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Yesterday—Today and Forever
God and Government
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IS there a native born American whose heart does not swell with pride as he gazes upon this wonderful land that gave him birth?

Is there one, who being a son or a daughter of this great land of Liberty, could owe allegiance to a foreign nation, when in our own country there is peace and prosperity, where all men and women are equal, where their homes are safe, where their children have every sort of educational advantages, where they can worship if they want to and how they want to, where they can enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?

Who is the native-born American whose blood does not quicken at the sight of the starry banner that prompted Francis Scott Key to write his immortal lines? Who would not give his life that this Flag which waved from Bunker Hill, from Perry's flagship, from Morro Castle and at St. Mihiel may still float supreme? Yet there are those who for a mess of pottage would sell their birth-right and see this emblem of liberty torn from its sockets and trampled under the feet of the profane. The Women of the Ku Klux Klan respect other flags but

bow to none save Old Glory and pledge themselves to see that it shall always float supreme, conscious of the fact that devotion to Deity and obedience to the law and Constitution of our country are necessary.

Proud of Our Heritage.

No people should be as proud of their heritage, their traditions and forbears as America's Native Sons and Daughters. Why? Because in their veins run the Courage of the Pilgrims, the Bravery of Boone and Crockett, the Wisdom of Washington and Franklin, Sagacity of Franklin and Jefferson, the Nobility of Lincoln and Lee. Surely the blood of kings and potentates could be no more royal—no lineage more noble. The Women of the Ku Klux Klan desire that this blood be not polluted, but kept pure as a sacred heritage and thereby advance and take its place at the forefront of all nations of the world, where purity, Christianity, peace and prosperity reign supreme. This is one of the ultimate desires of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan.

We now are the most envied of all nations. We are looked upon as Utopia by the poor, oppressed and discontented of other lands, and to America they come to accumulate its riches and at the same time maintain allegiance to their own nation. America has become more and more a melting pot, and its native-born in many sections are being pushed into the background by the flood of foreigners, most of whom retain allegiance to a foreign power.

Not for the Refuse of Other Lands.

The Women of the Ku Klux Klan do not feel that it was for the refuse population of other lands that the Pilgrim

Fathers worked and suffered to transform a "stern and rockbound coast" into a civilized country, where men and women might have a right to worship God in their own way.

The Women of the Ku Klux Klan do not feel that it was for these that our forefathers overthrew foreign oppression in 1776, but that they suffered in the ice and snow of Valley Forge that we, her native-born, might secure political independence, social security, happiness and the improvement and progress of our race.

The Women of the Ku Klux Klan do not feel that it was for these that the train of covered wagons moved westward from the Mississippi across the pathless prairies early in the last century, blazing an unknown trail, suffering hunger, thirst and hardships, but ever undaunted.

Great and Glorious America.

The Women of the Ku Klux Klan do not feel that it was for these that our ancestors welded a union of states into a great and glorious America, with their blood in 1861. When was there a war that could compare with this? No struggle ever excelled this in fierceness, or equaled it in percentage of loss, yet none was more marked by that absence of cruelty toward the vanquished which characterized the termination of our Civil War. "Brethren of ours are these men," exclaimed the Union commander, when the incomparable remnant of Lee's army, surrounded by ten times their number, grounded their arms, and not a salvo of rejoicing was fired. The soldiers of Grant made haste to open their haversacks and uncork their flasks to re-

vive and sustain the starving heroes of the South.

Compare this with the slaughter of the aristocracy of France after their revolution, the massacre of the Poles by Russia after their attempted rebellions and the bloody assizes in England.

The Women of the Ku Klux Klan know that it was for us, their descendants, native-born Americans, that our noble sires worked, struggled and fought, and it is and always will be their earnest endeavor to preserve this great Nation for its native-born through Christ Jesus our Criterion of Character.

Only Native-Born Are Eligible.

The native-born American is the salt of the earth—and the ranks of the Ku Klux Klan are open only to men and women born in the United States.

There should be a revival of the true American spirit that made our country great and it is the aim and ambition of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan to play a leading part in the building up of this spirit—not only in its own Legions, but among the whole American people.

The Women of the Ku Klux Klan stand for “America First”—first in thought, first in affection, and first in the Galaxy of Nations.

The spirit of Americanism as set up by our forefathers must be preserved and cherished and kept forever alive by the burning intensity of patriotism and Christian manhood and womanhood. To preserve this spirit in all its purity, integrity and perfection, the Women of the Ku Klux Klan provide a rallying point, a guiding hand and a single aim for all true Americans.

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WE BELIEVE in the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of Jesus Christ, and the eternal tenets of the Christian religion as practiced by enlightened Protestant churches.

WE BELIEVE that church and state should continue separate in administration and organization, although united in their mission and purpose to serve mankind unselfishly.

WE BELIEVE in the American home as the foundation upon which rests secure the American Republic, the future of its institutions, and the liberties of its citizens.

WE BELIEVE in the mission of emancipated womanhood, freed from the shackles of old-world traditions, and standing unafraid in the full effulgence of equality and enlightenment.

WE BELIEVE in the equality of men and women in political, religious, fraternal, civic and social affairs wherein there should be no distinction of sex.

WE BELIEVE in the free public schools where our children are trained in the principles and ideals that make America the greatest of all nations.

WE BELIEVE the Stars and Stripes the most beautiful flag on earth, symbolizing the purity of race, the blood of martyrs, and the fidelity of patriots.

WE BELIEVE in the supremacy of the Constitution of the United States and the several states, and consecrate ourselves to its preservation against all enemies at home and abroad.

WE BELIEVE that the freedom of speech, of press and of worship is an inalienable right of all citizens whose allegiance and loyalty to our country are unquestioned.

WE BELIEVE that principle comes before party, that justice should be firm but impartial, and that partisanship must yield to intelligent cooperation.

WE BELIEVE that the current of pure American blood must be kept uncontaminated by mongrel strains and protected from racial pollution.

WE BELIEVE that the government of the United States must be kept inviolate from the control or domination of alien races and the baleful influence of inferior peoples.

WE BELIEVE that the people are greater than any foreign power or potentate, prince or prelate, and that no other allegiance in America should be tolerated.

WE BELIEVE that the perpetuity of our nation rests upon the solidarity and purity of our native-born, white, Gentile, Protestant men and women.

WE BELIEVE that under God, the Women of the Ku Klux Klan is a militant body of American free-women by whom these principles shall be maintained, our racial purity preserved, our homes and children protected, our happiness insured, and the prosperity of our community, our state and our nation guaranteed against usurpation, disloyalty and selfish exploitation.