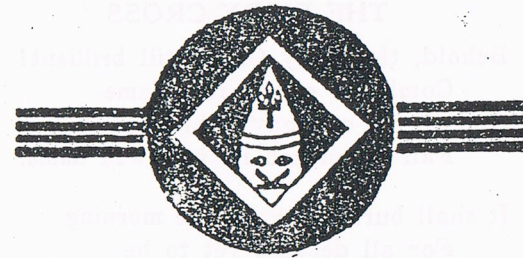


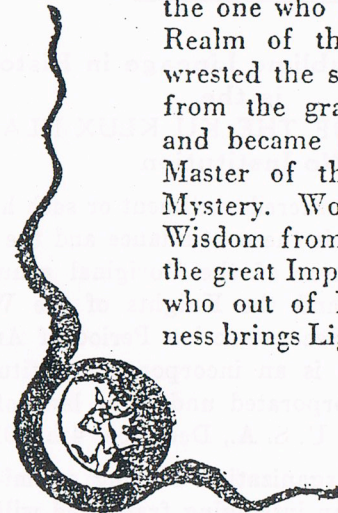
First Lesson in the Science and  
Art of Klankraft



THE  
PRACTICE  
OF  
KLANISHNESS

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Being Official Instructions in K-uno in  
the border Realm of Karacter from  
the one who traversed the  
Realm of the Unknown,  
wrested the solemn Secret  
from the grasp of Night  
and became the Imperial  
Master of the great lost  
Mystery. Words of timely  
Wisdom from the soul of  
the great Imperial Wizard,  
who out of Mystic Dark-  
ness brings Light.



done. How easy it is with one so determined to form the holy habit of the practice of klanishness, and how good one feels when he has done it: What delectable experiences come to him in the consciousness of having maintained his honor in the bitter battle of life against Self and selfish inclinations and having this day contributed something, though ever so small, toward blessing some one's life by making that some one more successful and happy and also to be able to repose in the sweet consciousness of having done something more toward shaping your own life to conform to a laudable and lofty ideal.

By this practice you lift yourself above the noxious atmosphere of selfish, sordid gain and place yourself on the lofty heights where the genial breezes of reciprocal fraternal fellowship forever wafts their inestimable blessings and the sun of Divine approbation is always bright. Get out of the boggy swamps, my fellow klansmen, and get you to the mountain top where you can catch the vision of the larger life that will impart to your soul super-human strength enabling you to enter the stressful struggle of the alien world, with which you are surrounded, and come out conqueror from every contest. Devotion to our standard MUST be made worth while; worth while to others by YOU and worth while to YOU by others.

Our Order is one with a great specific purpose, therefore, a klansman is a man with a definite purpose, in life, not a mere piece of animal driftwood, and he is unyielding in his devotion to that purpose and the bed-rock principle of that purpose is the practice of klanishness. You have invested of your time and money to become one of us and one with us, now be sensible enough to make good that investment; for it holds treasures for you. In other words, you have bought the field, now sow the seed and properly cultivate it and a pleasing harvest is yours; otherwise brambles, and weeds and pernicious plants will infest it and thrive and you shall have miserably wasted your investment, you shall have failed to preserve your honor in the faithful practice of a self-protective principle. Put forth your hands and sow the goodly seed of klanish fidelity and you shall reap abundantly; withhold your hand and you shall perish. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Again the four-fold application of this great principle is as follows:

(1) **PATRIOTIC KLANISHNESS:** An unswerving allegiance to the principles of a pure Americanism as represented by the flag of our great nation, namely: Liberty, Justice and Truth. Real, true Americanism unadulterated, a dogged devotedness to our country, its government, its ideals and its institutions. To keep our government forever free from the alien touch of foreign alliances and influences, that Liberty's effulgent torch be not dimmed. By your vote as a citizen select only men of pure patriotic impulses to serve in positions of public trust. Vote not politics, but patriotism. Exercise your rights and prerogatives as a civil citizen for the best interest of your state and community and for the general public weal; the making of just and equitable laws and the righteous enforcement of same; bitterly oppose tyranny in any and every form and degree, and

displace the corrupt politicians with dependable patriotic statesmen. "He who saves his country saves all things and all things saved bless him; but he who lets his country die lets all things die and all things dying curse him."

