First Lesson in the Science and Art of Klankraft

THE PRACTICE OF KLANISHNESS

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Being Official Instructions in Kuno in the border Realm of Karacter from the one who traversed the Realm of the Unknown, received the solemn Secret from the grasp of Night and became the Imperial Master of the great lost Mystery. Words of timely Wisdom from the soul of the great Imperial Wizard who out of Mystic Darkness wrought Light.
THE FIERY CROSS

Behold, the Fiery Cross still brilliant!
Combined efforts to defame
And all the calumny of history
Fail to quench its hallowed flame.

It shall burn bright as the morning
For all decades yet to be
Held by hearts and hands of manhood
It shall light from sea to sea.

We rally around this ancient symbol
Precious heritage of the past
And swear our all to home and country
And to each other to the last.

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In the Fiery Cross I glory
'Neath its glow my Oath was made
It shall live in song and story
I swear its light shall never fade.

"The Most Sublime Lineage in History"
is the
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

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can boast of such sacred sentiment or such heroic achievement. It is the continuance and the only legitimate successor of the "original genuine" Ku Klux Klan and the Knights of the White Camelia of the Reconstruction Period of American History. It is an incorporated institution, having been incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia, U. S. A., December 4th, 1915.

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

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

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

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

(4) VOCATIONAL KLANISHNESS: This calls for the constant and earnest exercise of this great principle in the realm of one's business or professional life. Trading, dealing with and patronizing klanmen in preference to all others. Employing klanmen in preference to others whenever possible. Boosting each other's business interest or professional ability; honorably doing any and all things that will assist a klanman to earn an honest dollar, thereby adding to his material wellbeing, lightening the burden of life for him and constantly succoring him with new strength and refreshing encouragement. Make it a special point in life to know the nature of a klanman's business or profession and then hold him and his interest well in mind and never let an opportunity pass to turn trade or patronage to him and thus you will help him to succeed.
and be happy and thereby you will add to the force of joy towards dissipating the sorrow, grouch and gloom of this life and making the world brighter and better by your having lived in it.

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

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

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

The practice of klansherness is FUNDAMENTAL with us, it is our mark of distinction as an institution and as individual members thereof; therefore, to be true you MUST train yourself accordingly. In this you will doubtless often be required to make some sacrifice of time or of conveniences and possibly some impulse of personal friendship or of old acquaintanceship, but to attain the lofty ideal to which we aspire it must be
done. How easy it is with one so determined to form the holy habit of the practice of klanishness, and how good one feels when he has done it! What delectable experiences come to him in the consciousness of having maintained his honor in the bitter battle of life against Self and selfish inclinations and having this day contributed something, though ever so small, toward blessing some one's life by making that some one more successful and happy and also to be able to repose in the sweet consciousness of having done something more toward shaping your own life to conform to a laudable and lofty ideal.

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

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

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

1. PATRIOTIC KLANISHNESS: An unswerving allegiance to the principles of a pure Americanism as represented by the flag of our great nation, namely; Liberty, Justice and Truth. Real, true Americanism unadulterated, a dogged devotedness to our country, its government, its ideals and its institutions. To keep our government forever free from the alien touch of foreign alliances and influences, that Liberty's effulgent torch be not dimmed. By your vote as a citizen select only men of pure patriotic impulses to serve in positions of public trust. Vote not politics, but patriotism. Exercise your rights and prerogatives as a civil citizen for the best interest of your state and community and for the general public weal; the making of just and equitable laws and the righteous enforcement of same; bitterly oppose "vanny in any and every form and degree, and
displace the corrupt politicians with dependable patriotic statesmen. "He who saves his country saves all things and all things saved bless him; but he who lets his country die lets all things die and all things dying curse him."

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

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

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

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

Do not in ANY MANNER WRONG our institution by slandering it (though ever so mildly) or by discussing its seeming imperfections or the mistakes of its officers at any time or place where any person of the alien world may chance to hear; a conspicuous characteristic of a klansman handed down by our fathers is, A klans-
man keeps the inner affairs of the klan strictly to him-
self and thereby maintains its peculiar prestige as a
potent factor. Always speak of the klan and its work
enthusiastically or not at all; oftentimes silence begets
respect; never discuss the klan or its affairs freely with
anyone except a klansman. Do not familiarize our fra-
ternity to anyone of the alien world. Under no circum-
stances suffer any ciems, factions or ill feelings to
spring up in your klan and never any remarks or con-
versations that favor sedition. Remember IN UNISON
we labor wherever we may roam.

The institution believes in YOU and has reposed a
very sacred trust in YOU; be true to the trust committ-
ted to your keeping and thereby give to it that sincere,
unselfish devotedness as typified by the Fiery Cross;
the light of that cross reveals YOUR DUTY, then per-
form that duty as a klansman and not as one of the
common herd of mankind. Be YOU the incarnation of
the principle of constant loyalty to the Order, and thus
with real men like you a great institution can and will
be established in the land, that will be peerless in the
perfection of its powers to preserve and perpetuate that
which we all hold as sacred to our race, our country,
each other and to the world, and will endure through
the ages to bless mankind. Be prudent in your conduct
and conversations that nothing might be said or done
by you at any time or place that will engender prejudice
against our Order. Allow no alien to enter the klavern
in quest of citizenship in the Invisible Empire unless
you are confident that he is worthy of the honor we
confer, the sacred trust we impose and will appreciate
our peculiar fellowship, if a scallawag should de-
velop in your midst eject him speedily from the portal
of the Invisible Empire without fear or favor. Maintain
forever the social cast and dignity of YOUR institution,
for its foundation is laid in character and it is built up
with MANHOOD.

