

A Summary of the Principles of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

GOD GIVE US MEN!

"God give us men! The Invisible Empire demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands,

Men whom lust of office does not kill;

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;

Men who possess opinions and a will

Men who have honor; men who will not lie;

Men who can stand before a demagogue and damn his treacherous flattering without winking!

Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog in public duty and private thinking;

For while the rabbi, with their thumb-worn creeds,

Their large professions and little deeds,

Mingle in selfish strife, Lo, Freedom weeps,

Wrong rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps.

God give us men!

Men who serve not for selfish booty,

But real men, courageous, who flinch not at duty;

Men of dependable character; men of sterling worth;

Then wrong will be redressed and right will rule the earth.

God give us men!

BIRTH OF THE KLAN AND A SUMMARY OF ITS PRINCIPLES

IN every community there are three groups of people who are opposed to the Klan. The first group are those of the lawless element, the crooked politician, the shyster lawyer, the bootlegger, the gambler, the dope peddler, the atheist, the white slaver and the rapist.

The second group are those who by virtue of their education are opposed to all Christian progressive organizations, especially those of secret character, a right that is exercised under the Constitution of the United States. By that same Constitution and right we claim the right and privilege to organize a white, native-born, Gentile Christian organization.

The third group opposed to the Klan are those who have based their judgment upon the articles appearing in newspapers, whose editors are either uninformed or misinformed and have not the time or inclination to look into the matter pertaining to the Klan to see if those reports are true.

The old Ku Klux Klan was a benevolent organization

or society. At the close of the Civil War the people were troubled by the carpet-bagger, the rapist and those given to pilfering. The chastity of the mother, wife, sister and daughter was imperilled, and their sacred persons were placed in jeopardy to the licentious longings of lust-crazed beasts in human form. You have heard of the night riders of the Ku Klux Klan. When their purpose was accomplished, the Klan voluntarily disbanded.

The new order of today was brought into existence on Thanksgiving night, in the year 1915. Sixteen men climbed up Stone Mountain near Atlanta, Ga., in the teeth of a blinding rainstorm, arriving at the top, each man took a boulder, and they built an altar and placed the American flag and the Holy Bible upon the altar, erected the "Fiery Cross" and all knelt in prayer, and this wonderful organization was brought into existence as a result of that prayer meeting.

In 1920 there were less than 5,000 members, today, by virtue of the splendid, patriotic principles it proclaims, there is a membership of nearly ten million. And this in spite of the controlled press of the country which has continued to empty its vials of hatred and falsehood against an order that is plainly needed in our land today to help place Protestantism where it rightfully belongs.

Ten months ago the organization known as the Women of the Ku Klux Klan came into existence. Its membership now numbers over half a million.

A man cannot make application to come into our order. We will investigate him, and if we feel he is eligible, we will offer him an opportunity of coming in. He must be born in the United States. He must be a Gentile. He and his wife must both be Protestants, then there will be no dissension in his home.

The Klan is not anti-Catholic; it is pro-Protestant.

The Klan is not anti-Negro; it is pro-White.

The Klan is not anti-Jew; it is pro-Christian.

The Klan is not anti-foreign; it is pro-American.

The Klan is not anti any race, color or creed. It is simply pro-Christian and pro-American.

The Klan believes in the tenets of the Christian religion. We magnify the Holy Bible as the basis of our Constitution, the foundation of our government, the source of our laws, the sheet-anchor of our liberties, the most practical guide of right living, and the source of all true wisdom. We have in mind the divine command, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God." We honor the Christ as the Klansman's only criterion of character.

There are more than 70,000 ministers of the Gospel who had the courage to stand on their convictions and come into the organization. If, during our ceremonial a man find anything un-Christian or not what he can subscribe to, he is permitted to retire with the good will of the Klan.

We are not a political organization. We don't care what a man's politics are if he is a MAN. Anyone who does not remain a MAN amongst MEN after he gets in

is immediately put out. If he breaks a law or goes wrong in any way, without fear or favor we let him go.

