

# KLORAN

OF THE  
Knights  
of the  
Great Forest

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TITLES AND INSTRUCTIONS  
(Knights of the Great Forest)

- THE IMPERIAL WIZARD—Shall be addressed as "Your Lordship."  
GENII—Shall be addressed as "Your Excellency."  
A GRAND DRAGON—Shall be addressed as "Esteemed Sir."  
TITANS, HYDRAS AND FURIES—Shall be addressed as "Honored Sirs."  
THE EXALTED CYCLOPS—Shall be addressed as "Exalted Sir."  
ALL OTHER OFFICERS—Shall be addressed as "Excellent Sirs."  
MEMBERS—Shall be addressed as "Sir Knights."  
GIANTS—Shall be addressed in the form used to them during their term of office.  
KWADRATE—The entire portion of the room lying between the Western wall and the Chief Officers in the East.  
THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE—The Order as a whole.  
A REALM—A sub-division of the Invisible Empire—a state or territory of the United States.  
A PROVINCE—A sub-division of a Realm—a county or a number of counties of a State or Territory.  
A KLANTON—The jurisdiction of a Klan.  
THE IMPERIAL KLONVOKATION—The Convention of the Invisible Empire and supreme legislative body of the Order.  
A KLORERO—The convention of a Realm.  
A KLONVERSE—The assembly of a Province.  
A KONKLAVE—The gathering in secret session of a Klan.  
THE GOVERNMENT of the Invisible Empire is vested with the Imperial Wizard, the Emperor, assisted by his fifteen Genii—the Imperial Officers constituting his official family; the government of a Realm is vested with a Grand Dragon, assisted by his nine Hydras—the Grand Officers; the government of a Province is vested with a

- Great Titan, assisted by his twelve Furies—the Great Officers, and a Klan is governed by an Exalted Cyclops, assisted by his twelve Terrors—the elective officers of a Klan.  
THE KLORAN (The Book of the Klan)—Ritual and Lectures.  
KLAVERN—The meeting place of a Klan.  
KLAN—The unit of the Order.  
KLANSMAN—A member of the Klan; the title of the first Order, or K-Uno.  
KNIGHT KAMAELIA—A member of the Second Degree of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or K-Duo.  
KNIGHT OF THE GREAT FOREST—A qualified member of the K-Trio or Third Degree.  
KLAN KOURIER—The title of the Official Organ.  
KLAVALIER—A soldier of the Klan (Military Department).  
KOHORT—An organized body of Klavaliere.  
KLAVALKADE—A parade or other public exhibition of Klansmen.  
ANNO KLAN—In the year of the Klan; written thus: AK.  
ANNO DOMINI—In the year of our Lord; written thus: AD.  
IMPERIAL KLONCILIUM—The Supreme Executive Committee; composed of all the Imperial Officers.  
IMPERIAL KLEPEER—A Supreme Delegate.  
IMPERIAL WIZARD—Executive head of the Order.  
EMPEROR—Kloranic head of the Order.  
GRAND DRAGON—The Chief Officer of a Realm.  
GREAT TITAN—The Chief Officer of a Province.  
EXALTED CYCLOPS—The Chief Officer of a Klan.  
GIANT—A Klan Giant is a Past Exalted Cyclops; a Great Giant is a Past Great Titan; a Grand Giant is a Past Grand Dragon; an Imperial Giant is a Past Imperial Wizard.  
NIGHT-HAWK—He entertains waiting aliens just prior to their naturalization.



some of you thought this was merely a stage setting. This is not so. The spirits of the dead live, as the Sacred Word has revealed. Then in sober fact the souls of those who have died for liberty watch over the Klan today. We carry on the purposes for which they died; we bear the torch of progress which they flung forward to us from their dying fingers.

There is every reason for the spirits of our mighty dead to watch and aid the Ku Klux Klan, for we alone can fulfill the purposes for which they died. On us they depend for the achievement of all those noble purposes for which they gave the last full measure of devotion. We are trustees for those who have served and sacrificed life itself for these high principles. It is ours to make certain that these valorous dead shall not have died in vain.

Rest assured that as we fall, others will take our places. The Ku Klux Klan will be triumphant. Let us pray."

The Kludd. "Our Heavenly Father, we adore Thee; we bless Thee; we magnify Thy Holy Name. We thank Thee for the exalted privileges that are ours, we thank Thee for the noble history that comes down to us through the ages giving us inspiration and for the great and the mighty heroes whose lives and service illumine the pages of that history. We thank Thee for this body of men who have here been consecrated to the great cause of Knighthood, and we pray Thee to dedicate them to the lofty principles of native, white, Protestant, Americanism. We thank Thee for this added strength to the great army of militant Knights working for the fulfillment of Thy high purposes. Preserve us all in the bonds of unity for this consecrated service. May the principles of our great country be forever triumphant. Let us not falter in our loyalty to our flag and to the institutions of our beloved America. May no dissensions ever be found within our ranks. If we shall make mistakes, we pray that Thou wilt forgive us. Bless our land and nation.

Bless the President of the United States and his advisors, and may they, in all they do, seek to preserve the high ideals of the American people. Bless the Imperial Wizard and all in authority with him in the government of this great organization. May we all be loyal to God, to our country, and to our Klan, and may the benediction of God the Father Almighty, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be with us all forever. Amen."

The E. C. "It has been the custom of Knights from time immemorial to aid the worthy poor. The Kindly Kontribution box is with the Klexter at the inner door; every cent placed within it will be given to worthy poor regardless of race or creed. Always remember that you should not leave the room without adding to its contents so much as you may feel able."

*(He gives one rap with the gavel).*

"Good night, Sir Knights."

All say: "Good night, Exalted Sir."

*(All salute the E. C.; he returns the salute and members file out at will).*



Christ came to free men from the power of priestcraft, but the Roman Church managed to pervert and adulterate His teachings by poisoning them with remnants of heathen superstitions, thereby building up a new priestcraft which held men again in bondage for another thousand years. Then the spirit of liberty broke the prison bars of superstition, and Protestantism came, real spiritual liberty to the men of the northern races who alone were able to throw off the fetters of Rome.

These Northern, white races, having won spiritual freedom, next demanded political freedom, freedom from the tyranny of kings. For long ages, this battle has waxed and waned, and in the end only these Nordic races have proven themselves capable of knowing true freedom and exercising self-government.

While this mighty struggle was going on, God in His Providence provided a new home for freedom. A New World was discovered and shortly the best of these free races, fused in blood and purpose, created the American race. They established here for the first time a government of the people, for the people, by the people, free from the control of priest or tyrant, and thus brought nearest to fruition those great purposes which from the beginning have loomed largest in the souls of men. They here laid down in their political forms, social customs, and in religious independence, the basis for the higher ideals and principles which constitute Americanism; the Americanism which today most nearly fulfills God's high purposes for man.

Thus, it has come about, in God's Providence, that the duty and the responsibility for carrying on this work, for fulfilling destiny, for leading progress, for achieving liberty, depend upon the loyalty, purity, devotion, and the sacrifice of white, Protestant Americans. This is the high calling to which you have dedicated yourselves tonight.

I would have you realize tonight the tremendous responsibility which rests upon you, and the need for all the devotion and sacrifice

you have promised, if we are to attain our lofty goal.

There have been two great forces working through the ages for the fulfillment of the destiny of man. One has been a fellowship of those who openly wore the cross, and dedicated themselves to its service. They were in all ages crusaders fighting militantly for the right, unselfish, sacrificing, often dying, that its cause might be advanced.

But—and here we approach the deeper mystery into which you are now beginning to penetrate—there has been a stronger force working for righteousness. It has been a secret force, but always, everywhere, it has advanced the cause of liberty. This is the force of fraternalism; of a carefully chosen body bound under sacred oaths of secrecy, working unitedly for the greatest of human ends. This has been the power which has carried the torch light of progress, and which has been most potent in achieving human liberty.

This secret, fraternal power has taken on many forms. Some have been contemplative and philosophical, intent upon preserving the truth, and passing it unperverted from generation to generation. Others have been operative, intent on carrying into execution the truth shown by the great light. So there have been among men three forces working for human progress; the open crusaders, the secret contemplative orders and the secret operative orders.

