VERY IMPORTANT

Esteemed Klansmen:

Certain matters effecting the welfare of your organization have arisen which make it imperative that we have the counsel of all Klan leaders throughout the Realm. The problems confronting your organization are your problems and I feel that you, and you alone, can best help solve them. To the end, therefore, that we may have the united counsel and cooperation of all such leaders, I am hereby calling a special and important meeting of all Exalted Cyclops of this Realm to meet:

Sunday, Jan. 6th, 1929, at 1:00 P.M.
Klan Hall, 25th and Colorado Avenue,
Colorado Springs, Colo.

It is IMPERATIVE that every Klan in this Realm, regardless of its present standing, be represented at the above meeting. If your Exalted Cyclops can not attend, then by all means designate some dependable Klansman to attend and represent your organization.

The meeting has been called for Sunday afternoon in order to allow representatives to get to and from the meeting without the loss of time. However, in some instances, on account of the great distance, a few representatives can not attend the meeting without considerable expense and the loss of some time. So important is it that we have representatives from all Klans regardless of the distance that I am hereby asking that your Klan raise a special fund to defray the expenses of your representative. Such fund should be large enough not only to take care of his actual traveling expenses but also to reimburse him for the time lost from his business. On account of the gravity of the situation and the importance of the proposed meeting, I am sure that your Klan will gladly cooperate to this extent.

While the proposed meeting is intended primarily for Exalted Cyclops, nevertheless it will be permissible for other Klansmen in good standing to attend. All Klansmen attending the above mentioned meeting, including the Exalted Cyclops and other designated representatives, will be required to present a paid up dues card and in addition to a credential signed by the Kligrapp of their respective Klans.

On account of the nature of the meeting and the seriousness of the matters to be presented, it is of the utmost importance that only DEPENDABLE men be sent as representatives. I am depending on your Klan to see that only such men come as representatives of your Klan.

Kindly notify this office by RETURN MAIL whether or not your Klan will be represented, giving the name of such Klansman or Klansmen who will represent you.

HARD BOILED STUFF

If you are thin skinned and easily offended, don't read this paragraph. It is intended only for those who can stand the gaff and who are in dead earnest about this Klan business.

An adequate paid up membership is essential to the progress of the local Klans and to the Realm and National offices. The only revenue provided for operating your Klan in Colorado comes from dues paying members. Many of you have been asking for service which we have been unable to furnish for the simple reason that there was no fund avail-
able for that purpose. Give us an adequate revenue producing membership and we will be able to give you the kind of service that you need and are requesting. Many Klans that showed a loss in membership during the second quarter stated very optimistically that during the third quarter with the Al Smith fight on in full force they would be able to reinstate great numbers of delinquents. The third quarter came; the fight was on; enough fireworks were set off to arouse the dead, but at the close of the quarter those same Klans showed a still further loss in membership. Also some Klans had the mistaken idea that they could build more effectively after the election than before and accordingly made this office many glowing promises as to what could be expected after November 1st. The promises were made in good faith and we accepted them in like good faith. But the reckoning time has come and we are expecting the promises to be made good. The close of this quarter is rapidly approaching. What your Klan expects to do in the way of checking your losses must be done quickly. Whether or not your Klan is to show a further loss in membership depends entirely upon what you do between now and Dec. 31st. Immediate steps should be taken to guard against a further loss in your membership. There are hundreds of good members who will pay their dues if you go after them. Draft some of your good workers and get them to assist your Kligrapp in collecting dues from as many members as possible. I am depending on you to go after this thing with a vengeance and thus put a stop to the losses that are effecting the efficiency of our Klan machine. If you can't reinstate old members and get some new ones, there certainly is no sound reason why you should lose the ones you now have. WORK WISE.

DO YOU WANT YOUR KLAN OUTLIVED?

On Nov. 22nd the newspapers of this State declared that "certain anti-Klan leaders say that a bill providing for such a law will be introduced in the coming Colorado legislature". The fight is on and we must be prepared for any emergency. To this end I have been endeavoring for the past three weeks to compile certain valuable information concerning our Senators and Representatives so that we might be able to intelligently combat any attack made upon our organization. Altho I have requested this information in two recent bulletins, only a few Klans have responded. There is no time to be lost. The legislature will convene in about thirty days. Enclosed herewith you will find a list of the Senators and Representatives who will compose the next legislature. Kindly give us any information you have or can obtain concerning any of these men. We must know where we stand NOW - not April 1st. Are we going to fight, or are we going to quit? It's up to you.

Sincerely yours, In The Sacred Unfailing Bond.

M. S. Elsev. IMPERIAL REPRESENTATIVE REALM OF COLORADO

Canon City, Colo.; December 3rd, 1928.