

KU KLUX KLAN RITUAL PARTIES CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Blood-Curdling Death Threat for "Traitors" Is Part of Klansman Initiation Ceremony

"SACRED KLAN" OF ORDER, WORK OF "EMPEROR" HIMSELF, FILLED WITH WEIRD NUMMERY

"Secret" Handbook of Organization Exposed to Entire World by "Imperial Wizard" in Copyright Archives of Federal Government at Washington
FIERY CROSS AND HOODED GOBLINS ARE CHIEF PERFORMERS IN NATURALIZATION SERVICE

"Guardianship Against Alien and All Who Would Subvert Banner, Be They White, Black or Yellow," Is Injunction to Those Who Pay \$10 to "Col." Simmons and His Aides

THE Ku Klux Klan, in gathering new members into the "Invisible Empire" at \$10 a head, makes much of the claim that it is the most utterly secret of all secret organizations.
In all the forty-five States where it has penetrated, including Pennsylvania, its propagators, or Klansmen, approach "prospects" by roundabout methods and "mystic" ways calculated to impress the gullible.
Its rapid expansion to a membership of 500,000 or 650,000, as its leaders boast, was accompanied by midnight ceremonies, awe-inspiring oaths and threats of dishonor and death to "traitors" to the order.
On the surface, the Klan and its "citizens" are dedicated to lofty patriotism, chivalry and love of justice. But behind the "portals" of the "Invisible Empire" stand revealed the stark facts of religious and racial prejudice.
Hatred of the Catholic, the Jew, the Negro and the alien have been disclosed as cardinal principles of the Klan, which is striving to set up a super-Government in the United States, headed by an "Emperor" and an "Imperial Konsilium."
The most carefully guarded document of the order is its "Kloran," or ritual, which contains the "secret work" of its lodge room, including the ceremonies provided by "Emperor" William Joseph Simmons for the "naturalization" of new members.
The ritual's title patently is derived from the Koran or sacred book of the Mohammedans, just as the Klan's principal ceremony of "naturalization" is a parody on Christian baptism.
If publication of the "Kloran's" secrets should irritate Klansmen who donated \$10 to pass the "portals" let them consider who made possible the revelations of this secret document.
The person responsible is "Emperor" Simmons himself. On January 12, 1917, the "Imperial Wizard" made application to Washington for a copyright on his book. This was granted after he had sent \$1 and two complete copies of the "Kloran" to the Register of Copyrights as required by law.
Ever since "The Book of the Invisible Empire," with all its "sacred contents," has been available to all comers in the reading room of the Library of Congress, through the card-index system, just as in any other book copyrighted in the United States.

"KEEP KLAN SECRET," SAID "EMPEROR"; THEN HE MADE ENTIRE THING PUBLIC

AS DEPOSITED for copyright, the "Kloran" is a pamphlet of fifty-four pages, well worth examination, all the way from Page 4, with its "List of Klan Officers With Explanation of Titles," to Pages 52, 53 and 54, with more "Titles and Explanations."
The gem of all these explanations is held in reserve by "Emperor" Simmons until he gets around to himself and explains his exalted office thus:
"IMPERIAL WIZARD—The Emperor of the Invisible Empire, a wise man, a wonder worker, having power to charm and control. From Vita, to know," which shows that Simmons does not hesitate to spread the unguent of words to charm as a bard once from manhandling the tent and much-enduring Latin tongue.
"Emperor" Revealed as Poet
In this bright, secret ritual of Ku Kluxism, the founder of the order stands revealed in one entirely unexpected light. In addition to all his other qualifications, "Emperor" Simmons is a poet.
The first official exhibition of his power to charm as a bard occurs in that part of the ritual devoted to the opening ceremony in the Klavern or lodge room. The "sacred altar" of the Klan is prepared by laying on it an American flag, a naked sword or dagger, a Bible opened at the twelfth chapter of Romans and a bottle of water.
The Klansmen, having formed in what is called a "quadrant," with their feet to the east and their backs to the west, are instructed to join in singing the opening "Klode." The stanzas are to the effect: "From Greenlands' Icy Mountains" and the chorus to "Home, Sweet Home."
The Klansmen's "Klode"
This is the klode:
I
We meet with cordial greetings
To pledge anew our compact
With hearts sincere and brave;
A band of faithful Klansmen,
Knights of the K. K. K.
We all will stand together
Forever and for ever.
CHORUS
Home, home, country and home;
Klansmen, we'll live and die
For our country and home.
II
Here honor, love and justice
Must actuate us all;
Before our sturdy phalans
All hate and strife shall fall,
In vain we'll labor
Whenever we may roam,
To shield a Klansman's welfare,
His country, name and home.
Following this lyric drip from the

THE "EMPEROR" AND HIS CROWN



William Joseph Simmons (in black) wearing a false face and his robes as "Emperor of the Invisible Empire and Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan"

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LOWE TAKES FIRST SET FROM MATHEY

Englishman's Back Court Game Too Much for Former Princeton Tennis Captain

ANDERSON LEADS HAWKES

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