previous question, and to adjourn. None of these motions is debatable, except a motion to amend, or to substitute.

9. When the presiding officer is ready to put the question, it is his duty to repeat, or re-read the proposition, or have it read by the Kligrapp. He will preface this re-reading or restatement of the measure by saying, "The question is upon the adoption of the following motion," or, "Klansman A. moves the following." Then the measure will be read and, the chair will say: "The question is upon its adoption," or, "The question is upon the adoption of, "etc.

VI. Amendments:

1. Amendments can be made to resolutions or motions, in three ways: by omitting, by adding, or by substituting, words or sentences.

2. There may be an amendment to an amendment, but not an amendment to that amendment.

3. The last amendment should be taken first, and all motions in that order.

4. No amendment should be made which essentially changes the meaning or design of the original proposition.

5. But a substitute may be made, which may or may not change the meaning of the proposition under debate and consideration.

VII. Voting:

1. The question is put to vote by the presiding officer, who first distinctly restates the proposition so that all may clearly understand how and on what they vote. First, the affirmative, then the negative is called; each deliberately, so as to give all an opportunity to vote. The chair then distinctly announces whether the motion is carried or lost.

2. All voting is done with the V-S-A or the V-S-N. Exalted Cyclops should see that all Klansmen are properly instructed in these signs.

3. All Klansmen should vote, except those excused for good and sufficient reasons, or those who are under discipline, during which disability they should take no active part in the business of the Klan.

The foregoing suggestions should suffice for the ordinary klonklaves of a Klan. It is suggested that every Exalted Cyclops be supplied by his Klan with "Robert's Rules of Order," or some standard Manual of Parliamentary Law.

7. Klansmen must be careful of the rights of fellow-Klansmen. Courtesy and consideration must be shown; unparliamentary or discourteous language, and infringement upon the privileges of other Klansmen must be avoided.

8. Klansmen should show due respect to the Klan. They must refrain from doing anything in violation of the rules of the assembly, or of general parliamentary law recognized by the Klan. In no case should any Klansman reflect upon the character of the body.

9. Klansmen should render all services that may be required of them by the officers and the Klan.

10. Klansmen should promptly and cheerfully submit to all the decisions and rulings of the organization. If any Klansman cannot do this, he should withdraw from its membership.

11. Strict attention should be given to all the proceedings of the body.

12. Conversation and all unnecessary noise must be avoided during the deliberations of a Klan in Klonklave assembled.

13. Klansmen should not decline to vote on any question, unless excused by the assembly. Silent members should be considered as acquiescing with the majority, unless excused from voting.

IV. Order of Business:

1. Opening ceremony.
2. Reading of approved minutes.
3. Reading of unapproved minutes or amendments.
4. Applications for citizenship.
5. Recommendations.
6. Ceremony of Naturalization.
7. Does any Klansman know of a Klansman or a Klansman's family who is in need of financial or fraternal assistance?
8. Report of standing or special committees.
9. Bills and communications.
10. Unfinished business.
11. General business.
12. Announcements.
13. Election and installation of officers.
14. For the encouragement and edification of the Klan.
15. Payment of Klan dues or other indebtedness to the Klan.

16. Kligrapp's statement of receipts and disbursements and their balances.
17. Reading and approving of minutes.
18. Closing ceremony.

V. Motions:

1. Before any Klansman can introduce a matter of business in a klonklave, or claim the attention of the Klan for any purpose, he must first obtain the floor in a proper manner. If any Klansman attempts to introduce a measure, or to make a speech, or to interrupt another, without properly obtaining the floor, he is out of order, and should be required to desist by the Exalted Cyclops. Much of the disorder and confusion that mar many of the klonklaves of new Klans is due to a disregard of this rule.

2. If any Klansman, during the deliberation of a Klonklave, desires to obtain the floor for the introduction of business, or to make a speech on any matter before the Klan, or to make a motion, or to second a motion, or for any purpose, he must rise and address the Exalted Cyclops, saying; "Your Excellency," making the proper sign, as indicated on page 45 of the Kloran. The Klansman is not to proceed until recognized by the Exalted Cyclops, who will recognize him by looking at him and saying, "Klansman." The recognized Klansman, makes the answering sign, and then may proceed with the matter he has in hand. No Klansman will be in order until he has obtained the floor in the manner described above.

3. The Klansman who seconds a motion must obtain the floor in the same manner.

4. No discussion can be properly had until a motion is made, seconded, and distinctly stated by the Presiding Officer.

5. No resolution can be withdrawn after it has been discussed, except by unanimous consent of the body.

6. A resolution, having been discussed, must be put to vote, unless withdrawn, laid on the table, referred, or postponed.

7. A motion lost cannot be renewed at the same meeting, unless by unanimous consent of the body.

8. Only one question can properly be before a Klonklave at any one time. But there are certain subsidiary motions, which by common usage may interrupt one already under debate. These are motions to amend, to substitute, to commit, to postpone, to lay on the table, for

2. He shall call the Klonklave to order promptly at the hour appointed.

3. He shall follow the prescribed "Order of Business," in the conduct of all regular klonklaves.

4. He shall so direct the course of the proceedings as to secure the object contemplated.

5. He shall state all motions, put them to vote, and declare the results.

6. He shall decide all points of order.

7. He shall appoint all committees.

8. Assisted by the Klaliff, he will preserve order and due decorum in all klonklaves.

9. He should permit no Klansman to offer any motion, or to make any remarks, until duly recognized by the Chair.

10. He must protect every Klansman in his rights.

11. He will call to order any Klansman who is using discourteous or profane language, or who is indulging in personal reflections, while speaking or while engaged in debate on any question.

12. He should rule firmly on all questions.

II. The Kligrapp:

1. For Constitutional requirements, see Constitution and Laws, Article XIX: Section 5; and Chapter XIII, this Manual.

2. He should always be at his desk when the Klonklave is called to order.

3. He should keep an accurate list of all members of that Klan.

4. He should take down all motions that are stated by the chair, unless the same are already presented in writing.

5. He should read all papers and documents to the Klonklave, when so directed by the Chair.

6. He shall keep a fair and accurate record of the proceedings of the Klonklave.

7. Propositions not carried, and motions lost, are not to be recorded unless their record be ordered at the time.

8. He shall take charge of all lists of committees appointed, and notify the chairmen of such committees of their appointment, furnishing each chairman with a list of his entire committee, with such information as may be needed concerning the appointment and duties of the committee.

9. He shall preserve all papers and documents committed to him by the Exalted Cyclops, or the Klan, and be ready to produce such papers and documents at any time when they may be properly called for. No one has any right to withdraw any papers from the Kligrapp's keeping except in accordance with the rules of the Klan, or of the Order, or the direction of the Exalted Cyclops. And the Kligrapp should see that this rule is observed.

10. He should promptly and cheerfully obey any special order of the Klan, or of the Exalted Cyclops, as to the manner in which he shall keep the record of proceedings, and as to all papers and documents committed to him, and, in fact, as to everything pertaining to his work as Kligrapp, except where such orders may conflict with the Constitution and Laws of this Order, or with the orders of the Great Titan of that Province, or of the Grand Dragon of that Realm, or of the Imperial Wizard, or his representative.

11. He should affix his signature to any papers of proceedings when the same is required for the proper authentication of the acts of the Klan in klonklave assembled.

III. Klansmen:

1. Only those Klansmen in good standing shall be permitted to sit in the klonklaves.

2. All members of the Klan in klonklave assembled have equal rights and privileges in that assembly, and are entitled to consideration and courtesy from the officers and other Klansmen present.

3. All Klansmen present have an equal interest in the successful issue of the deliberations of that Klonklave.

4. All Klansmen present have an equal responsibility in maintaining order and furthering the business of that Klan.

5. All Klansmen present are entitled to be protected by the Exalted Cyclops, and by the Klan, in the exercise of their rights and privileges as members of that body.

6. Every Klansman present must show the utmost respect and courtesy to the officers of that Klan. Disrespect to an officer is disrespect to the Klan.

the Constituted authorities. It seeks to generate and inculcate respect for and obedience to law, and all of its moral influence is out on the side of law enforcement. Klansmen are pledged to help, aid, and assist the duly constituted officers of the Law in the proper performance of their legal duties.

(b) The true Klansman is pledged to absolute devotion to American principles: Before the sacred altar of the Klan, face to face with the Stars and Stripes, and beneath the holy light of the Fiery Cross, he pledged himself in these words;—"I swear that I will most zealously and valiantly shield and preserve, by any and all justifiable means and methods, the sacred Constitutional rights and privileges of . . . . . ."

(1) Free Public Schools: The Public School System is peculiarly American, and Klansmen, as true Americans, must protect the Public School System against all of its enemies.

(2) Free Speech and Free Press: Freedom of discussion is recognized by the Constitution as a right known, understood, and existing. Congress itself is forbidden to pass any law that shall abridge or restrict this freedom. Freedom of discussion is the chief means of disseminating principles among the people. It is always the most effective way of conveying information to the people. It is also a valuable agency for the correction of erroneous opinions and false theories. The right of free discussion through press and speech must be preserved without any sort of limitation or restriction whatsoever. Any institution arraying itself against this principle has by its opposition confessed that it is afraid to submit its doctrines and tenets to the purging fires of free, frank, and open discussion.

(3) Separation of Church and State: The theory and principles established by our Government in conformity with the Constitution is, that in the United States, Church and State are, and must forever be kept, separate. Under this principle, there cannot be any real or apparent relationship between the Government of the United States and any institution calling itself a Church. Absolute liberty in matters of religious faith and practice is the American citizen's guaranteed right and privilege, which must forever be kept secure. Under this principle, no ecclesiastical organization has any right to ask for or to obtain public moneys for the support and propagation of its particular kind of religious faith and worship. Under this principle is required an open Bible that is accessible to all of the people at all times. Under this principle every individual has the right to worship God, or not to worship Him, as his own conscience may dictate to him. It is the principle of absolute individual freedom and responsibility

in religious matters. But this principle does not mean that any church or any organization is free to teach doctrines that will unfit any citizen for the loyal performance of his duties to the Republic, or which will strike at the foundation principles of our institutions, it matters not what name such church or organization may bear. True Klansmen are sworn to support this principle.

(4) Liberty: The Constitution of the United States not only guarantees to American citizens their religious liberty, but it also gives guarantee of their civil, political, and personal rights and liberties. True liberty is regulated by law and is in conformity with Law. Apart from law there can be no real liberty. A simple statement may be made in these terms; real and harmonious liberty is found in obedience to just laws. Liberty is defined by one authority in these words; "By this is meant, not merely freedom to move about unrestrained, but such liberty of conduct, choice, and action, as the law gives and protects."

(5) True Klansmen are also pledged to maintain the principles of White supremacy, just laws, and the pursuit of happiness, against any encroachments of any nature by any person or persons, political party or parties, religious sect or people, native, naturalized or foreign, of any race, color, or creed, lineage or tongue, whatsoever. To this they are sworn by a most solemn oath and sealed by a most solemn pledge, as they call upon Almighty God to be the Witness as they obligate themselves to these principles. *Amen.*

XVI.

