out for the Klan lest they be boycotted by Jewish and Catholic advertisers, the Associated and United Press.

Look over the line-up of our enemies and see if you care to be in that bunch. A lot of good men are in it, but they do not belong there.

Sometimes a man's enemies is the best recommendation he can have. We think this is true of the Klan. If for no other reason, those who are lined up against the Klan would make the writer a Klansman.

Anti-Klan Propaganda

Efforts of the Anti-Klan Forces to Discredit and Destroy the Order by Misleading and Deceiving the Public.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has had to fight for existence every inch of the way. All other secret Orders, except Masonry, have had easy sailing. There has been no opposition to Odd Fellowship, Elks, Woodcraft, Pythianism, Knights of Columbus, etc. Those who did not care to join them have not tried to molest, disturb or destroy them; but it has been different with the Klan, and years ago was different with Masonry.

PERSECUTION OF MASONRY

One hundred years ago the Masons were in as bad repute as the Klan has been during the last few years. They were charged with every crime in the catalog. Masonry was dragged into politics and had to fight for existence.

In 1825 there were 50,000 Masons in America in good standing. That year the fight on Masonry began in earnest. In 1826 the William Morgan incident occurred in New York state. The Masons were charged with drowning Morgan in the Niagara river, on which charge five Masons were sent to prison. More than a year later a body was found in the St. Lawrence river about 40 miles below Niagara Falls and identified by his widow and friends as that of Morgan. Although it had been in the water more than a year it was still in a good state of preservation. After three examinations it was proven to be the body of a man who had disappeared a few days before and was not Morgan at all.

Masons were not permitted to teach school or preach in numerous sections of the country. Almost every crime was laid at the door of Masonry. Candidates for office had to declare themselves on Masonry, from the president down. Children of Masons were expelled from school, churches were divided, and communities stirred to fever heat.

In ten years, by 1835, more than 40,000 Masons had become delinquent for the non-payment of dues. Many of the Grand Lodges had surrendered their charters and others were not meeting. Political campaigns were Mason and anti-Mason.

Even in this advanced age of civilization, in some sections of the world, the fight still rages. In Italy today there is a death struggle on between Masonry and the forces of Romanism. Recently a mad, lawless mob of Romanists attacked the offices of the Scottish Rite Masons in the city of Rome, demolished the furniture, destroyed the records and set fire to the building. Then they tried to prevent the fire department from saving the building and the lives of scores of people who had offices in other parts of it.

A few days later they celebrated the event by filling the streets with Roman hoodlums shouting, "Death to Masonry." Masons are not allowed to hold public office in Italy, and in some parts of Spain Masonic halls have been confiscated and are being used for military arsenals.

Rome would close every Masonic hall in the world and destroy the Order from the face of the earth if they had the power. Any Mason who opposes the Klan is either ignorant of Masonic history or unappreciative of the best friend that Masonry has in the fraternal world.

OPPOSITION TO THE KLAN

The Klan has met with a stubborn opposition at every step of its progress; but somehow it has marched steadily forward, undisturbed and unchecked. Every effort to crush it or destroy it has miserably failed. Every conceivable means known to man to kill it has been used in vain.

Its enemies have used mob violence, brick-bats, clubs and guns; they have used "frame-ups," courts and investigations; law suits, false witness and injunctions; crooks, liars and traitors; wine, women and graft;

lawyers, judges and governors;—in fact, they have tried all the hellish means, diabolical methods and devilish schemes that the spirits of demons and the fiendish minds of men, aided by his Satanic Majesty, could conceive and invent, to wreck and destroy the Klan; but to no avail. In spite of their fiendish desire and hell-born efforts to check its growth, disrupt its membership and destroy its influence, the Klan marches steadily onward toward the successful defeat of wrong and a triumphant victory for the right.

Opposition has come from both expected and unexpected sources. The Klan, standing for and demanding an unqualified allegiance to the government of the United States and the Protestant Christian religion, naturally expected opposition from Roman Catholics who owe their first allegiance to the Pope and hate Protestantism with a consuming hatred.

Standing for the principles of Americanism, we naturally expected opposition from the un-American and anti-American elements everywhere.

Standing for law enforcement, we expected opposition from the crooks, criminals and lawless elements in America.

Standing for morality, honor and good citizenship, we expected to be opposed and fought by every man and class of men who are not in harmony with these ideals and principles.

But the unexpected opposition, and therefore the most embarrassing, has come from native-born Americans who believe in the Protestant Christian religion and every principle for which the Klan stands. This opposition has hurt, because it came from those who should be our friends and in whom we had confidence.