In the Ku Klux Klan, for the first time in history, all three of these forces are united in a single organization to work for human welfare.

We are crusaders in that we bear the cross; and many Klansmen have died in open support of it. We are contemplative; we ever seek the truth. But also we are operative and militant, because we work with heart and soul, with mind and body, to put into daily effect the great truths we find.

You have been told tonight that the spirits of the mighty dead are with us. Perhaps



from common men. Knights are not free to do any evil. Of the Knights of the Great Forest is true the saying of Christ "He who is greatest among you let him be the servant of all." And so, he who will be great among us must serve more than others.

I am about to give you the accolade which will raise you to the Order of Knighthood. You are here dedicated and devoted to the high purposes and the great ideals of this illustrious Order. As did King Arthur when he sent Sir Galahad out to search for the Holy Grail, so do I now consecrate you to the call of country, to the cause of Protestantism, and to the high purposes of the Ku Klux Klan.

The E. C. "Excellent Kaptain, you will escort each Klansman aspirant in his turn through the lines."

*(The Kaptain, with his sword at carry, brings the men singly through the lines. The guards come to salute as each aspirant comes before the E. C. then return to the carry. The Kaptain, with each man, salutes the E. C. and causes the aspirant to kneel upon his left knee.)*

The Kaptain. "Exalted Sir, I here present (naming him)

*(Kaptain retires to escort next aspirant.) The E. C. steps down immediately before the aspirant, and with the sword strikes him upon the left shoulder. He says:*

The E. C. "I hereby dub you Knight. Arise, Sir -----"

*(He names the new Knight by his Christian name, and takes him by the left hand)*

"For the Knights of the Great Forest I heartily welcome you to our ranks. You will stand to my right."

*(At the close, E. C. says):*

The E. C. "Kaptain, you will now dismiss the guard."

Kaptain. "Guards, carry swords, return swords. Fall out."

*(The guards find seats.)*

The E. C. "Excellent Kligrapp, you will now communicate to each new companion the kwalifying key."

*(The Kladd faces the new members toward the Kligrapp.)*

The Kligrapp. "In this degree in which all Klans must now conduct all affairs, you will

when you desire to enter the klavern, first approach the Klexter and satisfy him that you are kwalified. You will then be admitted, will approach the altar, salute the E. C. stating your name and upon his returning the salute, will find your place. The kwalifying key is----- You will be seated with the Knights."

*(The Kwalifying Key will be changed at uncertain intervals by the Imperial Wizard).*

The E. C. "Excellent Klokard, the new Knights are now seated in our Sacred Klavern. They desire to know many things, so that they may discharge their duties worthily and well. You will instruct them."

The Klokard. "New Knights, I esteem it a high privilege tonight to be permitted to instruct you in the higher mysteries of Klan-kraft. The ennobling of mankind, the restoration of Heaven upon earth, must and can come only through the work of men. We knights of the Ku Klux Klan have undertaken to share in that work, the most noble duty which can engage mortal man. Your accolade tonight as Knights of the Great Forest, is recognition of your fidelity; it also means for each of you greater duties, fuller light, and higher responsibilities.

This struggle for human advancement, is as old as mankind; for man, from the earliest days has striven to free himself; always has sought to win freedom; freedom of body, mind, and soul; freedom to think and to act, freedom to be a man.

His first struggle was to win freedom from the priestcraft which sought to enslave men in fetters of bigotry, ignorance, and superstition. We today can scarcely realize the hideous bondage in which the priests of old held their trembling subjects, for even the Church of Rome would not dare in this modern day to resort to such superstitions as were once common in that Church. This struggle has been long and bitter, and even yet has been won only in part. Some white men, but no others, have won their freedom.



I will never aid or assist anyone whoever he may be against the Ku Klux Klan, but will defend with all my strength its rights to free conscience and free government, to peaceable assembly and to the celebration of its rites.

I will, when occasion of importance presents itself, and so often as I may be lawfully commanded, serve the Ku Klux Klan against all imposters, all religious tyranny or despotism, and all illegal civil or military aggression.

I further pledge true faith that I will assist, protect and defend every Knight of the Great Forest by all lawful means consistent with the character of a true Knight; I will relieve his distress and minister to his necessities; assist his widows and orphans, and advance his interests so far as I can without injury to those who have a prior claim upon me.

I will strive to secure for my brother Knights, according to their capacity and merit, the share to which they are legitimately entitled of the sovereignty of the American people. I will always give to a Klansman a brother's treatment, except when it shall be treason to my country.

I will never insult, deride, nor intentionally wrong a Knight of the Great Forest, nor strike or harm him except in self-defense, nor will I injure him in property or reputation.

I will not take nor accept usury of a brother Knight.

I will be tolerant and of charitable opinion towards Knights of the Great Forest of all political parties.

I will, even at the peril of my life, help every true Knight if he be persecuted for political ends or because he is a Knight of the Great Forest.

I swear that I will not censure nor complain of the Emperor, the Imperial Wizard, the Imperial Klonsilium, an Imperial Klonsivation, nor of a Grand Dragon, an Imperial Representative, a Klorero under whose jurisdiction I may be, nor of an official of the Order, nor of any member of the Klan in the hearing of an alien, or in writing or printing to be read, or that might be read, by aliens; but always,

if I have complaint to make or censure to pronounce, I will make or pronounce it in the proper forum of the Order.

I further promise and swear that never from this day until death, will I reveal any of the secrets of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, or the name of any member thereof, to any person in the world, except it be a person who has been duly authorized to receive such information or to a legally constituted officer of the law engaged in the necessary and proper performance of his legal duties.

You will now, each of you, kneel upon your left knee and place your right hand upon the Bible, the Constitution and the Flag, or upon the shoulder of the Klansman nearest you.

*(The Kladd, Night-Klawk and Kaptain will assist in seeing that this is done in an orderly manner. After it is completed the E. C. will proceed).*

The E. C. "You will say after me: To all of which I have sworn, be Thou my witness, Almighty God! Do Thou aid me in the full observance and performance of this, my solemn Oath of Knighthood!

"You will now arise and face the East." "

*(The Kaptain then escorts the E. C. to his station and returns to his own station. The lights are fully turned on, and the Kaptain, with two guards, taken from the Western wall, moves the sacred altar to the middle of the room with the Fiery Cross and U. S. flag on standard placed in their proper positions).*

The E. C. "Excellent Klaliff, procure the Sword of Honor."

*(The Klaliff, escorted by the Kaptain, takes the Sword and presents it to the E. C., who returns it to his scabbard or places it upon his station).*

The E. C. "Excellent Kladd, you will escort the Klansmen aspirant to the East. Excellent Kaptain, you will provide a guard of honor."

*(The Kaptain marches the entire guard to the station of the E. C. and forms it in two lines, facing each other).*

The E. C. "The Order of Knighthood comes to us from immortal ages, and is a holy thing. It lays upon its members such duties, responsibilities and sacrifices as set them apart



faithfully perform all the duties both of office and citizenship; and I will never allow the aspiration of men for office to separate me from my fellow Klansmen.

I further swear that I will constantly endeavor to induce men to become more self-reliant and responsive to all their duties; will help to protect them against themselves and will not desist though all my efforts seem to be useless and their weaknesses incurable; I will oppose the crafty, the unfit, the incompetent and all who seek power by unworthy means.

I will be just and impartial in private judgment, even when deciding between myself and another; I will carefully respect all rights of others; and will avoid haughtiness and insolence.

I will not slander, malign, nor seek revenge, nor will I flee from any danger when duty calls.

I will endeavor to live honestly and soberly, to act firmly and frankly, without envy or covetousness.

I will hold in reverence and do honor to the immortal leaders of faith and freedom and their fidelity shall teach me to die rather than be dishonored.

I will be faithful unto death to every trust confided to me, to every obligation imposed, to every duty required to be performed by me to God, to country, Klan, family and friend.

I further pledge and vow that I will bear true allegiance to the Emperor and Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, I will pay obedience to the Constitution, laws and edicts of the Order and will obey and abide by the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Klan to which I belong.