RULES OF ORDER

This is not intended to be a Treatise on Parliamentary Law and procedure. It is a simple presentation of some necessary Rules of Order for the guidance of the ordinary deliberations of Klans in klonklave assembled. Order and despatch and efficiency should characterize all regular Klan klonklaves. This statement of rules is given for the purpose of aiding the average Klan in its efforts to function in an orderly and efficient manner.

I. The Exalted Cyclops:

1. For his Constitutional position and requirements, see Article XIX: Section 1, the Constitution and Laws, and Chapter XIII, this Manual.

to him. He will not deceive a fellow Klansman by deluding or disappointing or imposing upon him in any way. Neither will he wrong a Klansman's family.

(b) He will not permit others to injure a Klansman or a Klansman's family, if he can prevent it. This means that he will not permit others to slander or defraud, or deceive, or in any manner wrong, a Klansman or a Klansman's family.

(c) He will be faithful in safeguarding the interests of a Klansman or of a Klansman's family. He is sworn to defend and protect the home and reputation, the physical and business interests of a Klansman and a Klansman's family.

2. *Physical:* Every Klansman is pledged to go at any time without hesitation to the assistance or rescue of a Klansman in any way. With uplifted hand, every Klansman has committed himself; "At his call I will answer." The Klansman is sworn to be Klannish towards Klansmen in all things honorable.

3. *Fraternal:*

(a) The True Klansman will not permit his Klan or his Order to be injured, either by himself or by others. This means that he will never slander, or defraud, or deceive, or in any manner wrong the Klan or the Order, or permit it to be done if he can prevent it.

(b) Every Klansman will be Klannish in maintaining harmony within the Order:

(1) Personal: He will not allow any animosity, friction, or ill-will to arise and remain between himself and other Klansmen. Differences will arise among Klansmen, just as among other men in their other relationships. But true Klansmen will seek to harmonize their differences with other Klansmen, and will not permit unfraternal relationships of any kind to continue.

(2) In the Order: Every true Klansman is sworn to promote harmony and real Klannishness among the members of this Order.

(c) Confidence: Every Klansman is pledged to keep sacredly the secrets of a Klansman when committed to him in the sacred bond of Klansmanship. To violate or destroy this confidence is unKlannish and unmanly. No Klansman, however, is bound to protect or keep the confidence of any person guilty of criminal activities or criminal intent. The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has no place for, and offers no refuge to, those who are criminally bent or guilty of crime.

4. *Civic and Patriotic:*

(a) Every true Klansman is loyally patriotic. This means he is devoted to:

(1) The Government of the United States of America: The true Klansman can have but one patriotic allegiance, and that allegiance is to the Government of the United States of America, above any and every other kind of Government in the whole world. The slogan for all true Klansmen is and must be, America first and America forever.

(2) His State: Every Klansman must be a loyal and a law-abiding citizen of any State of which he is, or may become, a resident.

(3) His Flag: A true Klansman is devoted to the flag of his country as the ensign of American Nationality and the emblem of our National Honor. He stands for the Stars and Stripes above every other flag of whatever kind in the whole world.

(4) The Constitution of the United States: The Constitution of the United States must be recognized by him as the supreme law of the land. And he is sworn to protect and defend and to enforce same, with all of its principles and guarantees, even until death. The Constitution of the United States guarantees all of those precious liberties that must be cherished as the priceless heritage of the American people. It establishes the freedom of institutions that are dear to the American heart. It guarantees religious liberty, freedom of speech and press, and all the rights that pertain to the people who constitute this nation. It depicts ideals and defines institutions that must be made real and kept secure. The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are sworn by a solemn oath to uphold and defend this immortal Constitution.

(5) Constitutional Laws: Since the Constitution is the supreme law of the land, legal enactments that are in keeping with the spirit and teaching of this Constitution are laws for the guidance and governance of all true citizens of this country, and must be obeyed as such. True Klansmen, since they are true Americans, are not found in rebellion against Constitutional laws, but must be true in spirit and in act in observing and obeying these laws, and must be faithful in setting examples of such loyal obedience to all others. The surest guarantee of the perpetuity of this nation is the honoring and the obeying of the laws of the nation, by its real, true citizens. Any man who disregards and disobeys, either in spirit or in act, the laws of his country, is not a true Klansman, even though he has taken the oath of Klansmanship.

(6) Law Enforcement: The Klan is not a law-enforcing machine. But the Order teaches and champions the enforcement of all laws by

good and regular standing, and not even then unless it be for the best interests of the Order.

3. *A true Klansman will resist all enticements to betray:*

(a) He will not sell out. No price is great enough to buy a Klansman's honor. And he will have sold his honor should he betray for a price of any kind any matter that has been committed to his keeping.

(b) A true Klansman cannot be flattered into betraying the secrets of the Order. He does not yield to wiles and coaxings of any kind.

(c) His resistance is to be unyielding. The true Klansman is a *man* and will not be moved by threats of enemies, or threats of punishment by any person or power whatsoever, or by persecution of any kind. He can be loyal and true in the face of every sort of impending danger. He will not yield his honor even for the price of his safety.

(d) His resistance will be unswerving. He has sworn, "I will die rather than divulge same, so help me God."

III. Fidelity:

1. *Every Klansman is solemnly pledged to guard and foster every interest of the Order:*

(a) He will protect the Order in every respect. He will defend its honor. He will defend its principles. He will also contribute every possible effort toward the upbuilding of the Order, and the extension of its influence throughout the land. Every Klansman should be a propagator of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, disseminating its principles and promoting its growth.

(b) He will maintain its social cast and dignity: Every Klan should be a body consisting of the best, most honorable, and outstanding men in every community. It is every Klansman's duty to live up to the highest and noblest standards prevailing among men of this character.

2. *Klansmen are to guard faithfully the entrance to the Invisible Empire:*

This means that he must be careful as to those persons he may recommend for membership in the Order. All men are not eligible to citizenship in the Invisible Empire. Men of doubtful character, or whose reputations are known to be bad, or whose loyalty to our country is questionable, or whose minds are unsound, are never to be recommended for, nor admitted to, membership in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

3. *Every Klansman must be faithful in fulfilling all obligations to the Order:* He has pledged himself to pay promptly all just and legal de-

mands made upon him to defray the expenses of his Klan and of the Order, when same are due and called for. He will pay his dues, and will meet such other just demands as may be laid upon him, withholding nothing that rightfully belongs to the Order.

4. *Every Klansman will be faithful in protecting the property of the Order:* He accepts, as a sacred trust, such property as may come into his hands. He will take care of it and will make right use of it. Should he sever, or be severed, from membership in the Order, he will honestly surrender all of the property that rightfully belongs to the Order.

5. *Every Klansman will be faithful in preserving peace and harmony in the assemblies of the Order:* He will not introduce any disturbing element of any kind. Neither will he be a party to the introduction of any disturbing or insurrectionary matters, either in the assemblies of his Klan or in other gatherings of the Order, or among Klansmen in any way whatsoever. He will always remember that it is the sworn duty of Klansmen to maintain peace and harmony in all of the deliberations of the Klan in Klonklave assembled.

6. *Every Klansman will be loyal to his oath even in matters of self-interest:* Selfishness is not a mark of true Klansmanship, but must be destroyed. No Klansman can really serve and sacrifice for the right who does not learn to discourage and to destroy the spirit of selfishness in himself. Any Klansman who makes use, or attempts to make use, of this Order to further his own selfish interests, has violated this part of the Oath.

7. *Every Klansman will be faithful in his exercise of the suffrages of the Order*; that is, he will be just and fair and impartial in voting for petitioners for membership. He will not allow any prejudice or personal feelings, or malice, or ill-will, to influence him in casting his vote for a petitioner. Neither will he allow friendship or even family relationship to influence him in casting his vote. At all times he will have at heart the best interest of the Order, and no personal feelings for or toward any applicant who is seeking citizenship in the Invisible Empire will govern him in casting his vote on the petition under consideration.

IV. *Nishness:

1. *Social:*

(a) A true Klansman will not injure a fellow Klansman. He will not slander him by giving rise to, or by circulating, any false or defamatory reports of any kind. He will not defraud a Klansman, either by cheating him in any manner or by withholding from him that which is his just due, or by depriving him of anything that rightfully belongs

XII. Extreme Penalty To Be Published By The Imperial Wizard:

"Where the extreme penalty has been imposed, the Imperial Wizard shall decree, proclaim and publish same or cause same to be done to all the Klans throughout the Invisible Empire."

XIII. Cases Not Provided For By The Constitution And Laws:

"In the event the preceding sections of this Constitution fail to provide for the punishment of any Klansman for any of the offenses herein referred to, or for any other offense that is inimical to the best interest of this Order, the Imperial Wizard is hereby vested with authority and power to prefer charges against such Klansman in accordance with the provisions of this Article, or at his discretion to issue banishment order against such Klansman, who shall have the right of appeal to the Imperial Kloncilium for a period of 90 days after date of banishment. The Imperial Kligrapp shall publish the decree of banishment to Klans in the Realm in which such person held membership, or throughout the bounds of the Invisible Empire in accordance with the decree."

TO IMPRESS THE MAIN POINTS.

1. What constitutes a major offense against this Order?
2. What constitutes a minor offense?
3. Name four classes of penalties.
4. The procedure in major offenses.
5. How is a Tribunal selected?
6. The process of trial.
7. The Court of appeal.

XV.

THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Several months ago the author of this Manual prepared an analysis of the Oath of Allegiance. Favorable comments and expressions of appreciation incline him to believe that a revised form of that analysis might be profitably included in this little Manual.

The oath taken by Klansmen when they are "naturalized" into the Order is most sacred. This oath was voluntarily assumed. It was unconditionally assumed. And it was solemnly assumed. Every Klansman, after pronouncing his name in full, repeated these words, "In the presence of God and man, I most solemnly pledge, promise and swear;" and he is expected to be loyal and true to his solemn obligation.

This Oath of Allegiance is divided into four sections, and will be analyzed section by section.

I. Obedience:

Every Klansman, by his own oath, is solemnly and unconditionally pledged:

1. *To obey faithfully the Constitution and Laws of the Order:* He accepted the Constitution as it was written, and as it shall be amended by proper authority, and pledged himself to obey the laws already in force, or that should be thereafter enacted.

2. *To conform to all regulations, usages, and requirements of the Order:* This includes all of those regulations, usages, and requirements existing at the time he took his oath, and also those that should thereafter be established.

3. *To respect and support the Imperial Authority of the Order:* This authority of the Order had already been created and was in power at the time his oath was taken, and his obligation to keep this as well as all other parts of his oath has not been in any way lessened or diminished.

4. *To heed heartily:* (i. e., to attend to and observe) the official mandates, decrees, edicts, rulings and instructions of the Imperial Wizard.

5. *The only qualification:* "I having knowledge of same, Providence alone preventing." This is the only qualification that mitigates in any way the failure of any Klansman to keep any part of this section of the Oath of Allegiance.

II. Secrecy:

1. *The Klansman's pledge of secrecy pertains to all matters connected with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan:*

(a) He is sworn to keep solemnly secret the symbols of the Order. This means that he will not disclose the signs, words, or grip.

(b) He is solemnly sworn to keep sacredly secret all information that he may receive concerning the Order. This obligation pertains to any and all other matters and knowledge of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The alien world is eager to learn all it can of the inner secrets and workings and plans of the Organization. The Klansman who is enlightened as to these matters is obligated to keep his information both sacred and secret.

