

THE  
TRUTH ABOUT  
THE WOMEN OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN

*"and ye shall know the  
truth and the truth shall  
make you free."*

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In due time there came into existence the Woman's Auxiliary to the Klan, known as the Women of the Ku Klux Klan. It was organized by women for women, and is being promoted and developed by women, with the aid and counsel of the Knights who are mutually sworn as the protectors and defenders of their women folk. The women have been from the earliest times faithful to the principles upon which Klankraft is founded, and since it was not practicable that they become members of the original Klan, it was all the more the chivalrous course to pursue to aid them in providing an organization of their own that should cooperate with the Knights. Scores of women's organizations began to spring up all over the country, all with the same purpose, all of them with national ambitions, but none with the sanction of the Klan. In consequence, there was no unanimity of organization nor solidarity of purpose, and the efforts of hundreds of thousands of good women were being dissipated through the lack of unity. It was a modern illustration of the old fable of the bundle of sticks easily broken when separate, but unbreakable when bound together.

This was the problem which confronted the Konvocation of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan when it

met in Atlanta in November, 1922. At that time a committee was appointed to formulate a plan for a woman's auxiliary. As befits so important a task, the committee acted with great deliberation, preferring to build wisely and firmly upon the solid rock of wise counsel, rather than insecurely upon the shifting sands of popular emotion. Six months of investigation, study and counsel followed. In the meantime sundry organizations began to multiply, most of them independent, patriotic societies with membership requirements similar to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and some clandestine and unauthorized claimants to the distinction of being Klan auxiliaries. At least one of them has persisted in this claim, without color of legal or moral right, and has received thousands who thought they were joining an authorized Klan auxiliary. A great majority of loyal Klansmen, however, properly advised their women folk to await with patience the announcement of the formation of a Women's Klan. This was finally perfected at a conference held in Washington between the Kloukum, or governing body of the Klan, and administrative heads of a score of women's organizations throughout the country. Common ground was found upon which all might unite. Personal ambitions were submerged in the desire for the com-

more good; and as a result, the national organization of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan was launched. Little Rock was accorded the proud distinction of being chosen as the national headquarters of the new order, and two of its citizens as the chief officers—Mrs. Lula A. Markwell, Imperial Commander, and Miss Robbie Gail, Imperial Kluzapp, or secretary. National offices have been opened, organizers are being everywhere put into the field, and so great is the secret impetus due to the coalition of societies that the first month of its existence witnessed more than 125,000 members enrolled under the banner of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan. Indiana, Ohio, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and many other states are rallying their legions to the call. White, Gentile, Protestant native-born women of America, imbued with the high ideals of patriotism and love of home, school and country, recognize in the new order the agency wherewith they may make secure the emancipation for which they have been struggling from the beginning of time, and which the last few years have begun to realize. To paraphrase a great militant hymn:

*"Like a mighty army  
Move the Klans of God,"*

and nothing can deter their onward

march. There has never been a greater movement to solidify the forces of righteousness and good government than the Women of the Ku Klux Klan. It is not a political organization, and yet, closely articulated with the Klan, it will become an integral part of an irresistible engine that will direct the political energies of the country. In struggles for political regeneration during the last few years, their women folk have justified their claim to recognition by the men as effective co-workers, and now that they have their own organization, cognate with, but distinct from the Klan, their effectiveness has been multiplied a hundred fold. Again is the trite axiom exemplified that "In union there is strength."

Klansmen everywhere are warned not to be deceived by the specious arguments of those promoting other orders alleged to be Klan auxiliaries. There is only one authorized sister body, and that is the Women of the Ku Klux Klan. This has the sanction and endorsement of the Klan. None other has, and cannot have, such endorsement. It matters not how exalted the position of any one who, for personal gain in money or ambition, attempts to doist another organization upon the people, there is and can be but one authorized Klan auxiliary. Do not be deceived or misled.

The Women of the Ku Klux Klan is making no fight upon any other order. Its mission is constructive and not obstructive or destructive. It is growing so rapidly that it has no time for bickerings and controversies with others. It is sweeping the country with the persuasive influence of the vernal sun when all nature revives to renewed life. It is essentially a great patriotic order of American women who have a united purpose in view, and who, side by side with their husbands, fathers and brothers, are driving irresistibly toward their common goal. Women, and women only, are organizing, directing and promoting this great movement of Protestant women.

It is our belief that the new order, as was the Klan itself, is born of God, and that it will not perish from the face of the earth until it has accomplished the great mission for which it came into existence.

In the meantime, Klansmen! Klanswomen! stand firm, do not be deceived, and yield not to the flattering unction of ambitious but false leaders, for God's in His Heaven and the principles of Klankraft are as eternal as His granite hills, and must and will prevail over all opposition against foes without and enemies within.