(2) **DOMESTIC KLANISHNESS:** Standing by and protecting the sanctity of the home, and its manifold interests, of a klansman, his family and its every interest and wellbeing, and faithfully warn him of any approaching danger thereto.

(3). **RACIAL KLANISHNESS:** Being in all things true and loyal to the caucasian race, its traditions and civilization, and keeping its civilization pure by preserving it from the contaminating intermixture of alien races and their influences, maintain **WHITE SUPREMACY** first, last and all the time. Faithfully protect our politics and society from the haughty ambitions and arrogant aggressiveness of colored races who seek to mix their breed with the blood of our government and civilization. Racial integrity—abstaining from and preventing carnal physical contact with or by colored races; thereby, keeping secure from pollution from inferior blood the precious blood of the caucasian race. Recognize the distinction between the races of mankind as they have been decreed by nature, and preserve unto death the peculiar distinctiveness of the white race from the foul touch of a lower stock. Keep caucasian blood, society, politics and civilization **PURE!**

(4). **IMPERIAL KLANISHNESS:** This is the principle applied toward our great fraternity. It means a constant, unflinching loyalty to the institution; to harmonize your soul with its sacred purposes and principles, put yourself in accord with its mission and ideals. Guard **WELL** its **EVERY** interest; make good your allegiance to it by practicing its precepts, exemplifying its principles, meeting promptly without reserve your **EVERY** obligation to it (both personal and financial), faithfully obeying its constitution and constitutional authority, enforcing its laws and conforming willingly to its requirements, regulations and usages.

Give due respect at all times, and maintain a klanish regard for the person and authority of its chief officer—the Imperial Wizard, and thereby facilitate his efforts in perfecting the work he has to do for the glory of the Invisible Empire in its development and government. He is laboring constantly and unselfishly for YOU, YOUR country and YOUR race. Your respect for him, his official decrees, edicts, mandates, rulings and instructions means much for you in approximating the common ideal of klansmen. He in his official capacity represents the entire Order, every phase and feature of the whole institution centers in him. Be therefore constructive and not destructive or obstructive in your criticisms. If you have honest criticisms to make take them to the proper officer to hear, discuss and consider them—the Exalted Cyclops of a klan, the Grand Dragon of your Realm, or the Imperial Wizard of the Order.

Do not in **ANY MANNER WRONG** our institution by slandering it (though ever so mildly) or by discussing its seeming imperfections or the mistakes of its officers at any time or place where any person of the alien world may chance to hear; a conspicuous characteristic of a klansman handed down by our fathers is, **A klans-**

ment worn nor by the position held in the social, educational, political, financial or ecclesiastical spheres of the world's society, but we look well to the inner qualities of the heart, the mind and the soul; on these we base our estimate and the eye of scrutiny beholds him bathed in the penetrating light of the Fiery Cross and he stands before us our equal in that he possesses a klansman's heart and a klansman's soul, and of him we shall not be ashamed before men but will gladly acknowledge his fellowship before the world, for we know who he is—a MAN who values HONOR more than life.

The practice of social klanishness enforces an affectionate and manly regard for the personal and professional reputation and good name of a klansman and that of a klansman's family and will not permit such to be slanderously assailed without resentment. How sacred a thing is a man's or a woman's good name! And thrice so is that of a klansman and his loved ones.

This principle enforces an appreciative valuation of each other, prompting sincere, courteous conduct and free social intercourse among klansmen. When you meet a klansman be glad to greet him and act the part, for he, like yourself, is no common man.