2. *These matters must never be divulged to the alien:* Klansmen must not publish or cause to be published such secret matters to any person in the whole world, except such person be a member of the Order in

(h) "A stenographer reporting the case, who must be a Klansman."

7. *Right of argument:* "At the conclusion of the evidence, the prosecutor and counsel for the accused shall have the right to argue the case to the Tribunal and the accused shall have the right to be heard in his own behalf, and at the conclusion of the arguments all persons except the Tribunal shall retire."

8. *The finding of the Tribunal:* "After fully considering the charges and evidence thereon, such Tribunal shall determine the guilt or innocence of the accused by written ballot. Twelve votes shall be necessary to convict or acquit."

9. *If guilty:* "If the accused shall be found guilty, the Tribunal shall assess the penalty to be imposed and the Exalted Cyclops shall enforce the same, and such judgment shall be published by the Klaliff at the next regular klonklave."

10. *If innocent:* "If the accused shall be acquitted, the Exalted Cyclops shall be notified thereof and such acquittal shall be published by the Klaliff at the next regular klonklave."

11. *If no verdict is rendered:* "If the Tribunal is unable to reach a decision as herein provided, then such Tribunal shall be discharged, another Tribunal composed altogether of different members from the former Tribunal shall be created as herein provided, who shall proceed to try the case as herein set forth."

12. *Appeals:*

(a) Right of appeal by the Klokann: "Should the accused be acquitted, the majority of the Klokann shall have the right to appeal from the judgment of the Tribunal and such majority of the Klokann shall also have the right to suspend the accused through the Exalted Cyclops until such appeal shall have been finally determined."

(b) Right of appeal by the convicted: "Should the accused be convicted he shall have the right of appeal from the judgment of the Tribunal, but he shall remain suspended until such appeal shall have been finally determined."

(c) Notice of appeal: "Notice of appeal shall be in writing signed by the party or parties appealing and filed with the Kligrapp of the Klan in which the accused was tried, not more than 15 days from the date the judgment of the Tribunal was published in regular klonklave."

(d) Transcript of proceedings to be filed: "Upon the filing of such appeal, the Kligrapp, Triton and Scribe of the Tribunal shall, within 30 days, make up a complete transcript of the proceedings had upon the trial, which shall be duly certified by the Kligrapp and forwarded by

him immediately to the Grand Dragon of that Realm, Provided, however, that any member who shall be found guilty by a Tribunal in a Realm other than that in which he holds membership, shall have the right, at his option, to take his appeal to the Imperial Kloncilium instead of the Grand Tribunal of the Realm where the trial is held."

(e) In unorganized States: "In states where Realm organization has not been instituted, the appeal shall be taken to the Imperial Kloncilium and a transcript of appeal filed with the Imperial Kligrapp in like manner as is provided in appeals to the Grand Tribunal of a Realm." (*Sect. 26*). "Until Realm organization is instituted all appeals from judgments of the Tribunal of the individual Klans in such states shall be reviewed by the Imperial Kloncilium whose judgments thereon shall be final." (*Sect. 30*)

IX. The Grand Tribunal:

1. *Appointment:* "In organized Realms the Grand Dragons shall annually select a Grand Tribunal composed of 12 Hydras or Giants, provided that for the first two years after a Realm is instituted the tribunal may be composed of Hydras, Furies, Exalted Cyclops and Klaliffs."

2. *Meetings:* "The Grand Tribunal shall meet at the annual meeting of the Klorero and at such other times as the Grand Dragon thereof may direct."

3. *Officers:* "The Grand Dragon shall designate one of the said Grand Tribunal as Triton and he shall select his Scribe therefor from the membership of the Grand Tribunal."

4. *Votes required for judgment:* "The decision of nine or more members of the said Grand Tribunal shall render judgment.

X. Appeals Apply Only To Major Offenses:

"The procedure shall in all cases refer and apply to major offenses against the Order and shall in no sense alter or affect Sections 3 and 4 of Article 20 of the Constitution and Laws."

XI. Banishment To Be Published By The Grand Dragon:

"Where banishment has been imposed, the Grand Dragon or the Imperial Kligrapp, as the case may be, shall so notify all Klans within the Realm where the case originated."

sented against the Exalted Cyclops of a Klan, he shall immediately vacate his office and he shall remain out of office until the case against him is finally adjudicated."

(b) The Klaliff assumes his office: "In such event the Klaliff shall immediately assume the office, duties and responsibilities of the Exalted Cyclops and shall appoint a Klaliff. The Klaliff in all respects shall be the Exalted Cyclops in fact and the one appointed by him to the office of Klaliff shall be Klaliff in fact until the case against the Exalted Cyclops is finally adjudicated."

(c) If the Exalted Cyclops is found guilty: "In event the Exalted Cyclops so accused shall have been found guilty and duly penalized, the acting Exalted Cyclops and Klaliff shall remain in their respective offices until the end of the term, or until he shall have been reinstated."

2. *A Terror:* "In the event charges are preferred against a Terror of a Klan he shall vacate his office immediately and shall remain out of office until the case against him has been finally adjudicated. Immediately upon his vacating office, the Exalted Cyclops shall appoint a substitute thereto and this substitute shall act in this office until the case against the Terror in question has been finally adjudicated. In the event the Terror in question is convicted and penalized, the substitute in his former office shall become Terror in fact of that office unless or until the said Terror shall have been reinstated."

3. *In case of acquittal:* "In the event the Exalted Cyclops or any Terror of the Klan is accused and tried and acquitted, such Exalted Cyclops or Terror shall immediately resume his former office and proceed with the affairs of his office as before."

VIII. The Sitting Of The Tribunal:

1. *Selection of Triton and Scribe:* "Such Tribunal shall select one of their number as Triton, who shall preside, and one as Scribe, and the duty of the Scribe shall be to make a record of the proceedings, write the testimony of witnesses, or cause same to be done by a competent Klansman stenographer."

2. *Authority and Power:* "Said Tribunal shall have authority and power to issue a summons directed to any Klansman, commanding him to appear and give testimony for or against the accused, and hear the charges and evidence and to render judgement in conformity with the laws of this Order and the evidence adduced."

3. *Method of taking testimony:* "The Tribunal and the accused may take testimony touching the issues involved, except where Klan secrets and secret information of the Klan are involved, by interrogatories and cross interrogatories, first giving either party timely notice thereof, and such evidence when so taken may be received as evidence in the case and may be used by either party."

4. "*On date set for trial:*"

(a) Presence of the accused required: "The accused shall be required to be present in person or by counsel (who shall be a Klansman in good standing), Providence alone preventing."

(b) In event of his refusal to appear: "And in event of his failure or refusal to be present or represented by counsel, the said Tirbunal shall select a member in good standing in that Klan as counsel for the defense and proceed with the case and hear proof touching his guilt or innocence, and render its decision in accordance with the laws of this Order and the evidence adduced at such trial."

(c) Service and notice on accused: "And said Tribunal in rendering its decision shall find whether or not service of the charges has been made upon the accused and notice of time and place of the hearing has been given to the defendant. Service of the time and place of the trial shall be made upon him in person or by registered letter, and a return card from the postoffice showing delivery thereof to such Klansman, coupled with an affidavit from the Night Hawk of such Klan to the effect that a copy of the charges or indictment and a notice to the accused Klansman, specifying the time and place of trial, was placed in a letter in an envelope with proper postage and directed to such Klansman at his last known address, shall constitute service and notice on such Klansman."

5. *Only pertinent evidence is to be admitted:* "No evidence shall be offered at such trial except such as may be pertinent to the charges presented."

6. *Those who are permitted to attend a trial:* "At a trial held under this article only the following may be present:"

(a) "The Tribunal in full regalia of the Order."
(b) "The prosecutor appointed by the Klokann."
(c) "The defendant and his representative or representatives."
(d) "Witnesses who are Klansmen."
(e) "The Great Titan or his representative."
(f) "The Grand Dragon or his representative."
(g) "The Imperial Wizard or his representative."

4. *Refusal or failure to obey:* "Refusal or failure to obey the mandates, rules, edicts and orders of the Exalted Cyclops or the Klan."

5. *Refusal or failure to respond:* "Refusal or failure on the part of any Klansman, upon demand of the Exalted Cyclops, to respond to any summons issued by him, unless he has a providential excuse."

6. *Refusal or failure to surrender credentials:* "Or refusal or failure to surrender his credentials when called for by the Exalted Cyclops."

IV. Penalties:

1. *For major offenses:* "All offenses enumerated above under the head of major offenses shall be tried and penalties assessed by the Tribunal hereinafter provided for."

2. *For minor offenses:* "All offenses enumerated as minor offenses shall be heard and determined and penalties assessed by the Exalted Cyclops of the Klan."

3. *Four classes of penalties:* "Penalties shall be of four classes, as follows:

(a) "Reprimand."

(b) "Suspension."

(c) "Banishment."

(d) "Extreme Penalty—banishment forever, and there shall be added thereto complete ostracism in any and all things by each and every member of this Order."

4. *Failure to respect penalty imposed on another:* "A member who fails to respect the penalty imposed on another member shall receive the same penalty as if he himself were guilty of that offense." (*Sect. 5*).

V. Charges Involving Major Offense:

1. *Shall be in writing:* "All charges against a Klansman, involving a major offense under the Constitution and Laws of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, shall be in writing, specifying the acts complained of."

2. *And submitted to the Klokann:* "Which shall be submitted to the Klokann of the Klan of which the accused is a member, or in whose jurisdiction the offense was committed."

(a) The charges must be investigated by the Klokann: "Upon the filing of such charges, the Klokann shall consider and investigate the same and take action thereon within thirty days from the time such charges are filed."

(b) The Klokann will determine whether a trial is necessary: "The Klokann shall determine the sufficiency of the charges presented and the advisability of a trial as herein provided, and their action on such charges shall be final."

(c) In the event of disagreement: "If the judgement of the Klokann is not unanimous, then the decision of a majority of the Klokann, when approved by the Exalted Cyclops, shall be final."

(d) Suspension of the accused: "Upon the filing of such charges the Klokann shall have the right in its discretion, through the Exalted Cyclops, to suspend the accused during the period of investigation or until his acquittal (if trial is ordered)."

(e) If Klokann decides the charges constitute a minor offense: "If, in the opinion of the Klokann, the charges presented constitute a minor offense, as herein defined, the same shall be referred to the Exalted Cyclops for such action as he may deem proper."

(f) When a trial is ordered: "If the Klokann shall order a trial of the accused, the charges and specifications shall be published in regular klonklave by the Klaliff."

VI. Preparation For Trial:

1. *The date of trial must be set:* "The Exalted Cyclops shall in such event set the date of the trial, which shall be not more than thirty days after report of the Klokann."

2. *The accused must be served with a copy of the charges:* "And (he) shall serve the accused with a copy of the indictment or charges not less than ten days before the date of the trial."

3. *Selection of the Tribunal (Sect. 11-a.):* "The accused shall be tried before a Tribunal selected as follows: The Exalted Cyclops, Klaliff, Klokard, and Kludd, shall each select from the membership in good standing six Klansmen whose names shall be placed in some suitable receptacle and from this receptacle the Kladd, wearing the hoodwink, shall draw eight names, and the remaining sixteen Klansmen shall constitute the Tribunal whose attendance at the trial is compulsory. In the event any one or more of the sixteen Klansmen thus selected shall fail to appear, that number which do appear may select from the Klan body sufficient Klansmen to fill their places."