This unexpected opposition is the result of misinformation or lack of information. As soon as we can correct the false impressions made upon the public by the lying propaganda of our enemies, every GOOD man will endorse and be in sympathy with the Klan.

But, like all other great movements, opposition makes the Klan grow. When pagan Rome sought to stamp Christianity out of the Empire by force, using every diabolical means they could conceive or invent, it is said that "the blood of the martyrs became the seed of the saints." The same thing happened when Papal Rome tried to destroy Protestantism by burnings its leaders at the stake and murdering its adherents in every horrible way they could command.

No movement can be successfully defeated by force or foul methods. Persecution inspires martyrdom and martyrs are the spirit of life to those who suffer.

SOURCE OF ANTI-KLAN PROPAGANDA

Some people do not understand why there is so much anti-Klan propaganda and the sources from which it comes. They honestly believe that opposition to the Klan comes from real Americans. This is not true, except where the opposition is second-handed.

Anti-Klan propaganda originates with six elements of people in America:

The Roman Catholic hierarchy and priesthood.

The International Jews, or The Ke-Hil-Lah.

The Social Equality Negroes.

The un-Americanized Foreigners.

Lawless Criminals.

Moral Reprobates.

Most of it is traceable directly to Catholic and Jewish sources. The other four sources are merely echoes of the first two.

Thousands of good, honest, sincere people, not knowing the origin of this slanderous anti-Klan propaganda,—misinformed and uninformed,—take up the cry against the Klan, parrot-like, and become innocent tools of their most dangerous enemies.

Look at the crowd that is against the Klan and ask yourself this question: "Can I line up with that bunch?" Be fair and listen to reason. Don't be deceived by the insidious wiles of our enemies who seek to destroy Americanism.

UNRELIABLE INFORMATION

Any information that comes from enemies of the Klan is wholly unreliable; because they are influenced by their bitterness toward the organization. Those who do not belong are not qualified to testify; because they do not KNOW anything about the matter.

Courts of justice will not condemn a man solely on the testimony of his enemies. They must hear the defense before they can render a fair and impartial judgment.

You are not in a position to judge the Klan until you have heard or read its side of the question. ONLY those who belong to the Order and know what it is are qualified to furnish real, dependable information.

PREJUDICE AND HATRED

Enemies of the Klan have sought to stir up and foment racial hatred and religious prejudice against the Klan in order to turn the public mind against it.

Ninety per cent of the prejudice and hatred manifested where the Klan is involved comes from anti-Klan elements. Anti-Klan speakers, candidates, the Catholic press and the lawless elements invariably seek to prejudice and arouse the public against the Klan.

So successful were they in Texas in 1924 that a large majority of the citizens voted their prejudice and hatred instead of their patriotism,—voted against their better judgment and the best interest of the state.

Prejudice and hatred are always the result of ignorance, or lack of correct information. If the people would make an honest investigation they would discover that they have been deceived and misled in regard to the Klan, and that the Klan is every good man's friend, irrespective of race, color, creed or tongue. On the other hand it is the avowed enemy of every criminal, crook, reprobate and un-American force on earth.

MALICIOUS MISREPRESENTATIONS

That the Klan has been grossly misrepresented, maligned, and slandered is too well known to need proof. Some people have ignorantly and unintentionally misrepresented it; but for the most part it has been intentional and malicious.

The daily press has displayed an unwarranted unfairness by "playing up," in glaring headlines, every news item that would reflect, discredit or bring reproach on the Klan; and either suppressing or minimizing every creditable and favorable item about it.

When trouble occurs anywhere over the Klan, the headlines scream: "KLAN RIOT," or "THE KLAN CAUSES RIOT," or "THE KLAN CLASHES WITH MOB." While the facts are that the Klan was not to blame in any instance. Klansmen were within their constitutional and legal rights, and were attacked or assaulted by a murderous mob of rough-neck Catholics, foreigners or un-American biggots.

Investigation shows that the daily press has never given a fair and impartial report of, or stated the plain facts about the trouble between Klansmen and anti-Klansmen; but have invariably, by misleading headlines or coloring, sought to place all the blame on the Klan.

That they purposely do this is shown by the fact that when the truth is known, they never correct these false and slanderous reports. By these malicious misrepresentations the public has been deceived and misled in regard to the Klan.

MISTAKES OF THE KLAN

To claim perfection for the Klan, or affirm that it has made no mistakes would be the height of folly. All earthly organizations, being composed of fallible men, have made mistakes and the Klan has made its share.

In the first place we have had some crooked leaders. Some men who have risen to power have betrayed our confidence, and by their misconduct brought reproach to the Order. Some have turned traitor. But even these facts do not condemn the organization. Jesus Christ founded an organization with only twelve leaders and one of them proved to be a traitor.