I will always strenuously uphold the supremacy of the white race and will oppose alienism in its every form. I will support the principles of our Order and will contribute by every means in my power to the propagation and diffusion of its liberal and enlightened ideals.

I will not permit the power of the Order to be perverted to evil uses or made the instrument of private ambition or private greed.

I will assist to the limit of my ability all the Orders recognized by and allied with the Klan, but I will forever oppose and fight any clandestine order of Klansmen, and will refuse to have any dealings with their members either as Klansmen or as men.

I will never recognize as a Klansman any man who is not in due and lawful obedience to the Imperial authority, and a member in good standing of a Klan.

I will maintain peace and harmony in every Klavern in which I may sit and try to raise the quality of its membership; I will be faithful to the lawful commands of its officers and protect its property and interests.

I will punctually and diligently perform my duties as a Knight of the Great Forest, and will not neglect by non-attendance the meetings of my Klan, but will have always at heart the prosperity of the Klan to which I belong and the advancement of the Order.

I will not withhold my contribution at each meeting for the relief of the poor.

I will hold the Klan to be above all controversies, and will not countenance persecution or the reviling of others on account of their political, philosophic, or religious opinions; remaining firm, however, in my efforts to eradicate error.

I will labor to extend the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and to diffuse its doctrine and principles among men, and will countenance no changes in its usages and traditions from the way laid down by its Imperial authorities.

I will read and study all the books, pamphlets, philosophies, and matters put out to be read by the Emperor or Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

I will not govern any Klonklave of a Klan over which I may be called to preside in a haughty or arbitrary manner, but with generosity, urbanity and courtesy. I will use my best endeavors to preserve peace and harmony among the Knights of the Great Forest and all Klansmen everywhere.



*(When this has been sung or read, the light will again be turned on the Sacred Altar).*

The Klokar. "Exalted Sir, a man is known only when his life is ended. There may not come to any here the chance to prove his right to march with the spirits of our mighty dead. But all are of the race and blood of our heroes; they are the true heritors of their spirit and their deeds. In them beats the same courage and devotion that, in their sires, has flamed forth to save the world in hours of need. So far these Klansmen aspirant have met our tests. I therefore ask that you give them the Oath of Patriotic Knighthood."

The E. C. "Excellent Kladd, you will prepare these Klansmen aspirant to receive that Oath."

*(The Kladd marches the Klansmen aspirant completely around the room, bringing them to a halt in a line facing the Sacred Altar. The E. C., escorted by the Captain then proceeds to the altar and takes his place behind it, facing the Klansmen aspirant).*

The E. C. "Klansmen aspirant, in all ages men have banded themselves into human confraternities to learn the essentials of brotherhood. Millions of men are today so bound in the great societies that teach philosophic truth. The Klan, hearing the cry of agonized humanity, seeing the people despoiled and about to have their liberties taken from them, has organized itself into a militant Knighthood, blazing a path hitherto untrod. It goes forth to battle armed with the philosophic truth it has learned. You are now expected to serve as component parts of a great machine dedicated to your country and your Christ, adding your strength to the aggregate power of the mighty Klan.

Yours not to choose the hour or place to serve; yours to be ready whenever duty calls! Too long men have debated the means of service while duty waited and justice languished. You will place your right hand upon the Holy Bible, Constitution and Flag, or upon the shoulder of the Klansman beside you:

"You will say: 'I—each pronounce your name in full and repeat after me—

In the presence of Almighty God and the Knights of the Great Forrest here assembled, do most solemnly and unconditionally vow that I will bear true allegiance to the United States of America, obeying its Constitution and its laws. And I will obey the Constitution and the laws of any state of the American Union of which I may be a citizen, or within which I may have business or social relations.

I will revere the Flag of my country and will never permit it to be assailed or reviled if it lies within my power to prevent it.

I will help all the citizens of my country, so far as in me lies, to support the Constitution and to revere the Flag.

I will always, at the call of my country, defend with arms her safety and honor, wherever I may be reeded.

I will always support and assist the duly constituted officers of the law in the performance of their legal duties.

I will defend free government and the legal institutions of my country, resist its submission to any religious despotism or to civil or military usurpation, or the substitution of anarchy for constitutional government and law, and I will strenuously oppose any abridgment of the liberties and rights of the people reserved to them by the Constitution.

I will always endeavor to have the necessary costs and duties of government fairly distributed; will protect my fellow-citizens against illegal impositions and exactions; and will strive to improve the condition of those less fortunate than myself.

I will ever strive to help insure to posterity the benefits I have myself inherited.

I will constantly and sincerely serve the cause of Justice and Truth, and will speak and act only for what I believe to be of enduring value to my country, without regard to my own private interests, or to the interests of any party.

I will not give political support to any candidate for office unless I am convinced that he is competent to discharge the duties of that office and loyal to all American principles, and further, unless I believe he will



formance of this my solemn obligation.  
Amen."

*(The E. C. will then take a helmet from a Klansman aspirant and cut off the visor).*

The E. C. "Each Klansman aspirant will now likewise remove the visor from his helmet and place it upon the floor beside the altar."

*(The Klansmen aspirants will each in turn go to the Altar and do this).*

The E. C. "Excellent Kladd, conduct these Klansmen aspirant to seats."

*(The Captain then escorts the E. C. to his station and returns to his own station).*

*(When all in the Klavern have found their places and are sitting, all lights are turned off except the Fiery Cross. The E. C. will give one rap with his gavel).*

*(In the East will be ready, a Kovered kompanion [one who reads well]; and hidden so that his light will not be seen as he reads).*

Kovered Kompanion. "The liberty, freedom and security which we enjoy today have been bought with the sacrificial blood of those who dedicated their lives to the sacred cause of securing for their posterity all the blessings we now enjoy.

Nathan Hale—

*(A single light is then turned on, illuminating a picture of the memorial statue of Nathan Hale, hung in the northeast corner of the room)*

died a sacrificial death that we might have independence from the tyranny of kings, and as he died, he said: "I only regret that I have but one life to give to my country." His bones are long since dust, but his spirit marches with the Klan today and in this monument America has memorialized his sacrifice for pure patriotism. Klansmen aspirant, are you willing to march shoulder to shoulder in consecrated service to America beside the spirit of Nathan Hale?"

The E. C. *(After three raps with the gavel).* "Klansmen, arise and with me pay homage to the memory of our illustrious dead."

*(All turn and give a Klan salute to the picture. The guard gives a military salute. If possible a bell will be tolled twelve times, and one stanza of "Onward Christian Soldiers" will be sung. The E. C. gives one rap of his gavel and all resume their seats. The light is turned off the portrait).*

Kovered Kompanion. "Nathan Hale was one of many. Millions like him have fought and died for the country and flag they loved. At the call of country, they endured the misery of the trenches, the hardships of campaigns, the hell of flame and shot and shell of the front. For America they sacrificed their all and died when duty called. We here memorialize all patriotic heroes. The Unknown Soldier—

*(A single light is turned on a picture of the bier of the Unknown Soldier, hung in the northeast corner of the room).*

lies silent forever buried in our Nation's greatest shrine. He served with no conscious thought of glory; he died that America might live. His bones are fast turning into dust, yet his soul—and the souls of all patriotic heroes like him—march with the Klan today. Klansmen aspirant, sons of America, are you willing to march with the host of mighty dead in patriotic service?

The E. C. *(After three raps of his gavel).* "Klansmen, arise and with me pay due homage to the memory of our illustrious dead."

*(All rise and give a Klan salute to the bier of the Unknown Soldier. The guard gives a military salute. If possible, the quartette will sing Flanders Fields. If no quartette is available, the poem will be read by the Kovered Kompanion. The E. C. gives one rap with his gavel, and all resume their seats).*

#### IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

—John McCrae.



and unconditionally pledge, vow, and swear, without any reservation whatsoever, that I will keep sacredly secret all that has occurred or may hereafter occur in this Klavern and that I will divulge to no person in the whole world, either through fear, bribery, cajolery or other inducement, any of the ceremonies, mysteries, or rituals of this Order which have become or may become known to me, nor the name of any person or persons who may take part therein, except it be to a known Knight of the Great Forest and then only when I am authorized to communicate such secrets to him, or within a Klavern of the Knights of the Great Forest, or to a legally constituted officer of the law engaged in the necessary and proper performance of his legal duties. So help me God and keep me steadfast in the full performance of this my solemn oath of secrecy to my Klan and my fellow Knights. Amen."