VII. When Charges Are Preferred Against The Exalted Cyclops Or Terrors:

1. *Exalted Cyclops:*

(a) He shall vacate his office: "In the event of charges being pre-

TO IMPRESS THE MAIN POINTS.

1. The duties of the Exalted Cyclops.
2. His responsibility.
3. The importance of the Klaliff's office.
4. How may the Klokard best function in disseminating Klankraft?
5. How may the Kludd plan for the spiritual welfare of the Klan?
6. The necessity for efficiency in the Kligrapp's office.
7. Discuss the duties of the other officers.
8. Discuss the forfeiture of office.
9. Discuss the wisdom of removing inefficient officers.
10. Does not the efficiency of the Klan depend upon the efficiency of its officers?

XIV.

OFFENSES AND PENALTIES

(Article XX, The Constitution)

In this chapter we are to consider what may be called the Penal section of the Code. This Article defines offenses and prescribes the method of imposing punishment for offenses committed against this Order.

I. Two Classes Of Offenses:

"Offenses against this Order shall be divided into two classes—major and minor offenses."

II. Major Offenses:

"Major offenses shall consist of:—

1. "Treason against the United States of America."

This offense is absolutely defined in Article III, Section 3, of the Constitution of the United States; "Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort."

2. "Violating the oath of allegiance to this Order or any supplementary oath of obligation thereof."

3. "Disrespect of virtuous womanhood."

4. "Violation of the Constitution or Laws of this Order."

(a) By conspiracy: "Conspiring against the interests and prosperity of this Order or any Klansman in any way or being a party thereto, or being a party to any move, conspiracy or organization whose

existence is antagonistic or injurious to or is an imitation of this Order; whose name, style or title is a colorable imitation of this Order."

(b) Relinquishment or forfeiture of citizenship: By "Swearing allegiance to or otherwise becoming a citizen or subject of any nation, government or institution of any nature or classification whatsoever, or any ruler or potentate, prince or person of any court whatever that is foreign to or inimical to the government of the United States of America and its established institutions."

(c) Support of any foreign power against the United States of America: "Or aiding or abetting such a government, nation, institution, ruler, potentate, prince or person, against the interests, well-being or dignity of the United States of America or the distinctive institutions of its government."

(d) Violating the by-laws of a Klan of this Order.

(e) Habitual drunkenness: "Excessive drunkenness; drunkenness or the drinking of intoxicating liquor during a klonklave or on the premises thereof, or entering a klonklave in an intoxicated condition."

(f) Habitual profanity or vulgarity: "The habitual use of profane language or vulgarity during a klonklave or during an assembly of Klansmen just prior thereto."

5. *Unworthy Racial or Klan Conduct:*

"Being responsible for the polluting of Caucasian blood through miscegenation, or the commission of any act unworthy of a Klansman."

White men must not mix their blood with that of colored or other inferior races.

6. *The repeated commission of a minor offense:* "The repeated commission of a minor offense shall in itself constitute a major offense."

III. Minor Offenses:

1. *Drunkenness:* "Minor offenses shall consist of drunkenness, drinking of intoxicating liquor during a klonklave or on the premises thereof, (or) entering a klonklave in an intoxicated condition."

2. *Profanity or Vulgarity:* "Use of profane language or vulgarity during a klonklave or in an assembly of Klansmen just prior thereto."

3. *Actions inimical to interests of the Order:* "Or committing any other act which might operate against the best interest of the Klan or (of) Klansmen."

3. *His watch extends to the outside premises:* "He shall observe from time to time the outside premises of the Klavern to see that no eavesdroppers or other persons are around who are liable to obtain information or knowledge concerning the acts or procedure of the Klan."

4. *He must remain at post of duty, except . . . . . :* "He shall in no case leave his post of duty unless summoned therefrom by the Exalted Cyclops, and even then, a substitute must be placed in his stead to watch until his return."

5. *Other duties:* "He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops, the Kloran and the by-laws of his Klan."

X. Night Hawk:

1. *His position:* "The Night Hawk is the special courier of the Exalted Cyclops."

2. *He is in charge of candidates:* "He shall have charge of and shall entertain the candidate or candidates in the outer den of the Klavern until he is signalled to enter the Klavern at the beginning of the ceremony of naturalization."

3. *The Fiery Cross Bearer:* "He shall carry the Fiery Cross in the ceremony and in all public exhibitions where same is used."

4. *Other duties:* "And (he) shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops, the Kloran and the by-laws of his Klan."

XI. Klokann:

1. *Position:* "The Klokann is the Board of Auditors, Advisors, and Trustees, and the investigating committee of the Klan."

2. *Number:* "It shall be composed of three members, each of whom shall bear the title of 'Klokan.' "

3. *Duty as Auditors:* "It shall be their duty to audit the books and records of the Kligrapp and the Klabee in the month of June of each year, and oftener if so required by the Klan in writing."

4. *Duty as Trustees:* "They shall see that all paraphernalia, regalia, and other property of the Klan and of this Order is properly kept."

5. *Other duties:* "And (they) shall perform such other duties as may be required of them by the Exalted Cyclops and the by-laws of their Klan."

6. *May select assistants:* "Said Klokann may select such assistants as in their judgement seems necessary."

XII. Forfeiture Of Office:

1. *By Terrors:*

(a) "An officer of a Klan who allows himself to get in *arrears* for three months,

(b) or who *absents himself* from three consecutive klonklaves without providential excuse,

(c) or who *fails to master his part* of the Kloranic work within sixty days after he is placed in office,

(d) *Shall forfeit* all rights, prerogatives and honors of his office."

2. *The Duty of the Exalted Cyclops in Such Cases:*

"The Exalted Cyclops *must* declare his office vacant and will at once appoint a successor thereto."

3. *By the Exalted Cyclops:*

"If the Exalted Cyclops shall be guilty of negligence as above, the Klan in Klonklave assembled shall demand his resignation and whether tendered by him or not, they shall proceed to elect his successor at the following klonklave if he is not present to apologize to the Klan and to take up his duties of office."

XIII. Removal From Office:

1. *For cause:* "The Grand Dragon or the Great Titan shall have the power to remove any officer of a local Klan for cause."

2. *To be reported to the Grand Tribunal:* "But must immediately report such removal to the Tribunal of the Realm, whose duty it shall be to immediately pass on the correctness of his act."

3. *Results of the Grand Tribunal's review:* "If he is sustained, the Klan shall proceed to elect a successor to the officer removed; if he is not sustained, the officer removed resumes the duties of his office."

4. "This applies in Realms that have perfected Realm Organizations."

5. *In unorganized jurisdictions:* "In all other jurisdictions this power is vested in the Imperial Wizard, who shall report same to the Imperial Kloncilium for review in the same manner as above set forth."

3. "And such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops, the Kloran and the by-laws of his Klan."

4. "He shall be responsible for such musical programs as may be presented."

5. "And for the general spiritual welfare of his Klan."

V. KLIGRAPP:

"The Kligrapp is the secretary and recording officer of the Klan."

1. *Records:* "He shall keep an accurate and complete record of all the proceedings of his Klan assembled, and a correct and systematic record of its membership, and of the date each member was naturalized, etc., as required by the record book for that purpose."

2. *Reports:* "He shall make a report through the proper channels to the proper officers not later than the 10th of the month for the calendar quarter last past on the regular blanks therefor, and with his reports he shall remit to said officer or officers all monies belonging to this Order, such as Imperial Tax, Realm or Province Tax, Klectokon, monies due for supplies and any and all monies due and payable to said officers."

3. *Requisitions:* "He shall witness all requisitions made for any article or paraphernalia, regalia, jewelry, or other property of this Order, to be used by the Klan or a member thereof, and see that the required sum of money is sent therewith."

4. *Notifications:* "He shall notify all members who are in arrears three months, and shall notify the Imperial Office of the arrears of a member for three months."

5. *Seal:* "He shall be the custodian of the seal of the Klan and shall impress it upon all papers and documents requiring same."

6. *Other duties:* "And (he shall) perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops, the Kloran and the by-laws of his Klan."

VI. KLABEE:

"The Klabee is the Treasurer of the Klan."

1. *The custodian of its funds:* "He shall be the custodian of its funds, and shall receive from the Kligrapp all monies due to be turned over to him, giving his receipt for same, and keeping same apart from his personal funds and secure for the sole use of the Klan."

2. *Receipts and disbursements:* "He shall keep an accurate account of all monies received by him and pay same out only on order of the Klan,

signed by the Exalted Cyclops and the Kligrapp, except the monies due by the Klan to the Imperial, Realm, and Province Officers, which monies do not require action of the Klan, and make faithful record of such disbursements."

3. *Reports:* "He shall make a complete and itemized report of his office to the Klan when same is requested by the Exalted Cyclops or the Klan."

4. *Other duties:* "And (he) shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops and the by-laws of his Klan."

VII. KLADD:

1. *His office:* "The Kladd is the conductor of the Klan. He shall conduct candidates for naturalization, (and) collect the countersign and password at the opening of a klonklave."

2. *His responsibility:* "And (he is) the custodian of its paraphernalia and other properties."

3. *His other duties:* "And (he shall) perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops, the Kloran, and the by-laws of his Klan."

VIII. KLAROGO:

1. *His position:* "The Klarogo is the inner guard of the Klan."

2. *He must be diligent:* "He shall keep a diligent watch at the inner door and permit only those to enter the Klavern who are qualified or have the permission of the Exalted Cyclops."

3. *When in doubt:* "If he should be in doubt as to the qualifications of the one seeking admission, he must satisfy himself from the Klaliff or Kligrapp."

4. *Other duties:* "He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops, the Kloran, and the by-laws of the Klan."

IX. KLEXTER:

1. *His position:* "The Klexter is the outer guard of a Klan."

2. *Must guard faithfully:* "He shall keep a diligent and faithful watch at the outer door, and allow no one to pass him from the outside except those who are qualified and have the permission of the Exalted Cyclops."

11. What penalty is imposed upon a Klan for failing to comply with the provisions of its charter?
12. The steps in accepting a charter.
13. The by-laws of a Klan.
14. How may a charter be reopened?
15. The procedure in electing officers.
16. The Law as to a Klan in arrears.
17. Klan dues.
18. The Law with regard to Regalia.
19. Discuss the four things said under the head of "Klan Duties."

XIII.

DUTIES OF KLAN OFFICERS

(Article XIX, The Constitution)

I. The Exalted Cyclops:

"The Exalted Cyclops is the supreme officer of a Klan and its official head."

1. *He is to preside over Klonklaves:* "He shall preside over the klonklaves and govern same with dignity, devotion and impartiality."

2. *Must be faithful in the discharge of duty:* "He shall be faithful in the prompt and efficient discharge of every duty prescribed or implied, incumbent upon him."

Only as he is faithful, can he expect and elicit faithfulness on the part of the Klansmen over whom he presides.

3. *Must be fearless in administration:* "And (he shall be) fearless without respect to individual persons in the administration of the affairs of his office in promoting the welfare of this Order within the bounds of his Klanton."