The Ku Klux Klan is the incarnation of patriotism.— of American ideals and institutions that are endangered by certain elements and sinister forces. As Americans we cannot afford to give up the principles and standards that lie at the foundation of this nation. It has been said "A nation ashamed of its ancestry will be despised by its posterity." We are not ashamed of the Pilgrim Fathers who came to this country to enjoy the blessings of civil and religious liberty. God sifted the nations of the Old World and sent to our shores men and women of Protestant faith with which to build this Republic. The roots of this nation are Protestant. We received from these ancestors our ideas of civil and religious liberty, the authority of the Scriptures and the freedom of conscience. During these past years we have learned to magnify a free press, free schools, the courts, the majesty of the law and the ballot-box, and have had a reverence for all properly accredited authority, and thus our civilization has not been built on the shifting sands, but on the enduring foundation of righteousness.

This is the only patriotic order founded around our flag. The day has arrived when a man can no longer be on the fence. On August 13th last, an attempt was made to put Mayor Stapleton, of Denver, out of office. That was a victory for the Ku Klux Klan that supported Stapleton with a plurality of 31,322 votes. The opposition, made up chiefly of bootleggers, bunco men, gamblers and the underworld generally, banded together to throw the mayor out of office. It proved to be a dismal failure. Not only in Denver, but in the whole state of Colorado this election was recognized as a battle between the Klan and its enemies.

The thing that counts is that we are on the right track. We are headed in the right direction. Our cause is just. We must and will win out. A studious survey of the national situation is impressive. Pamphletting and impartial investigating is convincing. Fair-minded Protestants everywhere begin to see that the Ku Klux Klan deserves and is entitled to their cordial and active support. One by one and day by day Protestants are finding out how the controlled press is deceiving them. In the long run, the controlled press will fail. Its influence will diminish and disappear. In connection with this matter, Lincoln's words are especially appropriate: "You can fool all the people part of the time, part of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time."

Why the opposition to such an organization? Not once, since its re-organization, has the Klan performed one single unlawful act. It is strictly against the tenets of the order to take the law into its own hands.

The Klan fight for the study of the Bible is being carried on with unabated vigor.

In some places it has been won already. The school board of Akron, Ohio, has just provided an elective course in Bible study in the high schools.

In other places the battle is being fought along other lines. In several Kentucky towns the Klan is fighting to have the law, providing for the reading of the Bible in the public schools, enforced.

In still other places the Klan has called on the churches

to aid for the time, in the study of the Bible outside the schools. It must be studied in some way until it is made a part of the public school course.

The necessity of Bible study is felt everywhere and in all circles. Broad thinkers and teachers are a unit on it. In published articles and lectures they are urging this on the public.

A few weeks ago one of the leading New York papers published the following dispatch:

Montreal, Quebec, Aug. 26.—Henry Ford made a spirited defense of the Ku Klux Klan here today, when his yacht the Sialla, passed through the harbor and up the Lachine Canal on the way to the lakes.

"It is the victim of a mass of lying propaganda," said Mr. Ford, "and is therefore looked upon with disfavor in many quarters. But if the truth were known about it, it would be looked up to as a patriotic body, concerned with nothing but future development of the country in which it was born and the preservation of the supremacy of the true American in his own land."

Mr. Ford is not a Klansman, has never seen a Klansman in regalia, and is not interested in the Klan as an organization, but is vitally interested in the welfare of the United States, and has been lifting his voice to point out the weaknesses of her defenses.

No one will question the courage of Mr. Ford, both in commercial and public life. In putting into effect at Detroit, an application of the teachings of Christ as applied to human endeavor summed up in the "Golden Rule," he has set an example of practical Christianity for the world to follow.

Mr. Ford is not interested, he tells us, in the Klan but he realizes as do all Americans, that a crisis is at hand and there can be no divided allegiance, no pussy-footing on national issues, and that the Klan stands foursquare for American institutions and liberty in its truest sense.

The Klan is PROTESTANT.

The Klan is not anti-Catholic, anti-Negro, anti-Jew. It is pro-American, and believes in no dual authority, no necessity for outside influence to run our American government. It believes that American not parochial, schools are the only ones needed in this country. It believes that as Klansmen members of the order owe no allegiance to any political party, but to the Government, and should vote for the interests of their country and their homes. And lastly the Klan believes that the Eighteenth Amendment is a part of the Constitution and as such must be enforced to the letter; that the American home has been made happier and brighter since that Amendment became effective, and that it must not be repealed by action of any political or church powers.

With the foregoing principles there should be no dispute and bigots and preachers of race hatred and opposition to Americanism are the only enemies of the Ku Klux Klan and its teachings.