In the second place the Klan grew too rapidly. We were too anxious for members in large numbers and sacrificed quality for quantity. We were not careful enough and admitted some undesirable characters. But this, too, is true of all secret Orders. Bad men get into the Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks, K. of P.; and even into the churches.

In the third place we made mistakes by "dabbling" in party politics. We seemed to take on the appearance of a political party, which was never our intention. We made some errors by endorsing certain men for office, which we have learned to avoid.

But when you consider that it was a new movement, unlike any other, and that our leaders, officers and members had to "feel their way," I submit that the Klan has made no more mistakes than are common to men under such circumstances.

Suffice it to say that the Klan has not made as many mistakes as our enemies would have the public believe. Our faults have been magnified and our errors greatly exaggerated by the unfair prejudice, hatred and intolerance of the opposition.

INVESTIGATIONS OF THE KLAN

Instigated by its enemies who sought means, foul or fair, to destroy the Klan, it has been through three rigid investigations conducted by the Federal Government.

The first was an investigation by the postal authorities to see if the Klan were misusing the mails.

The second was an investigation by the Department of Justice, under the supervision of Wm. J. Burns, a Roman Catholic Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus and Klan hater, to see if we were violating any Federal law, that our leaders might be imprisoned and the members prevented from meeting.

The third was conducted by a Congressional Committee, the secret purpose of which was to ascertain whether or not laws could be passed to suppress the Klan without affecting other secret Orders, and at the same time be constitutional.

In addition to these, numerous minor investigations have been made by states, counties, cities, District Judges, courts, grand juries and lawyers galore. "Lest you forget," I mention the Jack Walton incident in Oklahoma and the John Parker fiasco in Louisiana.

The results in every case, without a single exception, were the same: A CLEAN SLATE FOR THE KLAN. Every investigation and effort to destroy the Klan has utterly failed; but they have contributed to its growth, and served to increase the confidence of the public in its usefulness.

CHAPTER IX.

Objections Answered

A Courteous Reply to Numerous Criticisms of the Klan Made by Its Enemies and Friends.

The Klan has been more bitterly assailed by its critics and is the victim of more "objections" than any other secret Order in America. The reason, as stated before, is this: It takes a definite and positive stand on all living issues, present day problems and unsolved questions; consequently those who happen to be on the opposite side criticize, condemn, object and find fault.

We shall endeavor to answer briefly some of the objections that have come to the attention of the writer.

SEPARATES FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

This charge is misleading. No difference comes between Klansmen and non-Klansmen, so far as Klansmen are concerned. We do not fall out with others because they do not join the Klan; but too often non-Klansmen harbor hard feelings and say mean things against those who belong to the Order.

Klansmen recognize and respect the rights of every man to join any respectable Order of his choice. If non-Klansmen were as fair, there would be no separation of neighbors and friends over the Klan.

DIVIDES COMMUNITIES, CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS

We plead guilty to this charge. The Klan seeks to separate the good men from the bad,—the sheep from the goats. We are in the dividing business and will continue until all the good men are for the Klan and all the bad ones against it.

The same charges have been made against the church, Christianity and Masonry. Every good movement has its enemies.

No division of communities, churches and schools have ever been caused by Klansmen; but where such divisions exist, it is the direct result of anti-Klan prejudice and intolerance. Those who oppose the Klan do not grant to others the same rights and privileges they claim for themselves.

FOSTERS RACIAL HATRED

Because the Klan draws the color line, does not admit negroes to its membership, stands for white supremacy and opposes the intermarriage of whites and blacks, it has been charged that we are the negro's enemy, and are fostering racial hatred.

This charge is maliciously false. On the contrary, the Klan is the negro's best friend; because it is pledged to protect all men, irrespective of race, color or creed, in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights as citizens.

Most, if not all secret Orders exclude negroes from their membership; as do the churches, except in a few northern states. Then why censure the Klan?

FOMENTS RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE

Because the Klan excludes Catholics and Jews and confines its membership to believers in the Protestant religion, its enemies charge that we stir up religious prejudice.

Does not the Knights of Columbus exclude Protestants and Jews? Does not the B'nai B'rith exclude Catholics and Protestants? Is not one confined strictly to Catholics and the other strictly to Jews? Then why condemn the Klan for being strictly Protestant?

We do not teach, condone, practice or foster religious prejudice in any sense or form; therefore all such charges are unjust and untrue.