4. *He is to be a pattern for Klansmen:* "And he shall set a laudable example to all Klansmen, of patriotism, Klannishness, benevolence, love, justice, honor and a devoted loyalty to this order in every respect."

Because of his official position he must lead the way in the practice of all these virtues.

5. *He must enforce the regulations of the Order:* "He shall require a faithful observance on the part of all Klansmen within his Klanton of the Constitution, laws, usages, etc., of this Order, and all Imperial, Realm, or Province decrees, edicts, mandates, rulings and instructions, and seek to make vital and effective the principles, objects and purposes of this Order."

6. *He must be efficient in handling Klonklaves:* "He shall call the Klonklave to order promptly on the hour designated, if there be a quorum present, and see that his Terrors fill their respective offices in an acceptable manner."

7. *He must protect the Charter:* "He shall diligently safeguard the sanctity and dignity of the charter of his Klan and suffer no encroachment thereon, nor any departure therefrom."

8. *He must command efficiency in the Kloranic work:* "He shall require the ritualistic work of the Kloran to be exemplified with the highest degree of perfection possible."

9. *He must be loyal in the performance of all other required duties:* "And he shall do such other things as may be required of him by the Laws of this Order, the Kloran, the by-laws of his Klan, and faithfully execute all orders and special instructions of the Great Titan, Grand Dragon or the Imperial Wizard."

II. Klaliff:

"The Klaliff is the Vice-president of his Klan."

1. "And he shall preside over the Klonklave in the absence of the Exalted Cyclops."

2. "He shall preserve order during the deliberations of a klonklave, and otherwise assist the Exalted Cyclops in klonklave assembled."

3. "And (he shall) perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops, the Kloran and by-laws of his Klan."

III. Klokard:

1. "The Klokard is the *lecturer* or instructor and the Klan censor or critic."

2. "He shall administer the oaths, deliver the Kloranic lectures, instruct in (the) secret work, do those things commonly required of a critic, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops, the Kloran and the by-laws of his Klan."

3. "He shall be responsible for the proper performance of all ritualistic work within his Klan."

4. "And shall disseminate Klankraft throughout his Klanton."

IV. Kludd:

1. "The Kludd is the *Chaplain* of the Klan."

2. "He shall perform the duties peculiar to his sacred office."

b. "And (he) shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Imperial Wizard."

6. *The Imperial Kligrapp.*

a. He "Is the Supreme Secretary and recording officer of this Order."

b. "He shall be in charge of secretarial work and shall be the custodian of the Imperial records and the Imperial Seal."

c. "He shall receive and receipt for all funds coming from any source whatsoever."

d. "He shall transmit all funds in his possession to the Imperial Klabee (Supreme Treasurer) at the close of each day, taking his receipt therefor."

e. "He shall be the secretary of the Imperial Klonvokation, and shall act as the secretary of the Imperial Kloncilium, and shall have general supervision of all clerical work and workings."

f. "He shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements."

g. "He shall sign all papers, vouchers and other documents requiring his signature or attestation."

h. "He shall prepare and submit a report of the workings of his office to each session of the Imperial Klonvokation."

i. "He shall furnish the Imperial Klonvokation when requested with such information as they desire with reference to his office."

j. "He shall give bond for the faithful and honest performance of the duties of his office in some reliable bonding or surety company in the sum of $25,000.00, the said bond to be approved by the Imperial Kloncilium. He shall not assume the duties of his office until all these requirements are complied with."

7. *The Imperial Klabee* (Supreme Treasurer).

a. "He is the Supreme Treasurer of this Order and is, therefore, the custodian of its funds."

b. "It shall be his duty to demand of the Imperial Kligrapp at the close of each day all funds received by the Imperial Kligrapp and he shall receipt the Imperial Kligrapp therefor, and make a deposit of funds once each day in some bank or banks, designated by the Imperial Kloncilium."

he is requested to do so by twenty-five per cent of the membership in good standing, and ten per cent in cases where the membership in good standing is greater than one thousand; provided, however, in no event under the provisions of this section shall the number required be less than one hundred in Klans having a membership in good standing greater than four hundred. If this meeting is called upon petition in accordance with the provisions of this section, forty per cent of the membership in good standing at the time of such call shall constitute a quorum."

XIII. Cessation Of A Klan:

"In the event the charter of a Klan has been revoked or canceled for any cause whatsoever, and in the event of disbandment of a Klan, whether it be a chartered or provisional Klan, all monies of that Klan in possession of any officer or member thereof shall automatically become the actual monies of the Imperial Treasury of this Order and same must be freely and promptly turned over, on demand, to the properly accredited officer who is authorized by the Imperial Wizard to receive same in the name of this Order; also all books, papers, manuscripts, Klorans, records, seals, Klan paraphernalia, regalia, robes, helmets, and any and all other things used by the Klan, and all articles or things appertaining to this Order as may have been used by or are in the possession of any individual member thereof."

TO IMPRESS THE MAIN POINTS.

Since it is important that Klansmen understand what the Constitution has to say about local Klans, both questions and topics for discussion will be suggested somewhat in detail.

1. The institution of Provisional Klans.

2. Who is in charge of the organization of a Provisional Klan?

3. Has any group of individuals in that Klanton the right to interfere with the Kleagle-in-charge?

4. How are applicants to be challenged?

5. Investigations by the Klokann.

6. Duty of Klansman presenting name of applicant.

7. Describe the process in chartering a Klan.

8. What assurances are given by a Klan in petitioning for a charter?

9. What authority is conferred upon a Klan by its charter?

10. What does the charter require of Klansmen?

4. *Unorganized States:*

The Representative for each unorganized State "Shall have the same voting power as in Realms."

V. Officers Of The Klonvokation:

"The active officers of the Imperial Klonvokation in convention assembled shall be:

1. *A President:* "The Imperial Klaliff shall be its President."

2. *A Secretary:* "The Imperial Kligrapp shall be its secretary and recording officer."

3. "Other Imperial Officers may act as chairmen of committees, or constitute Committees."

VI. Visitors:

"Courtesy cards may be issued entitling the holders of same to a seat outside the boundaries of the regular Klepeers' seats, the holders of the courtesy privilege, however, having no voting privilege and must be members in good standing in the Imperial, Realm, and Province funds."

VII. When Legislation Becomes Effective:

"All acts of the Klonvokation shall become effective within one hour after their passage unless vetoed by the Imperial Wizard within that time, in which event the Klonvokation may pass the act over the veto of the Imperial Wizard by three-fourths (¾) vote of the said Klonvokation."

TO IMPRESS THE MAIN POINTS.

1. The Imperial Klonvokation as the Supreme Legislative body of this Order.
2. The time of meeting.
3. The composition of the body.
4. Voting powers.
5. Officers.
6. When acts become effective.

THE IMPERIAL KLONCILIUM

(Articles VII, VIII, IX, The Constitution)

In order that a comprehensive view of the Responsibilities, duties, and functions of the Imperial Officers may be had, the three Articles indicated above will be reviewed together.

I. Personnel And Duties.

"The Imperial Kloncilium shall be . . . . . composed of all the Imperial Officers named in Article VIII. Sect. 1."

"Hereafter the Imperial Officers of this Order shall be sixteen in number, and their official titles shall be as follows:" *(Art. VIII. Sect. 1)*

1. *The Imperial Wizard* (Supreme Chief Executive).

   The duties of the Imperial Wizard will be discussed in Chapter VIII.

2. *The Imperial Klaliff* (Supreme First Vice-President).

   a. His rank: "He is the second highest officer of this Order."

   b. His duties:

      (1) "He shall be the president of the Imperial Klonvokation."

      (2) "He shall perform such other duties as shall be required of him by the Imperial Wizard."

3. *The Imperial Klazik* (Supreme Second Vice-President).

   a. His position: "He shall be the executive head of the department of Realms."

   b. His duties: "And (he) shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Imperial Wizard."

4. *The Imperial Klokard* (Supreme Lecturer).

   "The duties of the Imperial Klokard shall be:

   a. "To disseminate Klankraft."

   b. "And perform such other duties as may be required by the Imperial Wizard."

5. *The Imperial Kludd* (Supreme Chaplain).

   a. He "Is the Chaplain of the Imperial Klonvokation."

This must also be the interpretation in order to conform to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws which relate to the Imperial Kloncilium and to the Klorero of Realms.

2. *Its Original Jurisdiction:* "Therefore (since it is the supreme legislative body) it shall have original jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to creating and amending this Constitution and Laws, the regulation, government and general welfare of this Order."

The above named legislative powers granted by this Constitution are vested in the Imperial Klonvokation, consisting of the officers and delegates as hereinafter named. No other branch of the Government of the Order can infringe or trespass upon these powers or functions which belong solely to the Imperial Klonvokation. Neither can the Imperial Klonvokation delegate its powers and functions to any other body or division of this Order.

Any attempt on the part of a Klorero, or a Klan, or any other subordinate division or body, to amend or change any provision of this Constitution and Laws, to regulate the affairs of the Order, or to interfere in any way with the Government of the Order, would be seditious meddling with matters that belong solely within the jurisdiction of the Imperial Klonvokation.

3. *Its Legislative Powers:* Four things are specified in defining the legislative powers of the Klonvokation: "It shall have power to enact laws:

a. For the regulation of its own procedure,

b. For the government of the Invisible Empire, Realms, Provinces and Klans,

c. And for the general control and management of the business of this Order,

d. And to provide penalties for the violation thereof."

4. *Its Prescriptive Powers.* "It shall have the power to prescribe the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of the Realms, Provinces and Klans, and of all officers and members of this Order, and finally to determine the same."

These directions will be found under their proper heads.

II. Time Of Meeting:

"The Imperial Klonvokation shall meet biennially in the month of September on day and at place to be fixed by the Imperial Wizard."

III. Its Composition:

The Constitution provides that the "Imperial Klonvokation shall be composed of:

1. "All Imperial officers."

2. "The Grand Dragons and an elected delegate (Klepeer) from each organized Realm."

3. "The Great Titan and an elected delegate (Klepeer) from each Province."

4. *Exalted Cyclops:* "From Klans that are in good standing by reason of having paid all Imperial, Realm, and Province Taxes."

A Klan that is not in good standing cannot be represented at the meeting of the Imperial Klonvokation.

5. *A Representative from each unorganized State:*

"States (that are) not organized into Realms shall be entitled to one Representative for each State who shall be elected by the Chartered Klans thereof."

IV. Voting Powers Of Delegates:

1. *Exalted Cyclops:*

a. "Shall be entitled to one vote each therein."

b. "Which cannot be delegated."

c. "And which shall be deducted from the total vote of their Realm."

2. *Realms:*

"Each organized Realm (State) represented in the Klonvokation shall be entitled to one vote for each One Hundred or majority fraction thereof of Klansmen in good standing in that Realm at the end of the calendar quarter next preceding the meeting of the Imperial Klonvokation as shown by the records of the Imperial Palace."

3. *How Realm vote shall be divided:*

"The total vote of each Realm, after deducting the vote of the Exalted Cyclops present thus determined shall be equally divided among the representatives present at the Klonvokation."

Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. There is no need for any Klansman to become unduly alarmed over the fact that the Order confers this title upon the official whose sole responsibility is the creation and provision of the ritualistic features and devices of the Klan. And it is foolish for any "Alien" to pretend to discover any political significance or other meaning of the title than that which the Order indicates. Klan titles concern nobody but Klansmen, and Klansmen are fully able to define and utilize the terms and titles they adopt.