We confess to certain admiration for the patience and law-abiding characteristics of the reputed two thousand Klansmen of Boulder County in the face of long continued abuse, defamation and personal vilification of themselves and even their women-folks by those who throw stones while residing in glass houses—and especially so when fence rails and tar buckets are handy and feathers are so cheap."

A Klansman's Creed

I believe in God and in the tenets of the Christian religion and that a godless nation cannot long prosper.

I believe that a church that is not grounded on the principles of morality and justice is a mockery to God and man.

I believe that a church that does not have the welfare of the common people at heart is unworthy.

I believe in the eternal separation of Church and State.

I hold no allegiance to any foreign government, emperor, king, pope or any foreign, political or religious power.

I hold my allegiance to the Stars and Stripes next to my allegiance to God alone.

I believe in just laws and liberty.
I believe in the upholding of the Constitution of these United States.

I believe that our free public school is the corner stone of good government and that those who are seeking to destroy it are enemies of our Republic and are unworthy of citizenship.
I believe in freedom of speech.

I believe in a free press uncontrolled by political parties or by religious sects.

I believe in law and order.

I believe in the protection of our pure womanhood.

I do not believe in mob violence, but I do believe that laws should be enacted to prevent the causes of mob violence.

I believe in a closer relationship of capital and labor.

I believe in the prevention of unwarranted strikes by foreign labor agitators.

I believe in the limitation of foreign immigration.

I am a native-born American citizen and I believe my rights in this country are superior to those of foreigners.

We support the Klansman's choice of candidates in county and state as men and women who will bear strict and close investigation as to honesty, ability and integrity. We believe they will prove their efficiency in office and uphold the law. In this connection we are glad to reprint an editorial recently published in the Denver News:

Two Humans: Two Inheritances

Mr. Lawrence C. Phipps has been a representative of Colorado in the United States senate. We would like the reader to get the word "representative" in his mind, because Mr. Phipps has been a representative of the people according to the intentment of the framers of the constitution and according to our traditions of government—he has used his best judgment on the spot; he has had courage to do what he believed to be right in the face of momentary opposition; above all he has not been and never will be a rubber stamp. In the main he

has stood firmly by the president and his party. We have not approved his every act, or his every vote, but we have respected, and do now, his independence and his determination to do what he believed to be right.

The senior senator from Colorado has made enemies; we respect him for the enemies he has made. Better ten times over is such a man in the senate than a Hockpittle, spending most of his time with one ear to the ground and his eye on the political weather vane.

Col. Rice W. Means is a representative of the new type of citizenship that has come out of the war. Sixty years ago we had a like situation with its commanding influence on American politics. Colonel Means speaks for four millions or five millions of citizens who participated in two wars. He could, if he would, be a candidate for the United States senate on his war records. There is need, too, for such a man as he is in the senate body to guard the interests of those who sacrificed so much in a national and international cause. But his is not a one-track mind and he has added claims to recognition than the medals and stripes on his uniform. He is a Republican of the Dawes stripe. Get him with Dawes to Washington.

Opposed to Messrs. Phipps and Means for senators are TWO NAMES. Noted names, too. They have been associated with Colorado history for a long time; but now just names. In their days they amounted to something; that day is gone.

The people of Colorado are being asked to vote for TWO ENTAILS. All right for the Old World, perhaps; and the mode is dying out there; but not for the New World, not for this republic. Oh, dear, no! Colorado must have men who have made good in their own names; men who are their own ancestry.

Because the people of Colorado were good to the late Alva Adams is no need why they should continue their devotion to his son. He is not heir to the political mantle of his father. The mantle went with the elder to his grave.

Young Mr. Shafroth would never think of aspiring to the senatorship, either, were it not for the name given him by his father. Senator Shafroth did not bequeath a political heritage to his son. The younger Shafroth has his spurs to win; he is aspiring far too high on his father's name. He will have a fall on Tuesday next and when he picks himself up at the bottom of the ladder he will solemnly resolve to climb rung by rung in the future.

NO COMPROMISE

The proposal to nullify the Eighteenth Amendment by allowing the sale of beer and wine is often described as a "compromise."

It is no compromise. It would bring back the saloon.

It would bring back the Brewers' Association.

It would bring back more than ninety per cent of the entire liquor trade.

It would bring back a new evil in the cultivation of the so-called "home-trade" in beer.

It would bring back a five-billion dollar liquor bill and violate every economic argument against license.

It would bring back a lower standard of living; more pauperism, and more drink-caused crime.