*(The Kaptain escorts the Klaliff to his station and returns to his own station. The Kladd instructs the aspirants to turn and face the East).*

The E. C. "In the Probationary Order of Klankraft we protected our members from the alien world with the mask. The Klan was new, its members were untried; none could be sure that it could protect the mighty host it had enlisted. It was necessary for it to be masked until it had proven itself. But that time is past. The Klan has proven itself in battle, in success, and in sacrifice. It is ready to stand openly before all men proclaiming its mighty purposes and protecting its membership from the whole world.

While the Klan was new and untried the mask, with its alluring mystery, drew inquiring millions to our standard. Those who were truly Klansmen are with us now. The mask, now having lost its mystery, is not needed for the fulfillment of our mighty purposes. But it remains absolutely essential that we have secrecy within our ranks in order that our beneficent aims shall have complete fruition. The purposes for which we strive can never die; and for their sake secrecy will

always remain one of the cardinal principles of the Klan. The alien world must never know our strength; no human being must ever know exactly who are and who are not members. In our early years the mask was needful to preserve our secrecy. We now remove the mask because the hour has come when we can by so doing the better preserve that secrecy. The Excellent Kligrapp will read the proclamation and edict of the Imperial Wizard:"

*(The Kligrapp then reads proclamation and edict).*

The E. C. "By Virtue of the authority vested in me by the Imperial Wizard and this Klan, I declare this edict operative from this moment throughout this Klanton."

*(The E. C., escorted by the Kaptain, proceeds to the Altar, takes his place behind it, and faces the East).*

The E. C. "Excellent Kladd, you will place the Klansmen aspirant in proper position to receive the obligation of regalia."

*(The Kladd instructs the Klansmen aspirant to face the Altar).*

The Kladd: "You will place your left hand over your heart and raise your right hand to Heaven."

The E. C. "You will say I (each pronounce your name in full, and repeat after me). in the presence of Almighty God and these Klansmen, do most sincerely and solemnly promise and vow that I will abjure, reject and remove the visor or mask from the helmet of my regalia. I do furthermore promise and swear that I will never fraternize with nor remain in Klannish fidelity to any Klansman who shall hereafter wear upon his helmet the visor or mask. I will at all times endeavor to have the Klansmen keep in good condition and wear the symbolic regalia of this Order which symbolizes the purity of its purposes and the perfect equality of all true servants of our Christ, our country, and our Klan. I will faithfully observe the proclamation and edict of the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan concerning the regalia of our Order so Help me God and keep me steadfast in the per-



The E. C. "Excellent Klaliff, to you is committed the duty of leading the militant endeavors of the Knights of the Great Forest for the fulfillment of the great principles of this Order. In your hands we place the Sword of Honor, that you may be always in the vanguard of the battle in which we are engaged, striving to make manifest in our lives, and supreme throughout our land, the sacred principles laid down for us in the Bible and the Constitution. It is your duty to infuse into us a militant spirit, and to teach us to apply in our daily lives those high ideals to which we owe allegiance."

*(The Klaliff escorted by the Kaptain, goes to the E. C., receives with his right hand the Sword of Honor, bears it to the Altar, places it behind the flag, with hilt next to stars and faces the East).*

The Klaliff. "Exalted Sir, I bear in my hand the Sword of Honor; my heart is attuned to the strength and temper of true steel. I know that the highest principles are worthless unless they find effect in deeds. Upon this sword, token of militant endeavor, I pledge that I shall ever hold both soul and body ready for high service.

With the sword for countless ages men have fought for right and truth. With it the powers of light have won their way. We of the Klan hope, with all men, that the time may come when right shall win of itself, but that time is not yet. The high purposes of this noble Order; the flag to which we give such full devotion; the Constitution which is the charter of our liberties—the Bible which has inspired all these, are indeed glorious, but all at times have proven impotent without force to back them. This sword memorializes the myriads who have died, sword in hand, for truth. It is consecrated by the blood of the uncounted millions who have fought to win the liberties we now enjoy. It symbolizes the service we must give if called to go forth sword in hand to maintain our liberties for ourselves and our children. As a token of our militant, self-sacrificing consecration to

the high principles of our Order, I place this sword upon our Sacred Altar."

*(The Kaptain escorts the Klaliff to his station).*

*(The E. C. then proceeds to the Altar, escorted by the Kaptain, and halts, facing it and about six feet away.)*

The E. C. "I, as Exalted Cyclops of this Klan, pledge it again to honor the flag, support the Constitution with the sword of righteousness, governed by the sacred laws laid down in the Holy Book. We here unite in a single body many men who act as one for our purposes. We have our own symbol; the sign of the Order. It is the Fiery Cross. No man knows today when it was first used, but for all the centuries that men have known, it has been a blazing call to service. Men answered the call of that cross, went forth to give all that was in them. It might mean disablement, death—or a triumphant return. But they answered through all ages, even as we today answer the call of the Fiery Cross of the Ku Klux Klan!"

*(The Kaptain escorts the E. C. to his station, then returns to his own station).*

The E. C. "The Holy Altar of the Klan is now prepared. Excellent Klaliff, you will give to the Klansmen aspirant the preliminary obligation of secrecy."

*(The Klaliff, escorted by the Kaptain, goes to the West, takes his place behind the Sacred Altar and faces the East).*

The Klaliff. "Excellent Kladd, you will escort the Klansmen aspirant to the Holy Altar and there place them in position to receive the preliminary obligation of secrecy."

The Kladd. "Excellent Night Hawk, you will assist me."

*(The Kladd and the Night Hawk then conduct the aspirants to the West, place them in line or lines standing, facing the altar.)*

The Kladd. "You will place your left hand over your heart and raise your right hand to Heaven."

The Klaliff. "You will each say 'I—pronounce your full name, and repeat after me—in the presence of Almighty God and of these Knights of the Great Forest, do most solmenly



Altar, but the rest of the Klavern should be in absolute darkness.

The E. C. "The Altar brings light to the Klan, even as devotion to the principles which it symbolizes brings light to the souls of men. Without devotion there can be no light among men, and even so until the altar is in its rightful place, there can be no light in the Klavern."

*(The E. C. advances to the Sacred Altar, escorted by the Captain).*

The E. C. "I place upon our Sacred Altar this flag, expressive of patriotism. Born with the nation, it symbolizes to every American his birthright of liberty. Conceived in idealism, made with loving tenderness, it has been consecrated with the blood of those noble sons of America whose bones lie upon a hundred battlefields, and whose spirits, still clothed in celestial armor, ever march with those who truly serve the flag. Through their heroism it has become man's greatest insignia. The sons of America, wherever they roam, find security from attack or insult in its all-embracing folds. It represents the united purpose, loyalty, devotion, patriotism and power of all true Americans everywhere. Let us in its red ever see a symbol of the blood of those who have died for it, in its white let us find determination to preserve the purity of the purposes of this nation, in its stars let us see the greatness of our nation's destiny, and in its blue let us ever find an embodiment of that heaven whence comes our guidance and our every good. This flag upon the Sacred Altar of our Klan symbolizes the pure patriotism which must henceforth control our every deed."

*(The E. C. then lays the flag across the altar, with the union on the left, but in such a way as to leave the third of the Altar nearest the wall uncovered, for nothing may be placed upon the flag except the Bible and the Constitution).*

*(E. C. returns to his station, escorted by the Captain).*

The E. C. "Excellent Kludd, we commit to you the Great Word with its ineffable wisdom and its Holy mysteries. It is your duty to bring to us its precepts, to interpret to us its teachings and to show us the way of eternal life that it lays down."