I. The Emperor's Responsibilities:

He "Shall have entire charge of Kloranic, Ritualistic and Philosophic work of the Order, and he shall be an ex-officio member of all Imperial, Grand, Great, and Klan bodies."

II. His Term Of Office:

"His term of office shall be for life."

III. Election Of A Successor:

"In event of a vacancy in his office, his successor shall be called and installed by the Grand Dragons of the various Realms, in the same manner as set forth in Article IX of this Constitution."

IV. His Duties:

1. *Ceremonial:* "He shall create and cause to be promulgated all countersigns, pass words, ritualistic or kloranic work and secret signs, symbols and work of this Order."

The "Several orders of Klannish achievement and Kloranic advancement shall be communicated, and their Kloranic regulations, requirements and governments shall be established and promulgated by and in the discretion of the Emperor of this Order in the unfoldment of its philosophies and in the revelation of its spiritual mysteries." (*Art. XXI: Sect. 4*)

2. *Emblems:* "He shall design or cause to be designed, all paraphernalia, regalia, uniforms, costumes, emblems, insignia, flag, banners, and jewels for individual wear, honorary and official jewels."

3. *Literature:* "He shall design, or cause to be designed, all . . . . books, pamphlets, and literature of this Order."

V. Powers:

"He shall have the sole power to create all titles and honors within this Order on whomsoever he may elect, and shall issue and sign all certificates or diplomas relative thereto, and cause to be affixed thereon the great Imperial seal of the Order."

VI. Special Note:

"All costumes, designs, symbols or other insignia officially adopted by the Order, whether created by him or not, shall be recognized as official, and shall be received by members of this Order."

TO IMPRESS THE MAIN POINTS.

1. The Emperor's sole responsibilities.
2. His duties.
3. His power.
4. Has he any executive function?

VI.

THE IMPERIAL KLONVOKATION

(*Article VI, The Constitution*)

In April 1923, a suit was filed in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, attacking the duly constituted authority of the Order and challenging the validity of the Constitution and Laws adopted by the First Imperial Klonvokation. The Decree of Court, rendered on May 7th, 1923, sustained the Constitution and established its validity as the supreme Law of the Order. At the same time, the Decree of Court finally settled certain Constitutional questions in dispute by interpreting these in the light of the Charter of the Organization. The Imperial Kloncilium, acting within its Constitutional rights, further clarified certain doubtful points by subsequent interpretative enactments. This and the following articles will be interpreted in the light of the actions referred to above.

I. Its Powers And Functions:

1. *It is the Supreme Legislative Body:* "The Imperial Klonvokation shall be the sole legislative body of this Order."

The framers of this Constitution evidently intended to say, "The Imperial Klonvokation shall be the *supreme* legislative body of this Order." This must be the interpretation of the Constitutional statement, since the Imperial Klonvokation is so defined in the Charter of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, which was granted on the First Day of July, 1916.

avow their belief in "The tenets of the Christian Religion," or the teachings and principles of Jesus Christ.

2. CHRISTIAN. Only those who owe "*No* allegiance of *any nature* or degree whatsoever to *any* foreign . . . . . *sect*, ruler, prince, potentate, people, or *person*," can obtain membership in this Order. This restriction excludes all men who accept, follow, or submit to, any foreign ecclesiastical organization or institution of any kind. America is a CHRISTIAN Country. It was CHRISTIAN in its beginning, has been CHRISTIAN in its history, and is CHRISTIAN in its destiny.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan constitutes a CHRISTIAN Knighthood committed to the task of preserving, perpetuating, disseminating, and establishing the principles of CHRISTIANITY throughout America. Therefore, only true CHRISTIANS can have any place in the ranks of the movement.

V. MENTAL:

Every applicant for membership in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan must be a man of "Sound mind."

VI. CHARACTER:

No application should be accepted from any person who is not of "Good character."

VII. REPUTATION:

Every applicant must be a man "Of commendable reputation."

VIII. VOCATION:

Every applicant must be a man who is engaged in a "Respectable vocation."

IX. RESIDENCE:

Every applicant "Must be a resident within the jurisdiction of the Klan to which he applies, for at least twelve months immediately preceding the date of his application for citizenship, provided however, that special dispensation may be granted by the Grand Dragon of that Realm in organized Realms, or by the Imperial Wizard in unorganized states, to waive this condition."

X. AGE:

Every applicant must "Have attained the age of eighteen years."

XI. HOW MEMBERSHIP IS ATTAINABLE:

1. *By Application.* "Applications for membership in this Order must be on a regular charter petition by charter applicants of a Klan,

and on a regular application blank after a Klan has been chartered. The applicant must state whether he has ever applied for membership in this Order."

2. *The Application Must Be Endorsed.* "And such application made to a chartered Klan must be endorsed by at least two Klansmen, or by a Kleagle, or by the Imperial Wizard of this Order."

3. *Donation.* "The Klecktokon (initiation fee) is given by an applicant and accepted by this Order as a donation to its propagation and general fund and not in the sense of purchasing membership in this Order by the applicant, and this donation must accompany each application for citizenship. The Klecktokon is a sum of money of not less than Ten ($10.00) Dollars, nor more than Twenty-five ($25.00) Dollars."

4. *Original Klansmen.* "All men who served as members of the original Ku Klux Klan or rendered direct service thereto, or who were connected with similar organizations during the Reconstruction period of American history shall be admitted to full fellowship in this Order without payment of Klecktokon or dues, provided, however, they individually qualify for membership under the requirements of Section 1, of this Article."

5. *Qualifications Must Be Known.* "An applicant's qualifications must be known before he is accepted for membership in this Order. Great care must be exercised on the part of a Kleagle or a Klan in ascertaining an applicant's qualifications under Section 1, of this Article."

TO IMPRESS THE MAIN POINTS.

1. Discuss the Racial Qualifications for membership.
2. The importance of restricting membership to the Native-born.
3. Why emphasis should be placed upon Christianity.
4. What should my Klan do to forward the interests of Christianity in this Klanton?
5. Keeping up the standard of membership in my Klan.

V

EMPEROR OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE

(Article V, The Constitution)

As Article V of the Constitution will disclose, the title of Emperor is the official designation of the chief Kloranic Officer of the Invisible

in this Article of the Constitution. So long as this law is in force there can be neither deviation nor modification. Klansmen must guard faithfully the entrance to the Invisible Empire by admitting no applicant to membership which does not possess the following qualifications:

I. RACIAL:

1. *White.* The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is a white Man's organization dedicated to the interests of the White Race. It does exclude from its membership all colored races, and in this particular it is not unlike many other orders and organizations that permit no mingling of races in their membership. However, this Klan requisite means more than just the intention to organize and maintain an institution consisting only of white men. It must be emphasized that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was organized to fulfill a much needed mission in urging upon Americans the duty and necessity of preserving America's precious race heritage. This country was founded by the finest elements of the White Race. This government was established by the same superior types of the white race. They passed it on to posterity to be maintained by white men as a white man's country for the white race. They bequeathed to their descendents the responsibility of preserving the integrity of the race by keeping pure the blood of the white man's race. The Klan's contention is that the white race in America must and shall be preserved pure from all blood-taint and kept supreme in all the affairs of this white man's country.

2. *Gentile.* The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is a Gentile organization to which no man is eligible unless he is a Gentile. This does not mean that it is an anti-semitic movement, even though it does exclude all Semites from its membership. Racially we are distinct and apart from the Jew, and ideally there is very little in common. As a Gentile organization, this movement has as its mission the interpretation of the highest ideals of the white Gentile peoples. Only those peoples who are racially related can appreciate and develop racial ideals in common.

II. MASCULINE:

Every applicant must not only be "white" and a "Gentile," but also a "male."

III. NATIONAL.

1. "*Native-born.*" The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan admits only "Native-born" citizens of the United States of America to its membership. No foreign-born citizen of any kind can ever enter the portals of the Invisible Empire. This requirement is made, not with the

purpose of discriminating against any or of challenging the loyalty of any foreign-born who has taken the oath of allegiance to our American government, but in order to carry out the purpose of forming a Patriotic society composed only of those whose privilege it was to be born under the Stars and Stripes. This is an organized, White, Native-born American movement dedicated to all the high and holy ideals and principles of real American Patriotism. It is within its rights in restricting its membership to those who are born in our homeland. It thus seeks to build a homogeneous and harmonious movement.

It may not be out of place to enunciate this doctrine: Americanism is a heritage, not an acquisition. It is an inheritance of race, traditions, ideals, and institutions, created by successive generations and passed on to be cherished and maintained by their children. These things cannot be taught; they must come to us with the mother's milk, and be nurtured in an American home, and be developed in association with American-minded men in an exclusively American way, and for the benefit and prosperity of all that is truly American in life, in custom, in Government, and in all other activities. The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan recognizes this fact, and for that reason confines its membership to Native-born Americans.

2. *Citizenship.* The Constitution is very explicit: One must be a "Native-born Citizen" and loyal, in that he owes "No allegiance of *any nature* whatsoever to *any* foreign government, nation, institution . . . . . ruler, prince, potentate, people, or *person,*" in order to be eligible to membership in this Order. The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan seeks to develop an appreciation of American citizenship, to create a sense of civic responsibility, and to build a high order of citizenship. There can be no place in its ranks for any but those who can meet its demands for loyal citizenship.

IV. RELIGIOUS:

1. *Christian.* One *must be* a "Believer in the tenets of the Christian Religion" before he is qualified for admission to membership in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. This Order is made up of men who are the heirs of the Christian ideals and civilization bequeathed by their fathers. The movement is committed to the preservation and perpetuation of these ideals and the maintenance of this civilization. It must never be forgotten that America was founded upon the principles enunciated by Jesus Christ. True American principles are His principles. True Americanism demands the propagation of these principles. No one who denies them can ever be a true Klansman. For that reason, membership in the Order is restricted to men who

I. Its Twofold Significance:

1. *Material.* "The phrase 'Invisible Empire' in a material sense denotes the universal geographical jurisdiction of this order and it shall embrace the whole world."

2. *Spiritual.* "The phrase 'Invisible Empire' in a spiritual sense applies to all the secrets and secret knowledge and information, secret work and workings of this order, and to all that has been, to all that now is and to all that is to be, the past, the present and the future, yesterday, today and forever; the dead of yesterday, the living of today and the contemplated of tomorrow, of the life that now is and of that which is to come."

II. Territorial Divisions:

1. *Realm.* "The territorial division of the Invisible Empire into a subordinate jurisdiction shall be known as a 'Realm,' and same shall embrace a State or States or a territorial possession of the United States of America, and shall derive its designation from that state or territory which it embraces, and its number shall be given in order of its formation."

2. *Province.* "A territorial division of a Realm shall be known as a 'Province,' and shall embrace a county or a number of counties of a State. Provinces shall be designated by number."

3. *Klanton.* "A Klan is the unit of this order; it is the local or subordinate body, lodge, or organization, and its territorial jurisdiction shall be known as the Klanton which shall extend in all directions to a distance midway between the location of the Klan and the nearest Klan thereto, except as otherwise designated by the Imperial Wizard or Grand Dragon of a Realm. The boundaries of a Klanton shall be fixed, so far as is possible, on the delivery of the Klan Charter."