It would bring back whiskey as bootleg adjunct to beer saloons.

It would bring back everything the American people have tried to destroy by the prohibition law.

"Behold the wine-bibbler. His words shall return to smite him in his declining days, for the truth is not in him."

JUST HOME FOLKS

When you read the evening papers
On the doings of the Klan,
How they cut their wicked capers,
Hang and mutilate some man,
How they punish helpless women,
How they rawhide colored folks—
Laugh your head off, that's the trimming
That old Satan gives his jokes.

When you read a publication
When some writer prints a lot
Of misleading information
And a bunch of tommyrot;
When you see fool pictures blazing
And their meanings all confused,
Laugh your head off—it's amazing
How half-lies keep men amused.

When you hear a bloated bully,
Purple with his beer and worse,
Speak and tell you very fully
That the whole Klan is a curse—
When he lifts his raucous bellow,
Tells the world what dreadful men
Form the Klan, laugh at the fellow,
Then take breath and laugh again.

Tell these vicious, mean alarmers
That we are your townsmen true—
Preachers, lawyers, doctors, farmers,
Folks you know, all well-to-do;
Count us over on your fingers,
Do we look like rascals—say?
Tell these evil-minded stingers
That we're home-folks—here to stay.
—The Fiery Cross.

RENOUNCEMENT OF SWEET AND PADDOCK

On questions of public policy, of political regularity, of personal morality, Governor Sweet and L. C. Paddock could find no common ground, and at all times spoke most disrespectfully each of the other. They are now quite united—two souls with but a single-thought, two fears that throb as one. Political extinction confronted each of them at the hands of an outraged populace whom each had successfully defrauded until revolt of the victims threatened them from all sides.

Thus their common peril forced the monstrous political marriage of Sweet, aspirant to the United States Senatorship and Pad, servitor to the political ambitions of HisRoyal Sweetness. Be not deluded, citizens, by the vehemence of the Klan denunciation of these two self-seeking politicians. It is not that they love the Klan so little as that they love themselves so much. It is not that they love each other as that each loves himself. Reason and legitimate political discussion they dare not meet but find in religious and race prejudice something that they can play upon and behind which they can hide. They did not ever repudiate the Klan, but were repudiated by the Klan—hence their mutual distress.

STATUS OF THE KLAN POLITICALLY

Because of recent expressions of political candidates, as to what they intended to do the Klan, and of misrepresentation by the press of the nation as to this, that or the other candidate, that the Klan was supporting for office, it is well for Klansmen to read carefully the following paragraph, a plain statement by Dr. Hiram W. Evans, Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Dr. Evans has stated many times that the Klan as an organization is not in politics. However, Klansmen, as good American citizens, are very much interested in the election of honest men to office—men who stand foursquare for American ideals, principles and law enforcement.

That is the position of the Klan organization today, as it was a year ago, two years, or as it will be a year or two hence.

The politician may be able to get a true slant on the Klan from this statement given out officially in a speech recently made by Dr. Evans:

"We will permit no group of politicians and no party to annex, disown, or disavow us. Where our conscience leads us, we will be found regardless of political camps."

PROTESTANTISM AND THE KLAN

Ask the average person his opinion of the Ku Klux Klan and his answer will be about as intelligent as if you had asked him to explain the Einstein theory, even less so, probably, since in the latter case he would most likely reply that he didn't know anything about it.

But on the Klan he would be fluent—masks—secret organization—invisible government—religious prejudice. Ask him how many masked Klansmen he had seen on the streets of Boulder and he would say "None." Ask him how many hooded outrages had taken place in the state of Colorado and he would say "None." Then ask him where he had his information and he would admit "From the Newspapers."

Now the papers are not entirely to blame for this situation. The Klan itself is at fault. Where the news hungry editors welcomed the organization of the Klan as a gift of the gods, a never failing source of gruesome first page material, the Klan has absolutely failed to play up to forecasted form. Not a lynching, not a murder! Small wonder then that any material which might fill the gap has been avidly seized, and made the most of.

The Klan is being fought, to the death by the evil forces that have too long been entrenched in America. Such opposition is to be expected. But when eligible, decent citizens, men who should know better, line up with the bootleggers, grafters, and purveyors of indecency, and attack the motives of the Klan—we wonder

Those who wish to communicate with the Klan through correspondence can do so by addressing P. O. Box 321 Boulder.