

Ku Klux Code Un-American

Secret Organization Has Spread Its Tentacles Into Every State In the Union But Three; Salesmen Collect No Initiation Fee, But Each Tyro Donated \$10 to Order's Propagating Fund; Organization Owns Regalia

KLAN OWNS COMPANY MAKING COTTON ROBE AND HOODED CAP

The Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Has Become a Vast Enterprise, Doing a Thriving Business in the Systematic Sale of Race Hatred, Religious Bigotry and "100 Per Cent Anti-Americanism."

WHAT IS THE KU KLUX KLAN?
How has it grown from a nucleus of thirty-four charter members to a membership of more than 500,000 within five years?

How have its "domains" and "realms" and "Klans" 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 practises censorship of private conduct behind the midnight anonymity of mask and robe and with the weapons of whips 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 when the salesmen of memberships in it work first among officers of the courts and police departments, following then with the officers on the reserve lists of the military and naval forces?

At the end of months of inquiry throughout the United States and in the performance of what it sincerely believes to be a public service, The Star this morning begins the publication of a series of articles in which answers to these questions will be offered, set out against the vivid background of as extraordinary a movement as is to be found in recent history.

KLANSMEN IN REGALIA



PUBLIC OFFICIALS FIRST SOUGHT BY ORGANIZERS OF THE KLAN

Efforts are being made to spread the poison of Ku Kluxism in the army and navy. For months its membership peddlers have been sending their anonymous circulars to officers on the reserve list of the military and naval forces.

Also, to reach the hundreds who flew during the war and the thousands then awakened to active interest in aviation, the promoters of the Klan last spring formed in Atlanta a flying corps. What are the possibilities of such an organization as the Ku Klux Klan? A partial answer to this question lies in an analyzed list prepared by

A Tabulation of Ku Klux Klanism, Simmonism and Official Action

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE K. K. K., INC., BEGAN SPREADING ITS DOCTRINE:

Violations of the legal rights of individuals by masked mobs wearing Ku Klux regalia	64
"Tar and feather" parties conducted by masked regulators using Klan regalia	21
Individuals seized and beaten by masked mobs in Klan regalia	25
White women stripped and maltreated by masked mobs of men wearing Klan regalia	2
Specific warnings issued to individuals in the name of the Ku Klux Klan	6
General warnings posted in name of K. K. K. to enforce moral censorship of communities	12
Killed by Ku Klux regulators	1

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN CONSEQUENCE

By Imperial Wizard Simmons:

Revoked charters of local Klans	2
Suspended charter of a local Klan	1

By Legally Constituted Authorities:

Governors of States publicly announce opposition	3
Mayors of cities taking restrictive action	5
Curbing bills introduced in State Legislatures	2
District and Federal District Attorneys have promised investigations	2
State Attorney General has promised investigation	1
Daughters of the Confederacy publicly oppose the further toleration of the K. K. K. in Virginia	
In succeeding articles The Star will tell in detail the story of these incidents.	

an attitude more essentially lawless, and justice, ruled and regulated the Ku Kluxism as conceived, incorporated, propagated and practised has become a menace to the peace and security of every section of the United States. Its evil and vicious possibilities are boundless. It is nothing more or less than a throw-back to the centuries when terror, instead of law

and justice, ruled and regulated the lives of men." For months The Star has been engaged in a nation-wide investigation of the Ku Klux Klan and has uncovered a vast mass of evidence. It has learned what the Klan is, down to the last fatuous bit of verbiage tucked away in the secret ritual; what Ku Kluxism means, down to the last

whispered word of its insidious propaganda, and what the propagators of Ku Kluxism, Inc., have done and have set themselves to do.

The information thus gathered The Star now proposes to make public property in a series of articles which will constitute a complete exposure of the organization.

What Investigation Shows.

Specifically, here are some of the things which The Star will lay before its readers:

Proof of the Klan's anti-Jew and anti-Catholic tenets, with definite instances of their application;

Basic extracts from the "Kloran," the ritual of the first degree of the order and the most secret of its documents;

The names and headquarters throughout the country of the Klans, the organizers who peddle memberships at \$4 a head;

Photographs of pages and passages from the "Kloran," of initiation ceremonies in widely separated parts of the country of "Imperial" manifestoes put out by "Emperor" Simmons, of parades of Klansmen, of their chief officers, of advertisements for salesmen and members, of letters that went in and out of the Army and Navy club in New York City and a mass of other photographic evidence;

The analyzed lists of outrages by the Klan or its imitators, and of action taken by various state and municipal authorities against the further spread of Ku Kluxism;

A blistering letter of withdrawal from one of the most active Klans in the south, arraigning the "Imperial Wizard" for the evil and unpatriotic things done in the name of the Klan;

Details of the efforts to widen the field of exploitation by organizing the "Invisible Planet, Knights of the Air";

Facts about efforts being made just now to "call off" the newspapers of the country by launching a \$100,000 advertising campaign;

Ku Klux espionage and attempts at

interference inside The Star and other newspaper offices;

Revelations of the huge personal advantage enjoyed by the "insiders," ranging from the millions paid in commissions to the Klans and the establishment of a \$1,500,000 "Imperial Palace" in Atlanta, to the gift of a \$25,000 home to "Colonel" Simmons and the recent purchase for him of the university where he was a few years ago an inconspicuous professor of southern history.

To gather, verify and fit together all this information concerning a movement which specializes in mystery and secrecy has been a work of months, carried on by the most highly qualified members of this paper's staff, assisted by local representatives of The Star in more than 40 cities in a score of different states.

Insiders Aid Expose.

Even then it could not have been successful, as it has been, without the co-operation and aid of certain persons who had knowledge of the actual workings of the order such as only insiders have an opportunity to obtain. They were, or had been, Klansmen who joined in good faith and were compelled to withdraw because of the shocking realities and potentialities which were revealed to them after they passed inside the "portals" of the "Invisible Empire."

Chief among these individuals was a man of well-established antecedents who joined the order and was induced to take an active part in its propagation work. For several months he served as an officer and organizer of the Klan. Then he saw the light and in a letter addressed to "Imperial Wizard" Simmons withdrew from his office and from the organization, repudiating on the grounds of patriotism, decency and duty his Ku Klux oath and all the obligations which he had unwittingly assumed. That letter, coming from a well-informed insider, is one of the most complete and severe indictments of Ku Kluxism which could well be drawn.

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