*(The Kludd, escorted by the Captain, proceeds to the station of the E. C., receives from him the Bible with his right hand, proceeds to the altar, places the Bible upon the center of the Altar and flag; open at Romans XII, and faces the East).*

The Kludd. "Exalted Sir, my heart is prepared by consecration. I hold in my hand God's Mighty Word. It is my duty to maintain it and expound it to the Knights of the Great Forest. It states in human language the revelations of the Most High God, under whose commands we feebly attempt to shape our lives. From it come our purposes, our principles, our aspirations and our hopes. Upon it are founded our patriotism, love of our flag, and our militant consecration. It is the supreme law of our Order, symbol of the Divine Power, the Divine Wisdom, the Divine strength on which we all rely. I now place it upon our Sacred Altar, that upon it we may worship the Supreme Author of every good and perfect gift."

*(The Captain escorts the Kludd to his station, then returns to his own station).*

The E. C. "Excellent Klokard, to you this Klan commits the Constitution of the United States. In your hand we place that Fundamental Law of the nation upon which rest our liberties. It is your duty to remind us of its provisions, and to see that all among us are kept constant in our observance of them."

*(The Klokard escorted by the Captain goes to the station of the E. C., takes the Constitution of the United States in his right hand, and proceeds to the Altar where he places the Constitution, open upon the Holy Bible, and turns to the E. C.).*

The Klokard. "Exalted Sir, My heart is fervent in its devotion to my country, I have in my custody our Fundamental Law. It safeguards and protects the liberties of Americans as they are guarded for no other men on this earth. It is the greatest work of statesmen; born of inspiration from Almighty God, its enactments are founded upon His Holy Word. To it, as to the flag, and Bible, the Klansman owes allegiance and honor. Therefore, Your Excellency, I place this copy of the Constitution upon its true foundation."

*(The Captain escorts the Klokard to his station, then returns to his own station).*



fares the light we have found. Let us not be content to keep truth for ourselves alone, but with it let us insure the progress of the world. Therefore we follow the light which always rises in the East, and moves toward the West. Westward, with the course of empire, things of the Spirit take their way. The three Wise Men from the East followed the Holy Star westward to the feet of the babe Jesus. Our own forefathers pursued westward the star of hope till they found freedom. Therefore we follow the light from the East westward for its fulfillment of Destiny. Knights of the Great Forest, soldiers of Destiny; our faces must now be turned to the West.

Excellent Klaliff, in symbolic recognition of the Westward movement of philosophic light, which we of the Klan must follow, bear the Fiery Kross to the Western wall of the Klavern. Excellent Kaptain, you will escort the Klaliff.

*(The Kaptain escorts the Klaliff who takes the Fiery Kross and marches slowly down the middle of the Kwadrant, with the Kaptain at his right hand. When the Klaliff reaches the Western wall he sets down the Fiery Kross, about six feet south of center and faces to the East.)*

*(The E. C. gives three raps with his gavel and all rise and come to the salute. This ceremony is repeated as each of the other officers begins his attendance at the sacred Altar.)*

Klaliff. "Exalted Sir, in symbolic recognition that we of the Klan follow the light Westward step by step with empire, spiritual development, and civilization, I place the Fiery Kross, symbol of our militancy and consecration, against the Western wall."

*(Note:—In this, and in all other ceremonies at this place, the speaker stands to the right of the Fiery Kross, facing the Klavern, while the Kaptain stands to the left of same. No person may stand between the Fiery Kross and the station of the E. C.)*

*(The Klaliff then returns to his station, escorted by the Kaptain. The E. C. gives one rap with his gavel and all sit.)*

The E. C. "Excellent Klokard, in a like symbolic representation of the march of American sovereignty from East to West, you will now carry the flag on the standard to the Western wall. Excellent Kaptain, you will escort him."

*(The Klokard, escorted by the Kaptain, takes the flag on the standard and marches slowly to the Western wall, where he places it about six feet to the north of the middle wall, and faces the East. The E. C. gives three raps with his gavel and all rise and come to a military salute.)*

The Klokard. "Exalted Sir, as with philosophic truth, so with American sovereignty, its course has been always from the East westward. The tiny sea-board strip along the Eastern coast which was at first our whole nation, has spread three thousand miles across the continent to the Western Ocean. In symbolic representation of the Americanism of the Klan, and of the fact that we, with our hearts, always follow this mighty Westward march of American sovereignty, I place this flag, emblem of that sovereignty, in the West."

*(The Klokard then returns to his station, escorted by the Kaptain, who returns to his own station. The E. C. gives one rap of his gavel and all are seated.)*

The E. C. "Excellent Kaptain, let our Sacred Altar, like the Fiery Kross, stand in the West so that from it we may get inspiration, strength, and guidance."

*(The Kaptain salutes, goes to the Western wall and takes two guardians, who carry the Sacred Altar to the center of the Western wall, placing it to the left of and about three feet from the wall, between the flag on the standard and the Fiery Kross. The guards return to their places.)*

The Kaptain. "Guardsman, attention. Carry swords. Present swords. Carry swords. Guardians, your station henceforth is beside our sacred altar. Protect it well; allow none who are not authorized to approach it. Be faithful and true, remain always beside our sacred altar, and forsake not your posts until you have been dismissed."

*(He turns and salutes the E. C.)*

"Excellent Sir, our Sacred Altar has been placed as you directed."  
*(Light are then turned on, placed high in the corners of the room farthest from the Altar, or above the Altar, so that it is illuminated by a circle of light which extends about six feet on each side of, and below and above it. This can be done in Klaverns which have no electrical apparatus, with a couple of electric flashlights, or by one flashlight hung above the Altar. The light should be strong in the circle about the*



The E. C. "The Roman Catholic Church for ages has sought to establish a spiritual despotism controlling temporal affairs of all living men. Against organized force of the Hierarchy, the true believers in human and spiritual freedom have ever fought. For long years, the fight between these forces was conducted in accordance with the ethics laid down in those great principles of human conduct which find their true inspiration in the Holy Bible. After the Reformation, the necessities of the Church called into being the hideous order of the Jesuits, which eschewed honor, principle, and truth and proclaimed the doctrine that its ends justified the use of any means. They thus loosed upon the world an age of hypocrisy, physical torture, and cruel murder.

Knights of the Great Forest, what have you to say about the further advancement of this aspirant who admits alliance, through his mother, with the Roman Hierarchy?"

The Kludd. "It would be inconceivably stupid and render futile the work of the Order if we allow our enemies to plant in our midst an agent of the Black Pope; black, in that he has no attribute of human honor and no vestige of divine principle. Why should we admit any man whose relationship causes the slightest taint of suspicion that he might possibly betray us to our enemies."

*(Other Klansmen may discuss here as they see fit any side of the question).*

The Knight in the Ranks: "Your Excellency, my mother was born of a Catholic father and mother. As a child she was baptized and confirmed in that church, and attended its services. She grew up to young womanhood a Roman Catholic. Her father and mother sent her to the public schools where she met my father, a devout Protestant. They were married by a Protestant minister. My mother attended services in a Protestant Church, was converted, and throughout the rest of her life, was a consecrated Protestant. She reared me and my five brothers and sisters in a Protestant Church. It was through no fault of hers that she was at one time a

Catholic. She lived, served, and died a Protestant. Every impulse of my heart, every thought of my mind, every reaction of my soul, is Protestant. I myself serve Protestantism because of those great principles she inculcated in me. I felt you were entitled to know the facts in this case before I proceeded further, I therefore leave the decision concerning my advancement entirely with you fellow Klansmen."

The E. C. "This Klansman, by every law of God, Klan, and man, is entitled to serve in the front ranks of Protestantism, laboring ever and always for our God, our flag, our Country, and our Order.

"You will now be seated till the Sacred Altar of the Klan has been prepared."

*(The aspirants are conducted to seats reserved for them. The Kaptain will march the guard to its station by the Western wall, seating it facing the East. The Kladd, the Night Hawk and Kaptain return to their stations).*

The E. C. "Almighty God is ineffable, infinite and altogether beyond human comprehension; in all ages men have set up altars to symbolize His divine Majesty, and at them have worshipped Him. In conformity with this custom, we Knights of the Great Forest will set up our altar and thereat worship God and pledge anew our devotion to the principles of Klankraft. Let the Klavern be made ready."

The Kaptain. "Exalted Sir, where shall the Sacred Altar be placed?"

The E. C. "Excellent Kaptain, let the Sacred Altar remain where it now stands until these aspirants have learned a further lesson in the mysteries of Klankraft.