Remember always that YOU as a klansman represent
more than you do in any other fraternal relationship,
for you are a living commemoration and the perpetu-
atation of the most dauntless organization known to the
world and of men who were the greatest heroes of
all history. Let the spirit of that immortal institution
and of those great men possess YOU and let not its
exalted ideals be one whit lowered by any indifference
or careless conduct on YOUR part. Our Order is most
worthy of you and you honor yourself by your devotion
to it; therefore, live up to the peerless dignity of the
peculiar relationship you sustain as a klansman, for
this is your opportunity to achieve something worth
while in rightly and gratefully commemorating the
heroic achievements of the past, for the betterment of
the present, and in begetting imperishable honor for
yourself and your progeny in the future.

KLANISHNESS with us is the concentrated extract
of "fraternity" intensified and applied in every conceiv-
able way. In the application of the meaning of the
word as used by us it is more specific, more potent and
goes more into minute detail by taking cognizance of
the small things ordinarily overlooked by the word—
fraternity. It considers no acts small and insignificant
that contributes directly or indirectly to a fellow's wel-
fare or happiness. While it has due respect for the acts
of large favors and conspicuous benefits, it especially
gives attention to the countless small acts of beneficial practices and kind words opportune in every moment of time which go to make up this great life that we live together; indeed, it is fidelity in these small things which makes life pleasant after all. It is the constant application that counts—CONSTANTLY klanish towards klanismen in ALL things honorable.

OUR KLANISHNESS prompts us to STUDY the interest of a klanisman and never lose an opportunity to enhance same; to SEEK the opportunity and NOT sit down in fraternal lethargy and wait until it runs against us; and to seek not with a base, selfish motive as with an inner thought that you might possibly reap a gain by so doing, but in the true spirit of the great motto: Not For Self But For Others; for selfishness is the archcanker that corrupts the hearts and the minds and prostitutes the motives of men, and is the conquering curse of creation. YOU are dedicated to the sublime mission of conquering it, you must make the fight within YOUR OWN breast. Be its master there and you can conquer it anywhere.

THE PARAMOUNT distinction of a Klanisman, that which marks him as being different from other men is—HE is KLANISH towards his fellow klanismen. Klanismen, that is YOUR mark of distinction as you move among the great countless multitude of men and by it you will tower above men of alien creed as Saul of Gibeah among the men of Israel. That is the mark of YOUR high calling—YOUR thrice honorable election, and may that mark be seen, known and devoutly respected by all men, that they may take knowledge of you that you are a citizen of the Invisible Empire. To this exalted honor our great institution has elected you and it seeks to elevate you to the higher life of matchless manhood.

KLANISHNESS is your creed and faith, therefore let no angel, man or devil break you from its glorious anchorage. Then, when the end of your initiation shall have been reached in this life and you have been summoned to take your place as an inhabitant of the Empire Invisible, as you pass through the veil you can say to the world in tones of truth triumphant, “I Have Kept the Faith!” Thus preserving your honor by a FAITHFUL allegiance your life shall not have been lived in vain.

THE GLORY OF A KLANSMAN IS TO SERVE

YOU are a Klanisman

Service is yours.

Glory is yours.

Constant Service—Perpetual Glory.

The Practice of Klanishness Is the Medium of Service.

It shall Not Fail of a Commensurate Reward
BEWARE!

All ye people of the Earth:
There is but one and only
Ku Klux Klan; therefore,

SHUN

as a poisonous serpent any
other organization of similar name. We warn you,

BEWARE!

IMPERIAL
PALACE
INVISIBLE EMPIRE

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

ATLANTA GEORGIA
Catch the Vision!

You are no ordinary man. You are a

K-L-A-N-S-MAN!

Let this thought obsess you, then when the portal shall be opened to admit you to the Peerage of Knighthood in the Invisible Empire you will be found worthy to enter therein, pass the great K-duo in the Mystic Realm of Kourage and take your place in the greatest Order of Chivalry in all history.

A “Breach of Klanishness” is a violation of our great fundamental principle and supreme law and is therefore a crime against the Invisible Empire, and will consequently banish a man from citizenship therein more quickly and permanently than the committing of any other offense.

Ponder well all these things which I have spoken to YOU as coming from the hidden recesses of a soul unselfish communing with its God for the betterment of its fellows. Oh, Klansmen, minimize not the importance of your sacred mission in life and discount not your most laudable achievement that is—to attain to the high standard of klanish character—Matchless Manhood!

“NON SILBA SED ANTHAR”

Done in the Aulik of His Majesty, the Imperial Wizard, Emperor of the Invisible Empire, in the Imperial Palace, in the Imperial City of Atlanta, Commonwealth of Georgia, United States of America, this the Third day of the Sixth month of the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-four, and on the Dismal day of the Woeful week of the Gloomy month of the Year of the Klan LVIII, and of the Year of the Reincarnation IX.

Officially uttered, inscribed, signed, sealed, communicated and committed to you in the sacred unfailing bond,

[Signature]
Imperial Wizard.
"The Spirit of the Ku Klux Klan still lives, and should live a priceless heritage to be sacredly treasured by all those who love their country, regardless of section, and are proud of its sacred traditions. That this spirit may live always to warm the hearts of manly men, unify them by the spirit of holy klanishness, to assuage the billowing tide of fraternal alienation that surges in human breasts, and inspire them to achieve the highest and noblest in the defense of our country, our homes, each other and humanity is the paramount ideal of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

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"When the baleful blast of Reconstruction's storm was o'er,
The valiant, chivalric Ku Klux rode no more.
But ride on and on, thou spirit of that mystic klan,
In your noble mission for humanity's good;
Until the klanish tie of klankraft binds man to man
For our country, our homes and womanhood"