

THE FIERY CROSS

"THERE IS NO FAILURE EXCEPT FAILURE TO SERVE THE PURPOSE"

"IN PROPORTION AS THE STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT GIVES FORCE TO PUBLIC OPINION, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PUBLIC OPINION SHOULD BE ENLIGHTENED."—WASHINGTON.

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HOOSIER KLAN FACES BRIGHT FUTURE

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE ARE RECEIVED

EGGERS OF LETTERS COME TO FIERY CROSS OFFICE FROM PERSONS WHO RECEIVED AID FROM KLAN IN MARION COUNTY. COAL BINS ARE FILLED BY KLANSMEN WHO WORK DILIGENTLY TO COMPLETE TASK ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

Volunteers in Automobiles Deliver Baskets of Food in Record Time. Machinery of Different Branches of Organization Co-ordinate Perfectly as Cheer Is Delivered in All Parts of City and County Simultaneously.

The following expression of gratitude is a sample of scores received by The Fiery Cross and Marion County Klan No. 2 from the parents whose families were remembered by friends of the Klan. Many Indiana Christmas baskets were well-filled, boxes of toys.

2319 Buile Street, Indianapolis, Ind., December 25, 1924.

To the Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan:

We take these words to express our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful basket and the Christmas cheer you spread in our home. Many thanks to the one that delivered the basket.

MLA AND MRS. FRED K.—Personal expressions of gratitude were not received in writing from the 200 families served by Marion County Knights and Women of the Klan of Marion County, but verbal expressions of thanks to the ones who delivered the baskets were distributed.

It was an unexpected Christmas treat for many of the 500 families whose names were written and whose kind love and care are given up the last shovelful of coal to make a fire at all. It is a shame to see the little ones.

Members, Work 1924, fully.

The organization within the Klan organization which is in charge of the Christmas that had worked diligently for more than two weeks collecting free-will offerings from Klansmen and their friends, but verbal expressions of thanks to the one that delivered the basket.

The chairman of the general organization, a leading physician of Indianapolis, was head of the organization last year, and was his desire to make a better record in the distribution of baskets than year than past.

Volunteer subscriptions were received for several weeks before Christmas at each meeting of Marion County Klan No. 2 and at meetings of the women's organization. As the time approached, the amount of money from individual members, several of \$100 each. The women's organization gave \$200 and one gift of \$500 came from the treasury of Klan No. 3. With this sum the chairman of the distribution committee had money to supply for the basket and his purchasing committee started on the most pleasant task of finding the best items for a Klan basket. The basket contained food enough for a complete Christmas dinner and to spare for a family of six.

Volunteers to distribute the baskets were asked for in the last meeting of Klan No. 2 before Christmas. More than enough volunteers with automobile promised to be present.

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FORT WAYNE UNIT IS COMING INTO ITS OWN

Giant Strides Made by Upstate Local—to Build New Auditorium Next Spring

(Special to The Fiery Cross)

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 29.—If the early Klan units throughout the state of Indiana are any guide to the Fort Wayne organization, they will have to keep steaming, according to the members here who are filled with much enthusiasm as the new year opens. A rapidly-increasing membership is but one of the signs which features the activities of the Klan in Fort Wayne at this time. During the past year the members have been playing away and far before any other organization can boast in the local Klan.

Among the many things planned for the coming year is the building of a hall and auditorium in connection with the Klan here. The organization has met with tremendous resistance in Fort Wayne but has succeeded in overcoming it. The building of a hall and auditorium in the year was but one of the attacks of the Klan.

The members are planning big things in parades this spring and summer. Much pride is taken in the Klan corps, which is, according to the members, a real "show outfit." They are planning on playing a big part in organization parades. The role of Elks Crosses on the streets of the city is showing a nice and constant increase.

The Klan in Fort Wayne is now steadily coming into its own in the county.

LAFAYETTE BANS SANTA

(Special to The Fiery Cross)
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 29.—The "famous" so-called "antimask" ordinance which was passed here in great haste more than a year ago, when Klan parades were persecuted by anti-Klan spasms, reached the limit in enforcement during the week before Christmas when Santa Claus was refused to use the streets of this city. One side of the white-whiskered gentleman who was listening to the voices of children in a downtown store, asked the city to distribute a few sacks of candy and was promptly ordered to remove his mask. The Salvation Army had Santa Claus out for one evening but gave up after the one attempt.

CAPITOL HILL IS SYMBOL OF SADNESS AS NEW YEAR NEARS

Many Changes Brought About by Deaths and Elections—Some Go Into Obscurity

Everett Sanders, of Indiana, One of Those Who Will Leave Congress in Next Two Months

(By Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—A New Year's role around the big building on Capitol Hill is a symbol of sadness. Members of Congress are reminded of a parting; some are removed by death; others are about to pass into political obscurity. But it is not the same under the big white dome.

In the big building on the hill ambitions have been made and blotted; others have been made and unmade; cherished hopes of young legislators have died, and the first of a new year brings around a pain, when old colleagues are gone, that others are about to take their places. Perhaps the pang is a little heavier to the older men who no longer find old friends in the capitol corridors.

Among those who are missing this New Year are Captain Lodge, of the 23rd Infantry, Brigade of Congressmen and Colt, of Rhode Island, who have recently passed to the silent Beyond.

In the House, there is mourning over the late Senator Kahn, of California, chairman of the House military affairs committee; "Uncle Billy" Greene, of Massachusetts, a veteran of nearly thirty years, and Ben Humphreys, of Mississippi, another old-timer in the lower house of Congress. Uncle Joe Cannon, of Illinois, who voluntarily retired a year or more ago, and became an aged man, continues to be missed by his colleagues, all of whom loved him.

And then the electorate often parts friends in Congress. Among those who are to soon leave by the "Timeduck" route on March 4 is Gen. Isaac Sherwood, of Toledo, Ohio, who has been in and out of Congress since 1883. In the House he was a leader in the cause of the Civil War in the House, and he leaves behind him Major Stoddard, of North Carolina, the sole survivor of the legions of Jackson and Lee.

When General Sherwood bids farewell to Congress, Senator Warren of Wisconsin, his purchasing committee friend on the most pleasant task he had, will be succeeded by his son, and his Klan basket contained food enough for a complete Christmas dinner and to spare for a family of six.

Women Change

Mrs. May Nolan, of California, first of the women to be elected to the House of Representatives, was the only woman in Congress, unless Mrs. Nettie Jones follows the California precedent and succeeds her late husband in the House of Representatives.

Sen. George C. Thomas, of Michigan, has been succeeded from the Senate by the late member from Michigan, who was elected to the Senate in the present session.

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