THE KLAN IS INTOLERANT

There never was a baser falsehood perpetrated on an unsuspecting public than this charge. The Klan teaches, promotes and practices the spirit of tolerance in every way possible. We harbor no ill will toward those who oppose us; nor do we censure, abuse, condemn or insult those who do not join our Order.

We have never molested, disturbed, nor in any way interfered with those who differ with us; but have always shown the spirit of tolerance and charity toward others.

CONTROLS POLITICS

In some instances the Klan has been active in politics; but only for the purpose of electing GOOD MEN to office, that the law may be properly enforced and public affairs honestly and fairly administered.

The Klan is not interested in party politics; but it is vitally interested in the science of good government. It makes no effort to control the ballot of its members, as has been charged by its enemies; but it does seek to furnish them with reliable information about the candidates in the field so they can vote intelligently.

The Klan will always be found on the right side of political issues, working for the interest of good government and clean citizenship; and will strenuously oppose corruption, graft and professional politicians.

SHIELDS ITS MEMBERS

It has been charged by some that the Klan seeks to shield Klansmen who have committed crime from the penalties of the law. This also is a base falsehood. We have only sought to obtain a fair trial, and prevent Klansmen from being "railroaded" and "framed" by anti-Klan lawyers selecting anti-Klan juries who are swayed by their prejudice and unfairness.

We stand for the enforcement of law where Klansmen are implicated, with the same impartial fairness as when non-Klansmen are involved.

SECRET MEMBERSHIP

Objections have been made to our policy of secret membership on the grounds that we are ashamed of it. This is not true. Every real Klansman is proud of his membership in the Klan, and considers it an honor to belong.

Several years ago Masons had to maintain a secret membership. The "Boston Tea Party" was a band of Masons disguised as Indians and the membership of the party is a secret to this good day.

"The Sons of Liberty" was a secret membership organization to protect themselves against the treachery of the "Tories" in the Colonies. They did not reveal their identity or intentions to the public.

The Secret Service department of our Federal Government maintains a secret membership and do not "come out in the open."

Even Christianity itself maintained a secret membership for centuries lest they be murdered by the pagans. In fact all great movements in the world have been shrouded in secrecy at some time or other.

KLAN LEADERS ARE GRAFTERS

Our enemies have charged that the Klan was organized to enrich a few leaders who were grafters. The folly of such a charge is apparent when you consider the motto of the Order,—"Not for self but for others." It is further apparent when you consider that every Klansman solemnly swears that he will discourage selfishness and selfish ambitions. And yet some selfish men get into the Klan, just as they do into other organizations.

It may be true that some few men have "grafted" and others have misused Klan funds; but the same is true of other organizations. But, of one thing we are sure: No one has ever gotten very rich off of the Klan. We have been able to discover the "leak" and put the selfish crook out before the losses were very great.

There has been no more money made out of the Klan by its leaders than has been made by the leaders of other Orders, and no more grafting than is found elsewhere.

COSTS TOO MUCH TO JOIN

This is a flimsy charge. It costs more to join most of the secret Orders than it does to join the Klan. The cost to become a Master Mason is between \$40.00 and \$50.00; and we are told that to take all the degrees costs about \$500.00. The cost to join the Odd Fellows is about \$15.00, and from \$25.00 to \$50.00 to join the Elks.

Therefore the man who objects to the cost is not sincere. On the other hand we affirm that the \$10.00 donated to the Klan as the initial fee goes further toward developing good citizenship and protecting the interests of this country than any ten dollars invested in any organization in America.

TAKES THE LAW INTO ITS OWN HANDS

Our enemies have charged that the Klan is a lawless organization which takes the law into its own hands, tries its victims and administers punishment without due process of the courts.

This is a rank falsehood. We refer you to that part of the Klan obligation that deals with the enforcement of law quoted under the head of The Klan and Law Enforcement.

It is true that some few Klansmen have violated the law by engaging in whipping parties, or tar and feather parties; but they did it of their own accord, and not under the direction of the Klan.

Masons, Odd Fellows, and church members have done the same things; but not with the permission of those organizations. When a Klansman is involved in such matters the crime is charged to the Klan; but when others do it, the organization to which they belong is not blamed.

THE KLAN IS UNCHRISTIAN

We have answered this objection in another part of this discussion, (Chapter III), and deem it unnecessary to repeat it here. Permit us to say, however, that the Klan is the only Order we know of that confines its membership strictly to those who believe in the tenets of the Christian religion, the only one that uses the cross of Calvary for a symbol, the only one that takes Christ as a criterion of character and the only one that teaches the twelfth chapter of Romans as its Law of Life.

In the face of these facts we leave it to the reader to decide whether or not it is UNCHRISTIAN.

