

Deductions

To join the Ku Klux Klan you must be a white man, a Protestant, a Gentle, a native-born American, a nationalist.

You may be a Protestant, a Gentle, a staunch American, born under the Stars and Stripes, but if you have one drop of Negro blood in your veins you are subject to mob law under the Invisible Empire.

You may be of the white race, native and patriotic, Gentle to the core, but if your religion is "off color" in the eyes of the Imperial Wizard, you are anathema to the faithful subjects of the Invisible Empire.

You may be a native-born, conservative, white, loyal American, but if you happen to be a Jew you are proscribed as a pariah and insulted by the Invisible Empire.

You may be a Gentle, a Protestant, a citizen of the United States of highly-white Nordic stock, unswerving in fidelity to the flag, but if you were born in a foreign country you cannot rise higher than a vassal in the Invisible Empire.

You may be a white man, of Protestant and Gentle lineage, American for many generations, but if you are a Socialist, a Pacifist, an Internationalist or a liberal of any kind, you are not immune from tar and feathers under the Invisible Empire.

An organization which presents such conflicting disabilities to membership, such a narrow margin upon which to base its mutuality, cannot maintain itself spiritually from within. Consequently it falls as a blight upon any community and if not exterminated by public opinion will sooner or later destroy the social health of that community.

OVERCOME THE MENACE OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
BY THE MIGHT OF INTELLIGENCE!

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A Few Facts

The present day Ku Klux Klan was founded in 1915 by William Joseph Simmons of Atlanta, Georgia, a professional fraternal organizer.

It took its name and most of its ritual from the post-Civil War organization of terror known as the Ku Klux Klan. The name is a corruption of the Greek word *kyklos*, meaning circle.

It differs from the original Klan in that the old organization was primarily anti-Negro, while the new order embraces five "anties" of equal importance: anti-Negro, anti-Catholic, anti-Jew, anti-foreigner and anti-liberal.

The original Klan was in no way anti-Catholic. Its first chaplain-in-chief was a Roman Catholic priest. (See History of the Ku Klux Klan by H. L. Davis.)

In 1919 Simmons sold his organization for approximately \$150,000 to Edward Young Clark, a newspaper man and "drive" promoter. Clark proceeded to sell it to the people at \$10.00 a head. Two dollars of every ten went to Clark as a personal bonus, over and above his salary as Imperial Klansman, and in the first sixteen months of his activity he reaped a harvest of \$170,252. (See "The World Tomorrow," March 1921.)

The acts of violence committed by the Ku Klux Klan since 1920 include horsewhippings, tar and feather "parties", lynchings and shootings. Many of these outrages are well known to the public, as for instance the murders in Mer Rouge, Louisiana. (See record compiled by the American Civil Liberties Union for the period from December 1920 to February 1923.)

Some Expert Opinion

The Klan is a regression, as every attempt at secrecy is a regression, to the mentality of an earlier type in psychic evolution.

The Klan is a phenomenon characteristic of the small town, and it is not surprising that the men of the small town are ready to seize on the first and most obvious means of increasing their own powers. This they do, in their own imagination, by becoming members of the Invisible Empire.

In the upward swirling fire of intelligence, the Klan is a counter-edy, retrogressive, archaic, infantile. It cannot live in an atmosphere of truly modern civilization. Its methods are infra-human. Their extension would be a return to the behavior of animals, and far from what that of the world tomorrow will be.

WILFRED LAY,
In "Psychoanalyzing the Klan."

It must be remembered in this connection that K. K. K. leaders are not recruited from the leaders of the nation. It is not the creative spirits, nor those strong of intellect or imagination, nor those whose character and ability earn them the respect and recognition of their fellow citizens, who are wont to wave the K. K. K. banner. The K. K. K. is the back parlor of Main Street. It is the conventional, the mediocre, those whose outlook is narrow and whose imagination is dulled by routine, who seek stimulation in the activities of the secret brotherhood.

ALEXANDER GOLDENWEISER,
In "Prehistoric K. K. K's."

If there is one outstanding fact to be noted of the majority of the Klan members, it is their intellectual mediocrity.

It (the Klan) has flourished by creating false issues, by magnifying hates and prejudices or by exploiting misguided loyalties. It cannot point to a single great constructive movement which it has set on foot. Men do not gather grapes of thorns nor figs of thistles.

JOHN MOPFITT MECKLIN,
Professor of Sociology, Dartmouth College.

The Ku Klux Klan is simply the perfect flower of that noxious weed 100% Americanism.

HENRY RAYMOND MUSEY,
Professor of Economics, Wellesley College.

The 100% American is usually about 95% village idiot.
BERNARD SHAW.