Light should be sought and found. When should be followed. Wise men of all ages have sought light in the East. It is toward the East that the devout from time immemorial have turned to worship. It is in the philosophic East that those great fellowships, united in contemplative fraternity, seek and find the light. The Klan, seeking, found its light in the East.

Being not only philosophic but militant, it now becomes our duty to use in human af-



words, but in actual fact, for any one of these may at any moment prevent the fulfillment of the purposes of this Order, to which, if you are admitted, you will consecrate yourselves by most solemn oaths.

It is to something far different that I welcome you. I welcome you to the Companionship of those great souls who count the things of the flesh as naught if they can further the purposes of the Most High. Jesus Christ did not call men to riches and luxury—He called them to sacrificial service, to a companionship of achievement at all cost. His followers have borne the torch of truth and light from generation to generation and dying, each has passed it on. Our pathway is not marked by marble monuments, but by crosses and by the charred piles which remain where the Inquisition did its hideous work. If you prove yourself qualified to be Knights of the Great Forest, we shall welcome you; if not, we shall bid you God-speed as you retire.

We are here consecrated to the fulfillment of that Americanism bequeathed us by our mighty sires. We belong to the cause of Protestantism. From the members of the Probationary Order of Klankraft, we have not asked overmuch. We have asked only that they approve our purposes and work for their fulfillment. It is different with the Knights of the Great Forest. They may be called at any time for sacrificial service. Are you ready and fit to be called for such service?

Klansmen aspirant, you have met our tests in the Probationary Order of Klankraft. We believe you prepared to become Knights of the Great Forest, but beware! you may deceive yourselves—you may deceive us, but you cannot possibly deceive the Almighty in whose name you register the vows you take tonight. I warn you to ponder well every word you hear, to consider prayerfully every pledge you make. I now enjoin upon you to retire if you do not each one believe yourself to be ready for service to God, country, and fellow-man.

In all ages, nations and groups within nations have died and been forgotten, except by the student and the historian, because they have lost the instinct of national or group self-preservation. Do you believe unequivocally, and will you support always the principles of civil and religious liberty as established by native, Caucasian, Protestant Americans?

Do you believe that such support by yourselves and other men of like principles is vitally necessary to the continuing welfare of this nation, the protection of human liberties, and the progress of civilization?

Do you believe that the Klan is absolutely essential to the fulfillment of Americanism and Protestantism?

Will you keep secret the names of the members of the Klan despite cajolery, threat, or force?

Will you put aside every worldly ambition for wealth, power, or political preferment that will hinder the fulfillment of your duty in the Klan to Americanism and Protestantism?

Have you made a will disposing your estate among your heirs and dependants in accordance with the law, your desires and their deserts?

*(If the aspirant answers "Yes" no further question is asked on this subject. If he answers "No" the E. C. will ask):*

The E. C. "Will you make such a will at the earliest consistent date?"

Are you prepared to take your vows tonight, understanding fully that lack of sincerity on your part in the keeping of any part of them will be unmasked to the brother Knights of this Order and that disgrace, shame, and obliquy will fall upon you in case you should be recreant in your support of these principles in the Alien World?

*(Each aspirant must answer each of these questions in the affirmation for himself, or withdraw.)*

*(A Knight of the Great Forest who has been placed in the ranks of the Klansmen aspirant for the purpose will here state that he is ready to be qualified on all points, but he believes it his duty to inform the Klansmen that his mother was christened a member of the Roman Catholic Church.)*



*party is formed in rank before the door, the Kladd upon the left of the party and the Night Hawk upon the right).*

The Klorogo: "Exalted Sir, the Excellent Kladd and his party have entered."

The E. C. (*He arises, gives three raps with his gavel and all who are seated arise.*) "Let us pray."

The Kludd. "Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, at the beginning of the ceremonies of this Order we crave Thy benediction. This service now begun is for the cause of Jesus Christ our Lord, for our country and for our flag, therefore we cannot enter upon it unless Thy presence and inspiration shall accompany us. Divinely guide us. Inspire the minds of these Klansmen aspirant for the reception of the truth. Grant unto them courage and confidence. May they have no fears. Be Thou their pillar of cloud in the light and their pillar of fire in the darkness. Help us all to be Thy sons, worthily engaged in this task. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, and our criterion of Character. Amen."

*(After the invocation, the E. C. gives one rap with his gavel, and all except the aspirants and their escorts will be seated. The Kladd advances to the E. C.)*

The Kladd. "Exalted Sir, in fulfillment of my duty of seeking among the members of the Ku Klux Klan those kwalified for the higher duties and responsibilities of Knights of the Great Forest, I find these men who have proven themselves in the Probationary Order of Klankraft. They are familiar with our aims and purposes, and prompted by unselfish patriotism, avowing a sincere Protestantism, they seek such further knowledge as will fit them for a nobler life. I have, therefore, brought them here with the hope that they may be found worthy to become Knights of the Great Forest."

The E. C. "Excellent Kladd, you have faithfully performed the duties imposed upon you. Your report is important in that it promises added strength to our consecrated cause. It is inspiring that the great principles and sacrifice are appreciated and effective in

the Probationary Order of Klankraft. Excellent Kaptain, you will escort the Kladd and his party to the foot of the Kross."

*(The Kaptain salutes, marches with the guard to the place where the Klansmen aspirant are standing, stations one guard at each end of the line and the remainder before and behind the center of the line or lines. He will then take his station at the head of the line and march the aspirants across the floor of the Klavern, halting them before the Eastern wall, about ten feet from it and with the center of the line before the Fiery Kross. The Kaptain will salute the Kross, turn and salute the E. C. and march the front detachment of his guards to the rear of the aspirants. The Kaptain will then march the guard to the station of the E. C., and mount two men to the rear of and behind the E. C.)*

The Kaptain. "Exalted Sir, I bring your guard of honor. Guardsmen, be faithful and true, remain always behind the station of our Exalted Cyclops, and forsake not your posts till you are dismissed."

*(The Kaptain then marches his remaining guards to the station of the Kladd, and mounts two men to the rear of and behind the Kladd).*

The Kaptain: "Excellent Sir, I bring your guard of honor. Guardsman, be faithful and true, remain always behind the station of the Excellent Kladd, and forsake not your posts till you have been dismissed."

*(The Kaptain then marches his remaining guards to the station of the Kladd, and mounts two men to the rear of and behind the Kladd).*

The Kaptain. "Excellent Sir, I bring your guard of honor. Guardsman be faithful and true, remain always behind the station of our Excellent Kladd, and forsake not your posts till you have been dismissed."

*(The Kaptain then marches his remaining guards back to their positions as escort to the Klansmen aspirants. NOTE— if no guards are used, this entire ceremony is dispensed with).*

The E. C. "Faithful Klansmen aspiring to be Knights of the Great Forest, I welcome you, but I also warn you that this Order cannot promise you, and holds no hope to you, of wealth, pomp, luxury, or what men call success. Indeed, to be worthy Knights of the Great Forest, these things must become secondary to you and not merely so with



## CEREMONIAL KONKLAVE

### KNIGHTS OF THE GREAT FOREST

*(The E. C. will take his station and give one rap with the gavel.)*

The E. C. "Sir Knights, take your places. All present who have not become Knights of the Great Forest will retire to the outer den. Let the Klexter and Klarogo take their places and diligently guard our Sacred Klavern. Let the Knight Hawk repair to the outer den and take charge of those Klansmen who aspire to become Knights of the Great Forest. Excellent Kaptain, escort those who are waiting."

*(When this has been done, the Klarogo will close and bar the inner door. The Klexter escorts all who are not Knights of the Great Forest to the outer den and will close the door. The Klirrapp will be seated beside the Klexter in the inner den till the Konklave has been opened and the Klansmen aspirant have entered. As each aspirant qualifies, he will give him his Kard of K-TRIO. The Knight-Hawk escorts the Klansmen aspirants to the outer den and remains there with them. After this is done, no one shall be permitted to pass into the Klavern until the Konklave has been opened.)*

The E. C. *(After one rap with the gavel):*

"Excellent Kladd, ascertain that all present are kwalified Knights of the Great Forest."

