

# KLAN PLANS TO KEEP FROM PUBLIC NAMES OF JUDGES, PROSECUTORS AND OFFICIALS ENROLLED ON INVISIBLE EMPIRE'S ROSTER

Editor's Note: The brazen effrontery with which Muncie klansmen invaded Portland, in flagrant disregard for an ordinance prohibiting the parades of masked men, and in open defiance of Mayor Fleming, is typical of the methods of the Klan. It aims to dictate to courts, juries, legislatures and governors. Its efforts to control the courts is set forth in the February issue of Hearst's International. The article by Norman Hagood in Hearst's International follows.

The new Imperial division of the Ku Klux Klan has made some progress in controlling the courts, as well as in controlling legislation.

Last month we gave material to show:

- 1-That this new division is so secret that its membership is unknown even to regular Klan members.
- 2-That it is established for the express purpose of protecting from public knowledge the membership of judges, prosecuting attorneys, legislators and other influential citizens.
- 3-That organizations of women voters are being formed for the purpose of strengthening the political control of the Klan.
- 4-That the Klan now has an organization in New York, which it looks upon as particularly enemy territory, and that it cleans there (in its Imperial branch) offices important in city administration as well as leading newspapermen.
- 5-That the Imperial is making a concentrated drive in Washington to influence congress and the administration.
- 6-That all over the country, notably in Illinois and the Northwest, as well as in the South, it is putting its attempt at political control in the forefront of its efforts.

Examples of Method  
We now proceed to give examples of the methods by which the whole Klan, and especially the Imperial Klan, undertakes to affect the administration of justice and the course of political life. First read this:

"Office of J. L. Boal, County Judge, DeWitt County, Texas, January 25, 1922. Edward Young Clarke, Imperial Klansman, Atlanta, Ga.  
To Your Excellency: You will find a printed copy of the report of the last grand jury of this county. Ten of these grand jurors are Klansmen, and the other two are in sympathy with us.  
Yours in the Sacred Unfailing Bond, J. L. Boal, Exalted Cyclops, Curok Klan."

Now what was the printed report referred to? It was the report of a grand jury called to investigate the Klan itself. The jury was ordered by Judge John N. Green of Texas, to investigate the Klan, because of several cases of tarring and feathering within the jurisdiction of the court. We therefore find the Klan passed upon by a jury of twelve members, ten being Klansmen and the other two friendly. Naturally the report was a eulogy.

The Klan in Texas, in one of its confidential statements, thus sums up its success:  
"Down in Texas the enemy is trying to discredit the Klan wherever possible through grand jury investigation. False charges are hurled at the organization on every hand in a frantic effort to influence members of these investigating bodies. However, in no case so far where a grand jury has made report of its findings, has an indictment been returned. Several censures have been meted out in many instances which has been favorable to this organization. The most striking evidence of this is Sheriff Buchanan, who was severely condemned by a grand jury for attempting to stop a Klan parade in Lorena."

In Chicago, Ill., we have the case of a grand juryman, who is a Klansman, reporting to E. Y. Clarke the matters that the grand jury is investigating. It is therefore no wonder that a judge in Chicago has recently refused to permit Klansmen to serve on juries. This is not so easy, however, as Klansmen are not permitted to reveal their identity without permission of the Imperial Wizard. It is difficult to prevent them from serving.

In a bulletin by F. L. Savage of the Klan's Secret Service, there appears this statement:

"It is also reported that Judge Thomas B. Conner, Associate of the Fourth Circuit of Civil Appeals of Texas, recently appointed a grand jury to investigate the Klan and its activities, and branded it as an organization against the rights of citizenship and Americanism."

At Asheville, North Carolina, L. L. Fromberger, an organizer and Kleagle of a local Ku Klux Klan in that state, was indicted on charges of conspiracy for kidnapping, false arrest, and false imprisonment. Fromberger was charged with having led a band of Klansmen, disguised, to the town of Salud, N. C., where two white women charged with immorality were seized and turned over to the Sheriff at

Asheville. Fromberger, under date of January 23, 1922, transmits to the Klan headquarters the charges to the jury by Judge Thomas A. Shaw. Fromberger states in this letter that his attorneys prevented his case from being tried before Judge Brock, and it was therefore tried by a "fair one hundred percent American Judge." He also asks that the case be given a write-up in the "Searchlight," saying:

"I trust that this will reach you in time to write up about the matter in your next issue as there are some political aspirants to office in this community who I believe if you make good strong write-up, will see the 'hand-writing' on the wall."

The judge practically directed the verdict of "not guilty." A "hundred percent American judge" means a judge favorable to the Klan.

