

Women of America!

The Past! The Present!
The Future!



Outline of Principles and Teachings

Women of the Ku Klux Klan

Incorporated

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THE MISSION OF WOMEN.

The mission of Genius on earth—to uplift,

Purify, confirm by its own gracious gift,
The world, in despite of the world's dull
endeavor

To degrade, and drag down, and oppose it forever,

The mission of Genius, to watch, and to wait,

To renew, to redeem and to regenerate.

The mission of woman on earth, to give birth

To the mercy of Heaven descending on earth;

The mission of woman, permitted to bruise

The head of the serpent, and sweetly infuse,

Through the sorrow and sin of earth's registered curse

The blessings which mitigate all, born to nurse,

And to soothe, and to solace, to help and to heal

The sick **WORLD** that leans on her.

—Meredith.

To The Women of America:

THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, through their Imperial Officers, take this occasion to salute you.

In presenting to you this little pamphlet of the PRINCIPLES AND TEACHINGS of this order we realize that the subject is too large and all embracing to be fully covered at this time and in this way. To fully appreciate the workings of this great order of womanhood it will be necessary for you to affiliate with and become a working element within the domain of the Invisible Empire.

We will gladly welcome all good women, who can qualify for membership, to join us in our efforts to promote the objects and ideals as set forth herein.

Here woman reigns, the mother, daughter, wife;

Strews with fresh flowers the narrow way of life;

In the clear HEAVEN of her delightful eye,

An angel-guard of loves and graces lie.

—Tennyson.

Subscribed this the 16th day of July,
Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-three.

Lulu A. Martwell

IMPERIAL COMMANDER.

Robert Gull

IMPERIAL KLICRAPP.



Development and Objects of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan.

Since the organization of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and more particularly within the last two years, there has been formed a number of woman's organizations similar to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, many of which at some period of their existence have sought to gain recognition and come under the protection and receive the support of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Owing, however, to some fundamental defect in their organization such recognition and support was denied them.

At the meeting of the Imperial Klou-vocation of the above Order in Atlanta, Ga., November, 1922, it was agreed that the time had arrived when a Woman's Organization similar to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan should be formed, and it was moved and adopted at that meeting that a committee be formed for the purpose of outlining such an organization and that said committee should make its report on or before May 1st, 1923.

The committee was appointed and began its work as soon thereafter as was possible and submitted its report to the Imperial Kloucilium at about the time designated, with the suggestion that the Woman's Organization be formed according to the plans submitted and as soon as possible thereafter.

A meeting of representative women from all parts of the United States was called in conjunction with a meeting of the Imperial Kloucilium of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan to be held at Washington, D. C., June 1st and 2nd, 1923. This meeting was called to order promptly at the time designated, and the outline of the plan for the formation of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan was submitted to them subject to their adoption or rejection. The plan as outlined was of such nature as to meet with the approval of the women in session at this, their first National Congress, and was adopted subject to such necessary changes as seemed to them to be advisable.

The name selected for the new order was the Women of the Ku Klux Klan, that being thought to be the most fitting, particularly as the two orders were to be so closely allied. At this same meeting it was proposed, subject to the consent of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, that the Women of the Ku Klux Klan

adopt the constitution, ritual and other such appurtenances of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan as might be necessary with such changes as gender and other working conditions might require. This was acceptable to the Imperial Klancilium of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the new order of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan being then in regular session, adopted the said Constitution, etc., as amended, unanimously.

Thus the two orders having the same principles, teachings and tenets and their Ideals of Citizenship and morality being the same, are both included in the Invisible Empire. They are one and indivisible in principle, but as to membership and government, are two separate and distinct orders.

THE WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

is an order of women, for women and controlled and operated by women alone.

It is duly chartered and incorporated, with Imperial Headquarters located at Little Rock, Arkansas, and its affairs are being administered by women. the organization work is being done by women and it is expected to function through the efforts of the loyal Protestant native born white women of the United States of America.

It is strictly non-denominational in its structure and while it does not require that its members be affiliated with any particular church, it believes that every member of the order should become affiliated with some Protestant church—it matters not which. It is our belief that a good, consistent church member and a Christian in fact, will make the better and more loyal Klanswoman.

IT STANDS ABSOLUTELY FOR THE PROTECTION OF PURE AMERICAN WOMANHOOD.