The Kladd. *(After his salute to the E. C.):*

"Excellent Kaptain, I have been instructed to ascertain if all present are Kwalified Knights of the Great Forest, You will assist me."

*(The Kladd and the Kaptain will then proceed from East to West, each upon his own side of the Klavern, and ascertain whether all present are Kwalified Knights of the Great Forest. If any present have to prove themselves Kwalified Knights of the Great Forest, the Kladd or the Kaptain will ask them to retire to the inner den and Kwalify themselves.)*

*(When the Kladd and Kaptain meet in the center of the Western wall, the Kaptain will salute.)*

The Kaptain: "Excellent Kladd, I find that all in my sector of the Klavern are Kwalified Knights of the Great Forest."

*(The Kladd will then face the E. C. and salute.)*

The Kladd. "Exalted Sir, I respectfully re-

port that all present are worthy to sit in our Sacred Klavern."

*(The Kladd and Kaptain then return to their stations. If there be visiting Knights, the Kladd will escort them to the station of the E. C. and there face them toward the East, introducing each by name to the E. C. The E. C. will then rap three times with his gavel. The Knights will all rise. The E. C. will introduce each visiting Knight by name, facing him toward the West, then all will salute the visitors who, in unison, will return the salute. The E. C. will give one rap with his gavel, where upon the visiting Knights will find places and all will be seated. The Kladd will go to the station of the E. C. and salute.)*

The Kladd. "Exalted Sir, there await without certain faithful Klansmen who seek further light and more militant guidance. They desire to become Kwalified Knights of the Great Forest. They have been told that greater duties and more complete consecration will be required of them, yet they seek opportunity for greater service. In so far as the purposes of the Order have been revealed to them, they have pledged fidelity to our great cause and desire to become Kwalified Knights of the Great Forest. May they be permitted to enter?"

The E. C. "Admit them. Excellent Kaptain, with your guard you will escort the Excellent Kladd and the Klansmen aspirant throughout the ceremonies."

*(The Kladd, the Kaptain and the guard salute and depart to bring in the aspirants.)*

The E. C. "Let the Klavern be made ready for their coming."

*(All lights are then extinguished except the Fiery Cross. All present remain in their places, maintaining silence—there will be no smoking or disturbance during the ceremonial. In the meanwhile the Kladd and Night Hawk have brought the aspirants, robed, to the inner door, and knock. The Klarogo salutes the E. C. and reports.)*

The Klarogo. "Exalted Sir, the Kladd and Night Hawk of the Klan, with the Klansmen who aspire to become Knights of the Great Forest, are at the inner door."

The E. C. "Permit them to enter."

*(The Klarogo salutes and after taking the Kwalifying Key from the Kladd for the party, permits them to enter. The*



*(The order of business having been completed, the Exalted Cyclops will arise and give three raps with his gavel at which all will arise).*

The E. C. "Let us pray."

The Kludd. "Almighty God, we thank Thee that Thou didst say— 'Fear thou not for I am with thee. Be not dismayed for I am thy God. I will comfort thee. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the strong arm of my righteousness. My peace I give unto you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

"Oh, Lord, dismiss us with Thy benediction. Bless our Cause and our Order. Hold us firmly bound in the tie of Klannish fidelity each to the other, and grant that we may all return here to serve Thee.—Amen."

The E. C. "Sir Knights, the kindly kontribution box is at the door. Every cent placed within it will be given to the worthy poor. Remember, it has been the custom of Knight-hood from time immemorial to relieve the needs of the worthy and you should not leave the room without adding your kontribution.

"Sir Knights, one and all good night. Excellent Klarogo, you will open the inner door that all may pass."

All Knights. "Good night, Exalted Sir."

The E. C. "Good night, good night."

*(The Session is then ended and the Knights retire at their own convenience).*

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

*(For Ceremonial Session)*

*(At the opening of the Klondike, the Bible, the Constitution of the United States, the American Flag and the Sword of Honor are placed upon the station of the E. C. and the Fiery Cross to the right and behind the station. The U. S. Flag on standard is placed to the left and behind the station. All Knights and Klansmen aspirant should be clothed in full regalia during all ceremonies.*

*(At the opening the E. C. takes his station in the East, to his right the Excellent Klaliff, to his left the Klakard, the Excellent Kludd to his left in the center of the Southern wall; the Kladd opposite, in the center of the Northern wall. The Night-Hawk is to the right and two paces before the E. C.; the Kaptain to the left and two paces before the E. C. The Kligrapp and Klabeer to the left of the station of the E. C., but beyond the Klakard. At opening the bare Altar is placed in Northwest corner.*

*(If it is possible to have a trained guard, it shall sit at the opening against the Western wall. If it is not possible to provide a trained guard, the Kaptain shall escort officers as provided, exactly as if he were attended by guards or the full guard.*

*(The guard shall consist of twelve men, beside the Kaptain. Where possible they should be in uniform. They shall salute in the military manner, by raising the right hand to the forehead, then snapping it smartly against the side of the right leg. In case it is possible, the guard should be armed with swords. The manual of Arms will be followed in salutes and escorts, and the Kaptain may elaborate their floor work beyond that here stated, after agreement with the E. C.*

*(Note.—All officers salute with the Klan salute when addressed by the E. C. or if they address him. They hold the salute until it is answered. They salute in silence, recover immediately on receipt of orders, and turn to the right in departing to carry out the orders. The Kaptain, however, salutes with his sword.)*

(All sing "America.")

### AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing:  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From ev'ry mountain side,  
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble, free,  
Thy name I love:  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills,  
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze  
And ring from all the trees,  
Sweet freedom's song:  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

Our father's God to Thee,  
Author of liberty, To Thee we sing:  
Long may our land be bright;  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God our King!

### THE LOST VERSES—

Our glorious land today,  
Neath Educations' sway,  
Soars upward still,  
Its halls of learning fair,  
Whose bounties all may share,  
Behold them everywhere  
On vale and hill.

Thy safeguard, Liberty,  
The School shall ever be  
Our Nation's pride.  
No tyrant hand shall smite  
While with encircling might  
All here are taught the Right  
With Truth allied.

'Neath Heaven's gracious will  
The stars of progress still  
Our course do sway;  
In unity sublime  
To broader heights we climb,  
Triumphant over Time  
God speeds our way.

Grand birthright of our sires  
Our altars and our fires  
Keep we still pure.  
Our starry Flag unfurled,  
The hope of all the world,  
In peace and light imperaled,  
God holds secure.

(The Exalted Cyclops gives one rap with his gavel and all are seated).

The E. C. "I now declare this Konklave of the Knights of the Great Forest duly opened for business."

### Order Of Business

Reading and approval of minutes.  
Applications for citizenship.  
Does any Knight know of a Knight or a Knight's family who is in need of fraternal assistance?  
Report of standing or special committees.  
Bills and communications.  
Unfinished business.  
General business.  
Announcements.  
For the encouragement and edification of the Klan.  
Kligrapp's statement of receipts and disbursements and their balances.



## BUSINESS KONKLAVE

### KNIGHTS OF THE GREAT FOREST

*(The E. C. will ascend his station and call the Konklave to order by one rap of his gavel.)*

The E. C. "Terrors, take your stations and perform your duties."

*(The Klorozo and Klexter will guard the Klavern and admit none except those who are kwalified from this time on. All who are not kwalified Knights must leave the room. When the Terrors are in their stations, the Exalted Cyclops proceeds.)*

The E. C. "Excellent Kladd, ascertain if all present are Knights of the Great Forest."

The Kladd: "Excellent Night-Hawk, you will assist me."

*(The Kladd and the Night-Hawk thereupon pass down opposite sides of the room and take the kwalifying key from each one present, and examine the dues Kards. They will meet at the Western wall of the Klavern and the Night-Hawk will report to the Kladd. The Kladd turns and salutes the Exalted Cyclops.)*

The Kladd: "Exalted Sir, all present are kwalified Knights of the Great Forest."