(3) MORAL KLANISHNESS: This has to do with the attainment and the preservation of decency; by it we assist each other to conform our lives to the standard given in the Scriptural Charter of the Klan—the 12th chapter of Romans, especially the 1st and 2nd verses, and thus we make secure, by the practice of klanishness, our highest and best interest not only in this life but in the great life to come. No klansman will permit himself to be the means of, or the instrument in, the moral degeneration of another klansman, or in the wrecking or contributing to the wrecking of the soul of his fellow in the world to come. No klansman will throw aside his qualities of a gentleman and give himself over to debauchery. We seek to know our own and each other's moral weakness and constantly endeavor to strengthen these to the end that in the practice of klanishness we develop and maintain that quality of character that will stand the ultimate test of God's just and unerring judgment. This practice enforces Temperance (in thought, in word and in indulgences) and all of its allied virtues, and thereby aims at the ideal of decency and cleanliness in life and character. To pollute the morals of a klansman is to commit a grave offense against our Order.

(4) VOCATIONAL KLANISHNESS: This calls for the constant and earnest exercise of this great principle in the realm of one's business or professional life. Trading, dealing with and patronizing klansmen in preference to all others. Employing klansmen in preference to others whenever possible. Boosting each other's business interest or professional ability; honorably doing any and all things that will assist a klansman to earn an honest dollar, thereby adding to his material wellbeing, lightening the burden of life for him and constantly supplying him with new strength and refreshing encouragement. Make it a special point in life to know the nature of a klansman's business or profession and then hold him and his interest well in mind and never let an opportunity pass to turn trade or patronage to him and thus you will help him to succeed

and be happy and thereby you will add to the force of joy towards dissipating the sorrow, grouch and gloom of this life and making the world brighter and better by your having lived in it.

For an example: If you should come across a person interested in the purchase or sale of real estate scan your list of known klansmen and if there be one who is in that line of business (though you may not be so intimately acquainted with him) urge this person to see your particular real estate man. It is presumed there is a profit to be made in the transaction if consummated, then do your part in endeavoring to turn the profit to a klansman. You must not tell this person why you insist on him seeing this particular real estate man, other than that he is worthy and deals honorably. He is a klansman and you can safely recommend him. Apply this method in regard to klansmen who are doctors, lawyers, dentists, merchants, barbers, opticians, carpenters, insurance men, taxi cab owners, automobile dealers and ANY and ALL other vocations of men. Again, a clerk for instance, or other employee of a shop, to hold his position must make good, his advancement hinges on his ability to produce business; therefore deal with those firms or persons who employ klansmen in their business and have your dealings with your fellow klansmen in person therein employed that he, or they might get credit for the business done. If possible let the employer know that you deal with his firm on account of this particular man being employed by him.

The exemplification of this great principle enforces honesty in all transactions. Deal fairly and justly with klansmen at any and all times and in any and all things. To cheat, wrong or deceive a klansman, in plighted word or in trade or business transactions, would be a bad breach of klanishness for which you would suffer. If you borrow from a klansman be not slow to repay; remember it is an obligation of honor. Do not allow yourself to impose on a klansman's generosity. A klansman has implicit confidence and reposes a sacred trust in you, therefore do nothing that would impair that confidence or betray that trust. Be a big man, a fair man, an honest man in all your dealings with all men and most especially with klansmen. Remember, this sublime duty was voluntarily assumed by you and to this great work you have been solemnly dedicated and your life has been sacredly consecrated; see to it that you prove not yourself one who will flinch at DUTY or show himself a cowardly weakling or a treacherous scallawag.

Think seriously and soberly along this line of the application of this great principle and the greatness of it in its ultimate range will overwhelm you, and you will readily see what you have lost in the past by the common method of fraternal practice you have followed. Oh, how miserably meaningless is the so-called fraternity of the multitude of so-called fraternal Orders! How disgusting to a soul unselfish and sincere!

The practice of klanishness is FUNDAMENTAL with us, it is our mark of distinction as an institution and as individual members thereof; therefore, to be true you MUST train yourself according to it in this you will doubtless often be required to make some sacrifice of time or of conveniences and possibly some impulse of personal friendship or of old acquaintanceship, but to attain the lofty ideal to which we aspire it must be