THE KLAN IS UN-AMERICAN

This is as absurd as the above charge, and has been completely answered in a preceding chapter; but we will touch on it here. The Klan honors, respects and carries the United States flag on every occasion, admits only native-born Americans to its membership, seeks to build a dependable citizenship, swears an unqualified allegiance to the government of the United States, above every government on earth, takes a solemn oath to help enforce the law and in every way proves that it is strictly an American Order. How could such an organization be un-American?

SEEKS TO DESTROY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

The absurdity of such a charge is apparent on every hand. The Klan stands for every principle and ideal that has been incorporated into the Constitution, every constitutional law, both state and national, and every American institution.

We refer you to the obligation assumed by all Klansmen (Chapter, VII. The Klan and the Government), in which we are pledged to uphold the Constitution and all constitutional laws, and to "protect, defend and enforce same unto death."

In view of our sacred oath this is the most ridiculous charge ever brought against any organization. That millions of good men would swear to protect and defend a thing and then seek to destroy it is too absurd to consider.

The "Objects and Purposes" of the Order as expressed in its Constitution and Laws commit the Klan to the defense of the Constitution of the United States and every act of the organization proves what we claim.

THE KLAN IS A LAWLESS MOB

This also is an unmitigated falsehood,—"all wool and a yard wide." A smaller percentage of Klansmen violate the law or engage in mob violence than of any Order that we know. The Klan is the only secret Order that requires its members to swear that they will respect and help enforce the law.

No Klansman will take part in a mob of any nature, nor will he allow others to do so if he can prevent it. The gradual decrease in the number of lynchings during the last five years, from 90 in 1921 to only 16 in 1925, is due to the Klan's opposition to mob violence.

We confidently affirm that every lawless mob during the last five or six years have been instigated and promoted by anti-Klansmen. Hundreds of negroes and several white men owe their lives today to the fact that Klansmen stand for a fair trial in the courts of every man who commits a crime.

THE KLAN BOYCOTS ITS ENEMIES

We positively affirm that the Klan does not teach, advocate or practice the boycott. That is Roman Catholic tactics the world over. Thousands of cases can be cited where anti-Klansmen have boycotted Klansmen because of their hatred and intolerance.

The Klan teaches and urges its members to favor their fellow Klansmen where all things are equal; but that is the policy and principle of every fraternal Order. Catholics favor Catholics, Jews favor Jews, labor unions favor their own kind and friends; which is legitimate and fair.

Catholics have often listed Klan business men and warned their people against trading with them. They have boycotted firms because they employed Klansmen; but the Klan does not stoop to such unfair and illegal tactics.

“TAKE OFF THE MASK”

From every anti-Klan faction in America you hear the cry: “Take off the mask.” It comes from Catholics, Jews, foreigners, reprobates, crooks, criminals and degenerates of every type; and is echoed by hundreds of good men because they do not understand. They are not afraid of the mask, it is the American citizens behind it they fear.

If you will turn to Chapter VI and read the last section, Why the Klan Uses the Mask, you will understand what it means and why we use it. If you are inclined to be fair you will admit that it is not so bad after all.

Catholic Nuns wear a mask that practically conceals their identity, and even live under assumed names; but nothing is said about it. “Take off the mask and come out in the open” is just an effort on the part of our enemies to reveal the Klan membership so they can escape the all-seeing eye of the Invisible Empire and boycott those who belong to the Klan.

IN CONCLUSION

In conclusion permit us to sum up the whole matter. The Klan stands for, advocates, teaches and seeks to practice the highest, holiest and most sublime principles and ideals that the minds of men can conceive and express.

It seeks to enlist the highest type and character of men that can be found in every community and strives to build up the morale and honor of its membership by inculcating doctrines that will inspire noble lives and commendable conduct.

It seeks to bind together by a sacred and solemn Obligation, men who have common ideals, common interests and a common cause; that the American government and its institutions may be preserved, protected and perpetuated for the benefit of coming generations.

It stands for all the sacred principles and traditions of Protestant Christianity and cherishes the memory of those who have given their lives to the cause of religious liberty and freedom of worship, to escape the damnable persecutions of an intolerant majority.

It seeks to preserve and perpetuate the liberties and privileges of the American people that have been purchased at a tremendous sacrifice on the part of our noble ancestors and passed down to us through blood and tears.

It stands for everything that is right and against everything that is wrong. What more can you ask?

In view of the facts stated herein we appeal to every man and woman in America who can qualify for membership in the Klan to line up with their own kind and help hold our cherished possessions.

You owe it to yourself, your family, the community, the state, the nation and the world to help defend, uphold, and promote the principles enunciated in this volume.