*(If any present have not the kwalifying key, or do not have a paid-up Kard, the officer who ascertains this fact will immediately escort them to the inner door and they will not again be admitted to the Klavern unless they give evidence to the Klorozo that they are kwalified Knights in all respects except the kwalifying key. They will then be admitted and escorted by the Kladd to the station of the Exalted Cyclops.)*

The Kladd: "Exalted Sir, I bring before you men (or a man) who show all kwalifications of Knights of the Great Forest, except that they have (or he has) not the kwalifying key."

*(If the Exalted Cyclops is satisfied that these men are kwalified Knights, he will communicate to them the kwalifying key and they will take their places among the other Knights.)*

*(If visitors are present, the Kladd will escort them before the station of the Exalted Cyclops and introduce them to him, each by name. The Exalted Cyclops, after the usual greeting, will face the visitors to the West. He will give three raps of the gavel and all Knights present will arise and in unison salute the visitors, who return the salute in unison. After this all are seated, the visitors finding places among the Knights.)*

*(The Exalted Cyclops gives three raps with his gavel and all arise.)*

The E. C. "Sir Knights, all rise and with me salute our country's Flag."

*(All give a Military salute to the Flag beside the altar.)*

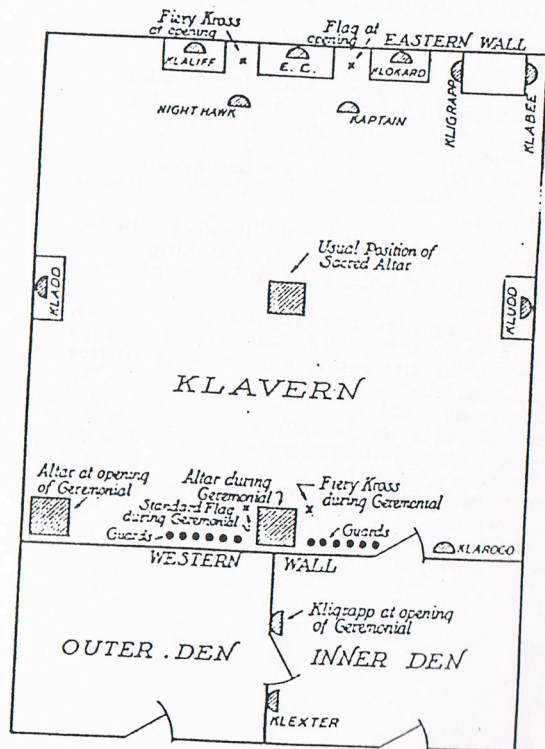
The E. C. "Let us pray."

The Kludd: "Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in humble adoration we bow before Thee. We thank Thee for life, liberty and the right to worship Thee. We thank Thee that this land for which our fathers died has been dedicated to freedom of body, mind and soul. Help us, Oh God, to live, labor and die, if need be, to preserve this inheritance for our posterity. Oh God! preserve us from strife and contentions. Save us from jealousies and fault-finding! May selfishness and the self-seeking have no place among us! May the Kingdom of God and His righteousness be ever before our eyes! Bless our land and nation, and may our President and all who make laws and all who have rule or authority in our nation be divinely guided in all they do.

"God Bless our Imperial Wizard and all who with him are guiding this great organization. Keep them in the hollow of Thine hand. All this we ask in the name of Him who taught us when we pray to say:-

'Our Father who art in Heaven  
Hallowed be Thy name  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive our tresspasses  
As we forgive those who tresspass  
against us  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the Kingdom  
And the Power and the Glory forever.  
Amen.'"

DIAGRAM OF KLAVERN



The official form of the Klavern for Knight of the Great Forest is that shown in the diagram. For a Business Konklave the Altar remains in the center of this Kwadrante.

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

*(Prior to the opening of a Business Konklave it shall be the duty of the Kladd to make certain that the altar is in place in the center of the hall and that it has been dressed as follows:*

*The flag with the union to the left, so draped that it covers two-thirds of the surface of the altar;*

*The Bible laid in the center of the altar, open at the twelfth Chapter of Romans;*

*The Constitution laid upon the Bible;*

*The sword of honor laid in the open space by the flag with the hilt to the left; that is, next to the union on the flag.*

*Care must be taken that no object, except the Bible and the Constitution, shall at any point be laid on top of the flag.*

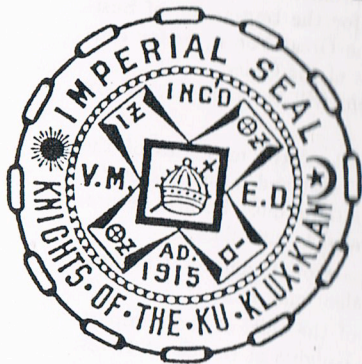
*After the close of the session the Kladd will undress the Altar and secure the paraphernalia.*



Done in the Aulic of His Majesty, the Emperor  
and Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku  
Klux Klan, in the Imperial City of Atlanta, Com-  
monwealth of Georgia, United States of America,  
this 16th day of January, Anno Domini Nineteen  
Hundred and Twenty-eight, Anno Klan LXI.

Signed by His Majesty—

Hiram Wealey Evans,  
EMPEROR AND IMPERIAL WIZARD.



## GOD GIVE US MEN!

"God give us men! Our cause demands  
strong  
Minds, great hearts, true faith and ready  
hands.  
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;  
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;  
Men who possess opinions and a will;  
Men who have Honor; men who will Not Lie;  
Men who can stand before a demagogue  
And damn his treacherous flatteries without  
winking!  
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog  
In public duty and in private thinking;  
For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn  
creeds,  
Their Large professions and their Little deeds,  
Mingle in selfish strife, Lo! freedom weeps  
Wrong rules the land, and waiting justice  
sleeps.  
God give us men!  
Men who serve not for selfish booty.  
But real men, courageous, who flinch not at  
duty;  
Men to be trusted; men of sterling worth;  
Then wrongs will be redressed, and right will  
rule the earth;  
God give us men!"

IMPERIAL DECREE

SUBJECT: THE KLORAN.

TO: ALL KNIGHTS OF THE GREAT FOREST  
GREETINGS:-

By virtue of the trust committed to me by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan under the Constitution and laws of our Order. I do hereby decree and proclaim;

This Kloran shall be the Kloran of the Knights of the Great Forest, until it is changed in a proper manner by legal authority;

The rituals herein contained are the only official and acceptable rituals for the transaction of business in any Klan of the Great Forest, or for conducting the ceremonials of the Order;

No alteration in them will be countenanced by any true Knight;

This Kloran is a part of the mysteries of the Knights of the Great Forest and must be sacredly protected; all of its contents must be held secure; they must not be revealed to any alien;

The book, or any part of it, must not be kept or carried where any alien may read it;

This Kloran is one of the chief of those important documents which Knights of the Great Forest have sworn to read and study, and all Knights of the Order are required to show their understanding of it before they become eligible for advancement.

I especially enjoin upon Exalted Cyclops and their Terrors to study carefully the Kloranic instructions given herein, and commit to memory their parts so that all ceremonials of the Order may be fittingly dignified and solemn.

This decree is binding upon all who have taken the oath of patriotic Knighthood, and any violation of it makes them foresworn and outcast.



The  
Ku Klux Creed

WE, the Order of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, reverentially acknowledge the majesty and supremacy of the Divine Being, and recognize the goodness and providence of the same.

WE recognize our relation to the government of the United States of America, the supremacy of its Constitution, the Union of States thereunder, and the Constitutional Laws thereof, and we shall be ever devoted to the sublime principles of a pure Americanism and valiant in the defense of its ideals and institutions.

WE avow the distinction between the races of mankind as same has been decreed by the Creator, and we shall ever be true in the faithful maintenance of White Supremacy and will strenuously oppose any compromise thereof in any and all things.

WE appreciate the intrinsic value of a real practical fraternal relationship among men of kindred thought, purpose and ideals and the infinite benefits accruable therefrom, and we shall faithfully devote ourselves to the practice of an honorable Clanishness that the life and living of each may be a constant blessing to others.

"NON SILBA SED ANTHAR"

*Catholic  
Faith*

**KLORAN**  
OF THE  
Knights of the  
Great Forest



**K-TRIO**

**CHARACTER**  
**HONOR DUTY**

Imperial Palace  
KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN  
Atlanta, Ga.