It is essentially Militantly Patriotic in principle and lofty in its Ideals, having no thought of self or gain, but an everlasting determination to keep for Americans and those within the territorial boundaries of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA the lofty principles of self-government, constitutional rights, and the pursuit of happiness as guaranteed by the constitution of the UNITED STATES, and of the several States that go to make up this great and glorious country of ours.

It believes in the growth and development of the FREE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM of our country and will exert every effort in promoting its interest.

It is ready with all its strength and resources to oppose the efforts of the individual or group who may be inter-

ested in causing the PUBLIC SCHOOLS to fail, or who may endeavor to cause them to cease entirely.

It is composed only of Protestant women; therefore, only Protestant women can attain membership.

It is composed only of Native-Born American Women, therefore no woman of foreign birth is eligible to citizenship in the Invisible Empire.

These restrictions are not intended to cast aspersions upon the Patriotism and other great and noble qualities of women of other faiths and other nationalities. We acknowledge the fact that a great majority of them are just as Patriotic and have just as many good qualities as we, but our Constitutional limits are set as above outlined and we can not deviate therefrom.

One of the IDEALS and TEACHINGS of the WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN is the eternal SUPREMACY of the WHITE race, therefore, only white women can become members.

IT BELIEVES THAT THE NEGRO SHOULD BE PROTECTED in every way possible and will as readily fight for their Constitutional rights, or, for that matter, those of any other persons, as for its own.

THE WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Is An Order of Protestant White
Native-Born American Women

and is not promulgated for the purpose of antagonizing any other order or sect of people. It does, however, claim for itself the same rights and privileges that others have under the CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

With the most noble and glorious Purposes and Ideals; with the desire that JUSTICE, RIGHTEOUSNESS and TRUTH may prevail; with the DETERMINATION that so far as it is in the power of AMERICAN WOMANHOOD to bring about a better, saner and a clearer condition of affairs in the BODY POLITIC.

THIS ORDER,

THE WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, IS PRESENTED TO THE PURE WOMANHOOD OF AMERICA.

May the ALL-SEEING FATHER guide and protect our American women; May He endow them with wisdom, love and loyalty;

That through their efforts this GREAT COUNTRY of ours may advance towards a greater perfection,

And His people be the better prepared to face His judgment when life's toilsome journey is over.

OUR HERITAGE.

That the spirit that inspired our fathers and our mothers may ever live and warm the hearts of all good men and women and bring them together as one in spirit and in love for our native land; that we may, thus united into the spirit of one fraternal ideal, hold firmly those things for which they sacrificed and suffered, and that we may offer ourselves as a living bulwark for the protection of our Constitution and our sacred constitutional rights is the **PARAMOUNT IDEAL OF THE ORDER OF THE WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.**

The pure 100 per cent American woman cannot give a higher and more sincere expression of appreciation for what has been accomplished by our forefathers in the defense of home and the sacred rights of our people than by becoming members of this new order of women, the principles of which have ever burned in the breast of American womanhood since this country was first settled.

Our mothers have ever been Klanswomen at heart, sharing with our fathers the progress and development of our country.

During the reconstruction period following the war between the States, when

the South was overrun with an undesirable element whose only purpose was to prey upon the helpless white people and who used the negro and the sympathy naturally aroused for a newly liberated race of slaves for selfish purposes, it was the fathers and the mothers of the New South that saved the day and rebuilt the fallen fortunes of a conquered people, reconstructed a devastated land, and worked and struggled that we, the women of America, might enjoy the fruit of their labor in peace and comfort.

It was a woman who gave to the American Nation its Flag and there are many women of the Revolutionary period who stand out clearly in the history of that time as great Patriots and lovers of their native land.

**The Paramount Principles of the
Women of the K_u Klux Klan:**

AMERICA FIRST: First above all other Nations on earth, first in thought and first in our love and affection; the Flag of our Glorious Country, the Star Spangled Banner, first and foremost before all other Nations or Principalities.

BENEVOLENCE. A practical application of Charity towards all and with malice towards none, an earnest effort to relieve the distressed wherever found,

regardless of race or religious belief, to right the wrong, to help the worthy, believing always in the universal Brotherhood of Mankind.

CLANNISHNESS: the Fraternal object of the order and its great purpose is to bring women of kindred thought together in a real order of clannish fidelity. It encourages and requires women to stand by and stick to one another in all things honorable, to do their utmost in helping and supporting a Klanswoman in distress, and helping each individual in her laudable undertakings—thereby demonstrating a real Fraternal spirit, and by practical proof showing to the world their belief in the Fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man.

WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, in promoting the highest and best interests of the community, state and nation, will demonstrate the true principles of clannishness and will do much toward promoting the growth and development of the country at large.

The Women of the Ku Klux Klan Is a Regularly Chartered Fraternal Organization—

composed of native-born white Protestant Women of America, is not merely a social order for social purposes alone,

but it is organized for a specific purpose, that it may inculcate Patriotism, light anew the fires of patriotic resolve and devotion in the breast of every woman, upbuild CHARACTER, and develop true clannishness among women of kindred thought and interest:

It does not owe allegiance to any earthly government, prince or potentate except the government of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Nor does it encourage religious intolerance nor stir up racial prejudice.

It is an association of REAL WOMEN who believe in their Country First, in doing things worth while, and who are in all things 100 PER CENT PURE AMERICAN.

NON SILBA SED ANTHAR: "Not for Self, but for Others," is the guiding slogan and embodies in itself the great principle and first purpose of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan. To teach the great body of American womanhood the necessity of unselfish devotion to duty and the true disinterested love for her fellow-being is one of the first and most important lessons that can be inculcated by any order. This being a truly Christian association, no greater doctrine could be taught than the last commandment given by the Great Master—just

before his crucifixion: "That ye love one another."

This order therefore becomes a monument erected to HIM, not of cold grey stone, but in living, pulsating human hearts and active brains, and finds expression in the nobility of character and the willingness to serve that should dominate the hearts and thoughts of all Klanswomen.

THE GREAT IDEAL OF THE WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN is in keeping forever sacred the principles laid down in the oath and the Kloranic work.

No Klanswoman will divulge a secret or secret information given her in confidence, unless it be of such nature as to be Treasonable or Criminal.

This order has the courage of its convictions and will proceed along lines of Christian fortitude and devotion and use its every resource to see that right and justice prevail.

Its teachings are to inculcate the most sacred principles and noble ideals and to direct the way of Klanswomen to the ultimate entry into the Empire Invisible.

Its Character is the noblest concepts of womanhood idealized in thought and materialized in practice; it is Mysterious and its works are SERVICE.

Its Ritualism is pure and in its na-

ture different from any other fraternal order in the world, but closely paralleling that of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. It unfolds the truly high ideals of Christian womanhood and is dignified and absolutely without levity or embarrassment to the most sensitive nature.

Its Patriotism is the purest, and the highest ideals of Citizenship are its standard. It claims the brotherhood of all peoples and insists that all citizens have the same rights to free speech, free thought, and the pursuit of happiness when the same does not in any way contravene the laws of the land.

It stands absolutely and immovably for the advancement and growth of our **FREE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM** and will always be ready to use its every resource and every effort to maintain it at a high standard of efficiency.

Its mission is **DUTY** without fear and without reproach; to serve and to work without hope of material gain, but that its members may have the spiritual consciousness of Duty well done.

The **WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN** does not measure a woman by her worldly wealth, but by her worth and character, and unsullied womanhood based upon **HONOR** and untouched by hypocrisy or selfish social valuations.

Such principles as these are to be

found in the heart of every TRUE AMERICAN WOMAN. All who may be brought to understand that this order advocates the principles as enunciated will doubtless see the bright white light of PURE AMERICANISM shining forth and will wish to become affiliated with this great order, that they too may have their share in its efforts to bring about the ultimate reign of good.

TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN AND A CITIZEN OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE you must be a woman of DEPENDABLE CHARACTER, that when you assume the OATH you will keep it with steadfastness and courage.

You must be willing to swear an unqualified allegiance to the Government of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ITS FLAG AND ITS CONSTITUTION.

No woman is wanted in this order who does not esteem the GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ABOVE ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT, CIVIL, POLITICAL OR ECCLESIASTICAL, in the whole world.

It is incumbent upon all Klanswomen to practice REAL fraternity toward each and every one of their associates who have bound themselves with the same oath. If you can not do this, you are not wanted in the order.

ONLY NATIVE-BORN WHITE WOMEN OF THE PROTESTANT FAITH ARE ELIGIBLE TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

Membership in this order can not be bought, but if you really believe in the order and will practice its principles and conform to its usages and regulations and are willing to contribute Five Dollars toward its propagation and can otherwise qualify, then membership will be awarded you upon this service rendered and a pledge on your part of future fidelity to the institution.

NON SILBA SED ANTHAR.