



**INVISIBLE EMPIRE  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
REALM OF COLORADO**

P. O. BOX 120

CANON CITY, COLO.

December 19th, 1927.

Mr. Clyde W. Akers,  
Kligrapp,  
Bayfield, Colorado.

Faithful and Esteemed Klansman:

I have read with interest your letter concerning the condition of the Klan at Pagosa Springs. That was surely a hard aggregation to handle. I made two trips to Pagosa Springs to give the Klan my personal attention and my service men called at different times, but it seems that it was just a case of wishing to die rather than live. During late summer this year I sent Mr. Davis, the Grand Kligrapp, to visit them, but on the way he was marooned about thirty miles beyond Del Norte for a week because of a wash-out on Wolf Creek Pass. As a result he never got to Pagosa Springs to straighten out matters.

You suggested that someone should be authorized to take over their property. This, of course, would imply paying the back rent which is due. Their financial matters are rather badly complicated. At the time when the Pagosa Springs bank went broke, the Pagosa Klan was supposed to have lost several hundred dollars. The straightening out of this matter must also be taken care of in connection with the round up of other matters of business. If the proper man can be secured, it is my purpose to put a reclamation officer into the San Juan Basin section of the State that he may look after Pagosa Springs and two or three other points. Meantime, I think it is best to let matters rest as they are. It is not likely that the Klan property will be destroyed or disposed of mischievously during this period of time. I would say, however, that if it possible for you to visit Pagosa it might be well for you to inquire of the local Klansmen as to just what conditions are. If you would have time to straighten out things there in such way as to protect both their interests and ours, I would be glad to grant



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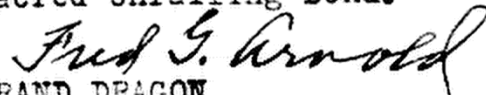
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authority to proceed with the winding up of their business affairs and have their charter sent to us. We have spent much more in looking after this Klan than their revenues ever amounted to. In justice to the work over the other parts of the State, I do not feel that we should make more of an investment in the Pagosa Springs undertaking unless the men at that point are willing to shoulder some of the burdens themselves and show a real interest in continuing the Klan work at that point.

Sincerely yours, In The  
Sacred Unfailing Bond.



GRAND DRAGON  
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