III. Conventions:

1. *Imperial Klonvokation.* "The convention of the Invisible Empire shall be known as the Imperial Klonvokation."

This is the supreme legislative body of the order. Its composition, powers and functions will be discussed in its proper connection.

2. *Klorero.* "The convention of a Realm shall be known as the 'Klorero.' "

3. *Klonverse.* "The convention of a Province shall be known as the 'Klonverse.' "

4. *Klonklave.* "A convention or an assembly of a Klan in secret session shall be known as the 'Klonklave.' "

IV. Alien World:

"All things and matters which do not exist within this order or are not authorized by or do not come under its jurisdiction shall be designated as the 'Alien World.' All persons who are not members of this order shall be designated as 'Aliens.' "

The term "Alien" has no political significance. It is simply a ritualistic term used to designate non-Klansmen. College Greek Letter Fraternities apply the term "Barbarians" to those who are not members of their Fraternities, and Masonry uses the term "Profane" to designate non-Masonic persons and things. This is the only significance of the term "Alien" when used by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

TO IMPRESS THE MAIN POINTS.

1. The twofold significance of the term, "Invisible Empire."
2. The territorial sub-divisions of the Invisible Empire.
3. What is the Imperial Klonvokation?
4. What is the Klorero?
5. What is the Klonverse?
6. What is a Klonklave?
7. The use of the term "Alien."

IV.

MEMBERSHIP

(Article IV, The Constitution)

The importance and necessity of recruiting every Klan to its fullest possible strength will be admitted by every Klansman who has visualized the mission of Klankraft. The numerical growth of the order depends upon every Klansman's activity in bringing men into the ranks of the movement. The procuring of new members is the responsibility of every individual Klansman. However, it must be borne in mind that, while wide-spread activity is desired so that the work of mobilization may be done as rapidly as possible, due care must be exercised in the matter of bringing men into the Klan. No man should be solicited, and no name should be presented, unless the proposed candidate should possess all the requisites necessary for membership in this order. These qualifications are clearly and positively stated

stitution of the order clearly commits the movement to a racial program. The official pronouncements of the Imperial Wizard further indicate the racial mission of the Klan. And the movement is dedicated to the task of preserving the blood-purity, the integrity, the traditions, the ideals and the heritages of the white race in America.

VII. Instructive:

"To teach and faithfully inculcate a high spiritual philosophy through an exalted ritualism."

Spirituality is the ultimate aim of Klankraft. It believes in the reality of spiritual values and seeks to project them into the whole sphere of its influence. It emphasizes the reality of spiritual things, and seeks to build up belief in the reality of spiritual life. It endeavors to lay hold upon the spiritual qualities in a man's being and develop these to the very highest. It would cultivate the highest ideals and aspirations. It would develop faith, courage, confidence, sympathy, responsibility for others, self-sacrifice and service. It would make these qualities operative in every aspect of human life and conduct. Its method is instruction, and its medium is the ritual. It recognizes that without the cultivation of the spiritual, a man possesses neither strong character nor a true life.

VIII. Commemorative:

"To create and maintain an institution by which the present and succeeding generations shall commemorate the great sacrifice, chivalric service, and imperishable achievement of the Ku Klux Klan of the Reconstruction period of American History, to the end that justice and honor be done the sacred memory of those who wrought through our mystic society during that period, and that their valiant accomplishments be not lost to posterity; to perpetuate their faithful courage, noble spirit, peerless principles and faultless ideals; to hold sacred and make effective their spiritual purpose in this and future generations; that they may be rightly vindicated before the world by a revelation of the whole truth."

IX. Co-operative:

"To aid and assist in the execution of all constitutional laws, and to preserve the honor and dignity of the state by opposing tyranny, in any and every form or degree, from any and every source whatsoever, by a fearless and faithful administration of justice through due process of law; and to meet promptly and properly every behest of duty, without fear and without reproach."

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is committed to the program of law-observance and law-enforcement, and is pledged to "help, aid and assist the duly constituted officers of the Law in the proper performance of their legal duties."

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is sworn to the chivalric task of suppressing all menaces to the integrity of America and the rights, liberties, and privileges of the American people.

At all times there will be sympathetic, full-hearted co-operation with the institutions and officials of the government.

TO IMPRESS THE MAIN POINTS.

1. Name the nine fundamental purposes of the order.
2. Why should every Klan be recruited to its full strength?
3. Discuss ways and means of reaching eligibles in your community.
4. Discuss the need of a revival of patriotism.
5. How can "Klannishness" be promoted in your community?
6. The value of the American home.
7. The necessity of safeguarding American womanhood.
8. The patriotic duty of maintaining white supremacy in America.
9. The necessity for the development of spiritual values.
10. The Ku Klux Klan and law enforcement.

III.

THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE

(Article III, The Constitution)

"The Invisible Empire is founded on sterling character, and immutable principles based upon sacred sentiment and cemented by noble purposes. It is promoted by a sincere, unselfish devotion of the souls of men, and is governed by their consecrated intelligence. It is the soul of chivalry, virtue's impenetrable shield; and the devout impulses of an unconquered race."—*Imperial Proclamation.*

Character, principle, sentiment, purpose, devotion, unselfishness, sincerity, intelligence, chivalry, virtue, and racial integrity, are the essential characteristics of the Invisible Empire.

more prosperous America. The patriotic activities of the movement are to be directed to the attainment of these purposes.

III. Fraternal:

As defined by the Constitution, this means "to practice an honorable clannishness toward one another."

The Kloranic word is: "To practice clannishness toward his fellow-Klansmen." Or, as it is expressed in the Word of God: "Love the brotherhood; Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

The movement is designed to create a real brotherhood among men who are akin in race, belief, spirit, character, interest, and purpose. The teachings of the order indicate very clearly the attitude and conduct that make for real expression of brotherhood, or, "the practice of Klannishness." (These teachings will be more fully discussed in a subsequent work.)

IV. Beneficent:

This purpose is expressed in the words: "To exemplify a practical benevolence;" and "To relieve the injured and the oppressed; to succor the suffering and unfortunate, especially widows and orphans."

The supreme Pattern for all true Klansmen is their Criterion of Character, Jesus Christ, "who went about doing good." The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in making effective its beneficent purpose, will emphasize the need of helpful service to the needy, the weak, the afflicted and the oppressed. The movement accepts the full Christian program of unselfish helpfulness, and will seek to carry it on in the manner commanded by the one Master of Men, Christ Jesus.

V. Protective:

1. *The Home.* "*To shield the sanctity of the home.*" The American home is fundamental to all that is best in life, in society, in church, and in the nation. It is the most sacred of human institutions. Its sanctity is to be preserved, its interests are to be safeguarded, and its well-being is to be promoted. Every influence that seeks to disrupt the home must itself be destroyed. Whatever person or thing that threatens the home is also inimical to society, to church, and to state. The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan would protect the home by promoting whatever would make for its stability, its betterment, its safety, and its inviolability.

2. *Womanhood.* The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan declares that it is committed to "the sacred duty of protecting womanhood;" and an-

nounces that one of its purposes is "to shield . . . . . the chastity of womanhood."

The degradation of woman is a violation of the sacredness of human personality, a sin against the race, a crime against society, a menace to our country, and a prostitution of all that is best, and noblest, and highest in life. No race, or society, or country, can rise higher than its womanhood.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is the chivalrous response of red-blooded, true-hearted American manhood to the cry of American womanhood that she be protected in her rights, her liberties, and in her person. The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan demands reverence for American womanhood, and insists that her person shall be respected as sacred, that her chastity be kept inviolate, and that she not be deprived of her right to the glory of an unstained body.

3. *The Helpless.* "To protect the weak, the innocent, and the defenseless from the indignities, wrongs and outrages of the lawless, the violent and the brutal."

Children, the disabled, and other helpless ones are to know the protective, sheltering arms of the Klan.

4. *American Interests.* "To protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, and all laws passed in conformity thereto, and to protect the States and the people thereof from all invasion of their right from any source whatsoever."

"By a practical devotion to conserve, protect and maintain the distinctive institutions, rights, privileges, principles, traditions and ideals of pure Americanism."

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is solemnly committed to the defense and perpetuation of every American interest and institution, to the support of the American Government, to the preservation of all the rights, liberties, and privileges of the American people, and to the upholding of all legal enactments that are in keeping with the spirit and teaching of the Constitution, as laws for the guidance and governance of all true citizens of this country.

VI. Racial:

"To maintain forever white supremacy." Or as the Declaration proclaims it, "To maintain forever the God-given supremacy of the white race."

Every Klansman has unqualifiedly affirmed that he will "faithfully strive for the eternal maintenance of white supremacy." The Con-

4. What is its form of government?

5. Why is this form of government necessary?

6. In whom is the supreme authority of the Order vested?

7. By whom is this authority to be recognized?

8. Discuss the necessity for "Team-work."

9. What shall be done with the man who will not "Play the game according to rule?"

II.

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

(Article II, The Constitution)

Klansmen *must* know the objects and purposes of *this* order, if their energies in connection with the movement are to be conserved, and if their activities are to produce the desired results. This analysis of the purposes of the movement must necessarily be confined to the content of the Article upon which the discussion is based. These purposes are fundamental and should enlist the interest, and enthusiasm, and responsive activity of every true-hearted Klansman.

I. Mobilization:

1. *This is its primary purpose:* "To unite white male persons, native-born, Gentile citizens of the United States of America, who owe no allegiance of any nature or degree to any foreign government, nation, institution, sect, ruler, person, or people; whose morals are good; whose reputations and vocations are respectable; whose habits are exemplary; who are of sound minds and eighteen years or more of age, under a common oath into a brotherhood of strict regulations."

2. *To be carried on to the limit of the possibilities:* The order has yet a huge task before it in mobilizing the large number of eligibles who are yet to be reached and brought into the ranks of the movement. Here is set forth the first great task for every unit, or Klan, in the nation. The work has just begun. The number of eligibles is larger than is the number of Klansmen. These eligibles must be won and recruited in order that the movement may do effectively the work it is organized to do. This primary task should engage the activity of every Klansman. When Klansmen pledged themselves to "faithfully foster every interest" of the movement, they promised to promote its growth in every possible way. Thus every Klansman is bound by his own solemn oath to contribute every possible effort toward the upbuilding of the order, and the extension of its influence throughout the land.

3. *Due care is to be exercised in securing and admitting members:* Every Klansman is to guard faithfully the entrance to the Invisible Empire. This means that he is to be careful as to those persons whom he recommends for membership in the order. All men are not eligible for citizenship in the Invisible Empire. Men of doubtful character, or whose reputations are known to be bad, or whose loyalty to our country is questionable, or whose minds are unsound, are never to be recommended for, or admitted to, membership in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Men of these types are not capable of keeping their oaths.

II. Cultural:

As stated by the Constitution, the cultural purpose of the movement is "to cultivate and promote patriotism toward our civil government."

No man is admitted to membership in this order who cannot emphatically affirm that he esteems "the United States of America and its institutions above every and any other government, civil, political, or ecclesiastical, in the whole world."

