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The Ku Klux Kreed

WE, THE ORDER of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, reverently acknowledge the majesty and supremacy of the Divine Being, and recognize the goodness and providence of the same.

WE RECOGNIZE our relation to the Government of the United States of America, the Supremacy of its Constitution, the Union of States thereunder, and the Constitutional Laws thereof, and we shall be ever devoted to the sublime principles of a pure Americanism and valiant in the defense of its ideals and institutions.

WE AVOID the distinction between the races of mankind as none has been drawn by the Creator, and shall ever be true in the faithful maintenance of White Supremacy and will strenuously oppose any compromise thereof in any and all things.

WE APPRECIATE the intrinsic value of a real practical fraternal relationship among men of kindred thought, purpose and ideals, and the infinite benefits accruable therefrom, and shall faithfully devote ourselves to the practice of an honorable Christian dignity, the life and living of each way be a constant basting to others.

—Original Creed Revised.

L’ENVOI

TO THE LOVERS OF LAW AND ORDER
Peace and Justice, we are coming; and to the shade of the valiant, resolute Dead, we proudly and solemnly dedicate the

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

INVISIBLE EMPIRE

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

(Organized)

The following is taken from the Constitution and By-Laws of the Order

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. The objects of this Order shall be the

sustaining, promoting and protecting of the

principles of the Ku Klux Klan, its

objectives, and the

practice of the

principles of the

Order.

Section 2. The Order shall be

organized

in accordance with the By-Laws

of the

Order.

Section 3. The Order shall be

subject to the

By-Laws of the

Order.

Section 4. The Order shall be

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Section 5. The Order shall be

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IN THE NAME OF THE KAISER, ITALIAN EMPIRE...
The Imperial Proclamation

TO ALL NATIONS, PEOPLES AND TONGUES, AND TO THE LOVERS OF LAW AND ORDER, PEACE AND JUSTICE, OF THE WHOLE EARTH,

GREETING:

1. and the citizens of the Invisible Empire through me, proclaim to you as follows.—

WE, the members of this Order desiring to promote real patriotism toward our Civil Government; honorable peace among men and nations; protection for and happiness in the homes of our people; love, real brotherhood, birth and manhood among ourselves, and liberty, justice and fraternity among all mankind; and believing we can best accomplish these noble purposes through the channel of a high chivalric, social, patriotic, benevolent association, having a perfected lodge system, with an enabled ritualistic form of work and an effective form of government, not for selfish profit but for the mutual betterment, benefit and protection of all our oath-bound associates, their welfare physically, socially, morally and vocationally and their loved ones; do

Proclaim to the Whole World

that we are dedicated to the sublime and pleasant duty of providing generous aid, tender sympathy and fraternal assistance in the efficiency of the light of life and amid the saddle shadows of death; amid fortune and misfortune, and to the exalted privilege of demonstrating the practical utility of the great, yet most neglected, doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man as a vital force in the lives and affairs of men.

The Invisible Empire is founded on sterling character, and immutable principle. It is based upon a most sacred sentiment and presented by noble purposes; it is promoted by a sincere, unselfish devotion of the souls of many men and is governed by the consecrated intelligence of thoughtful brains. It is the soul of chivalry, an armor of invincibility, the shield of the invincible. To the faithful, the Visible Empire is a sacred trust, and the Invisible Empire is the bond of the Visible Empire. To the devoted, the Invisible Empire is the light of life, and the Visible Empire is the exalted privilege of demonstrating the practical utility of the great, yet most neglected, doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man as a vital force in the lives and affairs of men.

Signed by His Majesty.

[Signature]

Declaration

WE, the members of this Order, do hereby declare to all

that we are dedicated to the sublime and pleasant duty of providing generous aid, tender sympathy and fraternal assistance in the efficiency of the light of life and amid the saddle shadows of death; amid fortune and misfortune, and to the exalted privilege of demonstrating the practical utility of the great, yet most neglected, doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man as a vital force in the lives and affairs of men.

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