

# 'Law and Order' Enemies to Shriek as Klux Tightens Grip

**'We Are Keeping Records and Making Plans,' Says 'Emperor' Simmons; 'the Day of Our Activity Has Not Yet Arrived, as We Are Merely Organizing; Wait a Year; Then the Real Anathemas Will Be Hurlled at Us.'**

**WARNS FOES OF 'UNPLEASANT SITUATION,' FIREWORKS, RHETORICAL AND OTHERWISE**

**Asserts Fraternity Is Not Merely to Recite Ritual but to Enforce Practice of "Klanishness"—Promises Superior Knights Will "Sit Among the Gods"—Signs One of His Documents Guiding Subjects With Own "Sacred and Unfailing Hand," as Wizard.**

**WHAT IS THE KU KLUX KLAN?** sincerely believes to be a public service, today continues the publication of a series of articles in which answers to these questions will be offered, set out against the vivid background of an extraordinary movement as it is to be found in recent history.

**How have its "domains" and "realms" and "kums" been extended until they embrace every state in the Union but Montana, Utah and New Hampshire?**

What are the possibilities of an order that preaches racial and religious hatred of the Jew and the Roman Catholic, of the negro and the foreign-born citizen?

What are the possibilities of a secret organization that practices censorship of private conduct behind the "unlighted anonymity of mask and robe and with the weapons of whip and tar and feathers?"

What ought to be done about an order whose members are not initiated but "naturalized," whose oaths bind them to obedience to an "emperor" chosen for life?

What ought to be done about an organization with such objects and methods when the salesmen of memberships in it work first among officers of the courts and police departments, and when in New York city they make the Army and Navy club their business headquarters?

At the end of months of inquiry throughout the United States, The Star, in the performance of what it

## THUNDERBOLTS OF "INVISIBLE EMPEROR"

# THE SEARCHLIGHT

NOT A MOULDER BUT A CHRONICLER OF PUBLIC OPINION

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With a satisfied smile on his face Colonel Simmons gave out the following terse interview after he had read the report printed elsewhere regarding the progress of the work in his absence:

"I am not at all surprised at the report, but I am of course gratified. I have never for one moment doubted that if God gave me strength and "men" with which to lay before America the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan that it would sweep the nation as nothing of its kind has ever done.

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But in contradiction to this attitude, "Emperor" Simmons has at various times, in utterances equally official, explained Ku-Kluxism, Inc., in a way which makes it seem harmless and acceptable.

Besides writing (and copyrighting) the Kloran, "Emperor" Simmons has written several other semi or pseudo secret pamphlets which in the course of this investigation have come under the observation of The Star. Let us now see what they have to say about the origin, meaning and mission of the movement.

**\$10 KLAN WISDOM**

First Lesson in the Science and Art of Klanishness



**THE PRACTICE OF KLANISHNESS**

Imperial Instructions Document No. 1, Series AD, 1918, A.E. LII.

Being Official Instructions in K-uno in the border Realm of Karaciter from the one who traversed the Realm of the Unknown, wrested the solemn Secret from the grasp of Night and became the Imperial Master of the great lost Mystery. Words of timely Wisdom from the soul of the great Imperial Wizard, who out of Mystic Darkness brings Light.

COVER of the FAMOUS DOCUMENT No. 1.

mons, who is responsible for it conceived the idea twenty years ago. For fourteen years he thought, studied and worked to prepare himself for its launching.

"He had dedicated his life to this noble cause. He kept his own counsel during those years and in the silent recesses of his soul he thought out the great plan. During the early days of October, 1915, he mentioned his ambition to some friends, among whom were three bona fide members of the original Klan when it disbanded. Having met with encouragement, he invited several of his friends to a meeting on the night of October 26, 1915, and... all present, 34 in number, signed a petition for a charter.

"On Thanksgiving night, 1915, men were seen emerging from the shadows and gathering round the spring at the base of Stone Mountain, the world's greatest rock, near Atlanta, Ga., and from thence repaired to the mountain top and there under a blazing fiery cross they took the oath of allegiance to the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

**Doings on the Mountain Top**

"And thus on the mountain top that night at the midnight hour, while men braved the surging blasts of wild wintry mountain winds and endured a temperature far below freezing, bathed in the sacred glow of the Fiery Cross, the Invisible Empire was called from its slumber of half a century to take up a new task and fulfill a new mission for humanity's good, and to call back to mortal habitation the good angel of practical fraternity among men."

(Official weather bureau figures show that on Thursday, November 25, 1915, Thanksgiving day, the maximum temperature recorded at Atlanta, Ga., 29 miles away, was 63 degrees and the lowest was 43 degrees Fahrenheit.)

"Membership in this order," the "Emperor" declares in the same pamphlet, "cannot be bought; it is given as a reward for service rendered. If you really believe in the order and will practice its principles and conform to its regulations and usages and contribute the sum of \$10 toward its propagation and can otherwise qualify, then membership is awarded you upon this service rendered and pledge of future fidelity to the institution. This is NOT a selfish, mercenary, commercialized proposition, but the direct opposite."