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is a movement devoting itself to the needed task of developing a genuine spirit of American patriotism:

1. *Within its own ranks:* Patriotism, or love for country and devotion to all of her interests and institutions, must be given a larger, truer, and more vital meaning. It must not remain a mere sentiment to be aroused in great crises, but must be developed into an active, intelligent principle, operative at all times, and in all places, and under all conditions. Patriotism with a Klansman must be enkindled into a fervid passion that will inspire him to serve his country in every possible way. He must acquire the spirit of devotion to his government so that he will zealously support its authority and further its interests. The true Klansman can have but one allegiance, and that allegiance is to the government of the United States above every other and any other kind of government in the whole world.

2. *Throughout the nation:* In line with its patriotic purpose, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is fully committed to definite patriotic activities in and for America. Klansmen are to be examples of pure patriotism. They are to organize the patriotic sentiment of native-born white, CHRISTIAN Americans for the defense of distinctively American institutions. Klansmen are dedicated to the principle that America shall be made American through the promulgation of American doctrines, the dissemination of American ideals, the creation of wholesome American sentiment, the preservation of American institutions, and through all of those means that will make for a purer, nobler, and

Ku Klux Klan; they were devoted to many of the same purposes, and were formed to accomplish many of the same ends. But they were either weakened or destroyed before they became effective in method and operation. Many of the societies that still survive have become mere "Orders," and their local bodies are "Lodges" only. They meet, and "ritualize," and make "remarks for the good of the Order," and collect dues, and go through the other routine common to "Lodges," but they do not function vitally in achieving the objects to which they are committed. The only possible explanation of these conditions is, that, while these societies were formed with many excellent features, they lacked the one feature essential to continued life and success. Without this feature of the military form of government which is designed to provide efficient leadership, effective discipline, intelligent co-operation, active functioning, uniform methods, and unified operation, quickly responsive to the call to put over the immediate task at hand, even the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan would degenerate into a mere passive, inefficient, social Order. The military form of government must and will be preserved for the sake of true, patriotic Americanism, because it is the only form of government that gives any guarantee of success. Both experience and history demonstrate the fallacy and futility of a so-called democratic form of government for any such movement as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. We must avoid the fate of the other organizations that have split on the rock of democracy.

3. *Its applicability.* The Constitution states that this principle of government is applicable "Especially in its executive management and control."

4. *It is unchangeable.* This principle of military government is permanently established in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and cannot be changed, for "No legislative enactment or constitutional amendment hereafter shall encroach upon, affect or change this fundamental principle of the Invisible Empire."

V. Its Authority:

1. Is "Vested primarily in the Imperial Wizard."

(a) *Who is in supreme command?* The organization of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan provides, and its principle of government demands that there shall always be ONE individual, senior in rank to all other Klansmen of whatever rank, on whom shall rest the responsibility of command, and whose leadership will be recognized and accepted by all other loyal Klansmen.

(b) *Limitations of his authority.* The Imperial Wizard is limited in the exercise of his supreme authority "Within the restrictions of

this Constitution, and as otherwise provided." In other words, the Imperial Wizard, as well as all other loyal Klansmen, must at all times be governed by the laws of the Order and other legally imposed restrictions in the exercise of his authority and in the performance of his duties.

(c) *To be recognized by all Klansmen.* The Constitution is very explicit: "And whose decisions, decrees, edicts, mandates, rulings, and instructions shall be of full authority and unquestionably recognized and respected by each and every citizen of the Invisible Empire." Klansmen are urged to recall their Oath of Allegiance, in which they solemnly and unconditionally pledged themselves, "Without mental reservation," to recognize and yield loyal response to this authority.

The whole movement, fraught with its tremendous responsibilities and rich in its magnificent possibilities, makes stirring appeal to red-blooded American manhood. Every Klansman is an important, necessary and vital factor in the movement. It is true that during its formative period the movement was afflicted with selfish would-be leaders, and with chronic pessimists and kickers, grumblers and misfits, who failed "To play the game according to rule." But these unwholesome elements have fallen by the wayside as the Klan has moved steadily forward. And the great host of earnest, loyal, determined Klansmen, whose ranks are being steadily increased by other men as zealous as themselves, are eager to do their part of the great work to be accomplished by the Klan. It is necessary that these faithful Klansmen realize the necessity for whole-hearted co-operation, or "Team-work." In this crusade there are few occasions for "Individual plays." Success is possible only through the most unselfish "Playing for the team." Every unit must work together with every other unit, and all units must work loyally for the common good of the whole organization. The requisites for such effective "Team-work" are an intelligent understanding of the mechanism of the Order, acceptance of its form of government, recognition of its authority, individual adjustment to the whole, and zealous endeavor to do one's own part in sympathetic and full-hearted co-operation with the activities of the whole movement. One cannot do otherwise and remain a good Klansman.

TO IMPRESS THE MAIN POINTS.

1. What is the name of the Order?
2. Name its four divisions.
3. Name its six characteristic features.

military plan has proved itself to be the most efficient system for mobilizing and utilizing the men who can qualify for membership in an Order of this character. Every Klansman hypothetically accepts the military, as well as the other features of this Order. Appreciative knowledge of the necessity of this military aspect of the movement should win every Klansman's wholehearted acceptance and support.

3. *Benevolent.* This means that the movement is also committed to a program of sacrificial service for the benefit of others. The Klan motto (Not for self but for others) must be translated into real, active, unselfish helpfulness. As a benevolent institution, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan must give itself to the task of relieving and helping the suffering and distressed, the unfortunate and oppressed.

4. *Ritualistic.* In common with other Orders, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan confers ritualistic degrees and obligations, and commits its grips, signs, words, and other secret work to those persons who so meet its requirements as to find membership in the Order. The ritualistic devices become the ceremonial ties that bind Klansmen to one another.

5. *Social.* The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan endeavors to unite in companionable relationship and congenial association those men who possess the essential qualifications for membership. It is so designed that kinship of race, belief, spirit, character, and purpose, will engender a real, vital, and enduring fellowship among Klansmen.

6. *Fraternal.* The Order is designed to be a real brotherhood. This intention is declared in the fourth paragraph of the "Kreed," which reads as follows:

"We appreciate the value of practical, fraternal relationship among men of kindred thought, purpose and ideals, and the infinite benefits accruing therefrom; we shall faithfully devote ourselves to the practice of an honorable clannishness that the life of each may be a constant blessing to others."

Klansmen have committed themselves to the practice of "Klannishness toward fellow-klansmen." By this commitment they have agreed to treat one another as brothers. Fraternal love has become the bond of union. And this requires the development of such a spirit of active good-will as will impel every Klansman to seek to promote the well-being of his fellow-klansmen "Socially, physically, morally, and vocationally."

IV. Its Government:

The Constitution provides for and establishes that form of government that will best further the interests of the movement and develop

to the highest possible efficiency all of its component elements. Experience has vividly shown that the Order's ability to survive the attacks of its enemies, the faithless defection of its insurgents, as well as its continued growth, prosperity, and vitality, can be attributed in no small degree to its cohesive and efficient system of government.

1. *This form of government is military in character.* This system is not new. Other militant movements that are working most efficiently in the carrying out of their purposes are organized along similar lines. It will suffice to compare the Klan's form of government to the government of an army. Our own American army furnishes in part an analogy. As the United States Army is duly organized with its various officers and troops, so is the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan welded together as an organized force for the fulfillment of its patriotic mission. It has its officers of various ranks, as well as its mighty force of Klansmen throughout the nation.

The Commander-in-Chief is the Imperial Wizard.

The Divisional Commanders are the Grand Dragons.

The Brigade Commanders are the Great Titans.

The Regimental Commanders are the Exalted Cyclops.

All of these Commanders have their respective staffs and other subordinate officers and aides.

And serving together with these officers is the vast host of Klansmen who have dedicated themselves to the sacred purposes of the movement.

2. *This form of government is necessary.* (a) For efficient administration: The affairs of a thoroughly mobilized, well-articulated, properly ordered organization can be more efficiently administered than can the affairs of a loosely-joined, irresponsible movement.

(b) For effectiveness in method and operation:

Such a government makes it possible for the whole movement to respond as one unit instantly and effectively to the call of the chief. Every Klansman has voluntarily identified himself and has agreed to serve with his particular ability. He is thus united with all the other Klansmen in a splendid fellowship, aspiring, sacrificing, training, and serving together for the common cause. This great body can be used only when it works as a military machine.

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I.

THE ORDER

(Article 1, The Constitution)

I. THE NAME:

"Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

"Forever hereafter it shall be known as KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN."

This is the official and corporate name, and is so specified in the Charter of the Order.

II. ITS DIVISIONS:

Upon reference to Article XXI, Section 3, it is discovered that "There shall be four Kloranic Orders of this Order, namely:

1. "The Order of citizenship or K-UNO (Probationary)."
2. "Knights Kamellia or K-DUO (Primary Order of Knighthood)."
3. "Knights of the great Forrest or K-TRIO (The Order of American Chivalry)."
4. "Knights of the Midnight Mystery or K-QUAD (Superior Order of Knighthood and Spiritual Philosophies)."

III. ITS NATURE:

Six outstanding features are particularized in describing the nature of this Order. Klansmen will do well to fix them in mind so that they will know the kind of an order they have joined.

1. *Patriotic.* One of the paramount purposes of this Order is to "Exemplify a pure patriotism toward our country." Every Klansman is taught from the beginning of his connection with the movement that it is his duty "To be patriotic toward our country." And when he knelt at the "Sacred Altar of the Klan," he was solemnly and symbolically dedicated "To the holy service of our country."

In its influence and its teachings and its principles, the Order seeks to generate and impart a spirit of loyalty to America, of consecration to her ideals, of fealty to her institutions, of support of her government, of obedience to her laws, and of unselfish devotion to her interests.

2. *Military.* This characteristic feature applies to its form of organization and its method of operations. It is so organized on a military plan that the whole power of the whole Order, or of any part of it, may be used in quick, united action for the execution of the purposes of the Order. There are definite, concrete tasks to be done. This

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THIS Manual was prepared under the direction and authority of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. It meets a great need and fills a long-felt want. Earnest study and diligent use of this Manual should make for larger intelligence concerning Klankraft among Klansmen, and greater efficiency among the Klans of the nation.

This Manual is to be distributed to all Klansmen with the admonition that they read it most carefully. Exalted Cyclops are urged to form study classes in their respective Klans, using this Manual as a Text-book. Every Klansman should be urged to attend one of these study classes so as to become proficient in knowledge of the mechanism and purposes of the order.

The attention of Exalted Cyclops is called to Chapter II, of this Manual, as forming the basis of an effective program for the activities of their Klans. These purposes, as outlined, are great enough to challenge the zeal and effort of all true Klansmen who seek to serve.

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PREFACE

THIS series is being developed in order that Klansmen may be instructed in the principles and methods of the order. Knowledge of these fundamentals is necessary if the movement is to function effectively. Much misunderstanding will be avoided, and much misdirected energy will be saved, if every Klansman will address himself to the task of learning something of the general scheme of the organization he has joined. Intelligence concerning the mechanism of the movement will make for efficiency in its operations. We are offering here the means of acquiring that intelligence so that every Klansman may become the vital factor he should be in the activities of the whole movement. Naturally, we make use of the Constitution and Laws of the order as the source-book from which we must draw the information necessary for the instruction of Klansmen. This work will be in the nature of analyses and brief comments upon that basic document.

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