The Klan, he says in another passage, is not encouraging or condoning any propaganda of religious intolerance or racial prejudice. "It is an association of REAL men who believe in BEING something, in DOING things worth while and who are in all things 100 PER CENT PURE Americans."

**More About His Order**

Its lineage, he states, is "The Most Sublime Lineage in History. Commemorating and Perpetuating, as it Does, the Most Dauntless Organization Known to Man." Its secret is "Sacred Guardianship of the Most Sacred Cause." Its courage is "The Soul of Chivalry and Virtue's Impenetrable Shield; the Impulse of an Unconquerable Race." Its teachings "inculcate the sacred principles and noble ideals of the world's greatest order of chivalry, and direct the way of the initiate through the veil of Mystic Philosophy into the Empire Invisible."

Its character is "The noblest concepts of manhood idealized in thought and materialized in practice in all the relationship of life: Mystery and Action; Mastery and Achievement." Its ritualism (of which The Star has printed illustrative extracts) is "vastly different from anything in the whole universe of fraternal ritualism. It is altogether original, weird, mystical and of a high class, leading up through four degrees.

"Dignity and decency are its marked features. It unfolds a spiritual philosophy that has to do with the very fundamentals of life and living, here and hereafter. He who explores the dismal depths of the Mystic Cave and from thence attains the lofty heights of Superior Knighthood may sit among the gods in the Empire Invisible."

Its mission, says the "Emperor," is "duty—without fault, without fail, without fear and without reproach." Its society is "the practical fraternal fellowship of men whose standard is Worth, not Wealth; Character, not Cash; Courageous Manhood based upon Honor untarnished by the touch of Hypocrisy or the veneering of Society's selfish social valuations." Its place is "in the heart of every True American."

American, alongside of every other fraternal order, and "in its ritual, its dog, its unique mannerism, sacred sentiment, noble purpose and peculiar mysticism it is separate and apart from any and all and peerless in its distinctive peculiarities."

Finally, he declares, its fraternity is "not merely reciting in ceremony pretty, time-worn platitudes on brotherly love, but to enforce a fraternal practice of KLANISHNESS, thereby making devotion to its standards worth while. 'The Glory of a Klansman is to Serve.'"

**He Defines "Klanishness"**

And what is "Klanishness?" "Emperor" Simmons gives the answer in the secret (and copyrighted) "Imperial Instructions, Document No. 1, Series AD, 1918, A. K. (anno Klan) LII, Being Official Instructions in K-uno in the border Realm of Karaciter from the one who traversed the Realm of the Unknown, wrested the solemn Secret from the grasp of Night and became the Imperial Master of the great lost Mystery. Words of timely Wisdom from the soul of the great Imperial Wizard, who out of Mystic Darkness brings Light. Printed by Ku Klux Press."

The eight-page pamphlet ends as follows:

"Ponder well all these things which I have spoken to YOU as coming from the hidden recesses of a soul unselfishly communing with its God for the betterment of its fellows. Oh, Klansmen, minimize not the importance of your sacred mission in life and discount not your most laudable achievement that is to attain to the high standard of Klanish character—Matchless Manhood. 'Non Silba Sed Authar.'"

The document is signed:

"Done in the Audle of His Majesty, The Imperial Wizard, Emperor of the Invisible Empire, in the Imperial Palace, in the Imperial City of Atlanta, Commonwealth of Georgia, United States of America, this, the First Day of the Fourth Month of the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighteen, and on the Deadly day of the Windy week of the Appalling month of the year of the Klan LII, and in the third Cycle of the third Reign of our Reincarnation. Officially uttered, inscribed, signed, sealed, communicated and committed to you in the sacred unfailing hand, William Joseph Simmons, Imperial Wizard."

But what is "Klanishness?" A very practical thing, says the "Emperor" in the body of his "Imperial Instructions," and doubly four-fold: There is Physical, Social, Moral, Vocational Klanishness; also Patriotic, Domestic, Racial, Imperial Klanishness, and each variety is described and identified at too great length for full quotation here. The truly "Klanish" Klansman will not "strike, stab, lacerate," or otherwise injure another Klansman, nor be ashamed to acknowledge another Klansman because of the latter's lowly status, nor will he "give himself over to debauchery." Vocationally, "boasting each other's business interest or professional ability," and assisting "a Klansman to earn an honest dollar" are imperially approved; while "boreing from a Klansman and being slow to repay" is not good form.

Tomorrow The Star will prove that sales agents of the Ku Klux, Inc., which does not "encourage or condone any propaganda of religious intolerance or racial prejudice," are deliberately making, as part of their sales scheme, anti-Catholic intolerance, going so far as to accuse fourth degree members of the Knights of Columbus of having taken an oath "on the most holy and blessed sacrament of the Eucharist" to wage relentless war against all heretics, Protestants and Masons, spurring "neither age, sex nor condition," and to "rip up the stomachs and wombs of their women and crash their infants' heads against the walls."

Some one said there were too many awning men in Tucson, and some one must go. Ash French, Eight years here and not a job to be ashamed of. "You first, my dear Gaston." Tucson Tent and Awning Co. Phone 544, 326 S. Sixth Ave.—Adv.

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