Another Example

During the latter part of 1921, and the first part of January 1922, Judge Royal R. Graham, who is the District Judge of the County of Clearcreek, Colorado, was called in to assist Judge Ben B. Lindsey with the heavy docket of the Juvenile Court of Denver. Judge Graham's suggestion in the Consistent case caused a great deal of newspaper notoriety and was made the basis of an editorial by the Searchlight concerning Judge Graham. Mrs. Cosslett was an Italian woman with several children. She was arraigned before Judge Graham for neglecting them. Judge Graham was reported to have ordered her either to give up the children or be sterilized so she would have no more.

The Searchlight apparently did not ascertain from the Imperial Palace that Graham was a Klansman, and when this issue containing the editorial reached Denver, R. E. Strickland, Kilgrapp of Denver Klan No. 1, wrote a letter, dated January 25, 1922, under the seal of the Klan, and addressed it to L. D. Wade, Imperial Kilgrapp, calling attention to the article. From this letter we take the following:

"Judge Graham, we are pleased to inform you, is a Klansman and a very active one. Recently we received a communication regarding a father in Denver, who was habitually beating his children. Judge Graham jumped to his feet and asked that he be allowed to investigate this case through his court and report at our next Klansman. He did so immediately and at the next Klansman reported that he had ordered the father to leave the country with which to live respectfully, to get their own home to live in. Instead of his one home he was ordered to leave his one home. He said he did not obey the order of the court, he would ask this Klan to act immediately. Contrary to the above, the entire United States outside of Denver is under the impression that we have a marvel out here in the person of Ben Lindsey, who is a Klansman, and from all reports, is morally unfit to hold the office he does in administering the law. He is a Klansman, and has played the women for their votes during the last ten years in the manner in which he administers the affairs of his office. If releasing a wayward child without giving the case publicity will gain him a few votes or if sending over some derelict urchin will appease more Klansmen, he will find a ready-made job. But he is counting without us. So we venture to say that the next election will be a landslide for the Klan. Ben Lindsey came up for vote in this order about two months ago and he was unanimously rejected for membership in this order."

And the letter concludes:

"... From time to time, we will tell you more of our activities. We have several parties planned for the immediate future. Faithfully yours, in the Sacred Unfailing Bond, R. E. Strickland, Kilgrapp, Klan No. 1, 505 Washington St."

Of the failure in the attempts to investigate Ku Klux violence, the explanation is not difficult. Nearly every local Klan has a military Klan known as the Klavallers. These men are drilled in military fashion, and in public parades wear red capes. Each man is armed with an automatic pistol. In most instances the Klans are officered by men of military training, such as ex-officers of the A. E. F. These Klavallers usually drill at night.

Dodge Responsibility  
When there are acts of violence, and other violations of law, committed by masked men, frequently in the uniform of the Ku Klux Klan, and evidence points to the Klan, the officers of that organization always say that these crimes were not committed by the organization. What really happens is that a few chosen men act, the Klan as a whole having no details. The manner in which such acts are committed is made plain when the following letter is explained.

"Dear Sir: Invariably there comes to every man a call to duty, to protect those nearest and dearest to him. You are selected by men near and dear to you, having your interest and the welfare of your loved ones at heart, who know you to be a man with a high sense of honor and dependability. Therefore, it is absolutely essential for the best interests of our homes, the community, State and Nation

that you preserve the enclosed card and attend the meeting at the time and place named thereon. Admission will be by card only. Be prudent, be wise, be discreet and discuss this matter with no one whatsoever."

By Order of the Committee.

This letter is sent out by a committee of picked men to a few members of the Klan, and when these men meet at the appointed time and place they are told what to do. This is the method under which victims are tarred and feathered, their faces branded with hot irons marked "KKK" or such other punishment as the committee may have decided upon. The committee does not report back to the officers. Therefore, even the officers have no official information of the crimes committed.

The formal notice, which we have just quoted, is not used by all Klans. A somewhat different form of notice is used by some, and other Klans, more cautious, give oral notice by special messenger to the Klansmen selected to inflict the punishment.

With the method of controlling grand juries and judges and the method of punishing citizens displeasing to the Klan, go naturally equally secret methods of obtaining information.

In the Post Office

There are many Klansmen in the Post Office Department throughout the United States, as well as in Washington. Some time ago there were sixty-five Klansmen who were employed in the Post Office at Portland, Oregon. The Postmaster at Portland reported this situation to the Postmaster General and asked for instructions. There have been numerous complaints against the members of the Klan in the Post Office to the effect that they were tampering with the mail of citizens who were not Klansmen.

As to the telegraph service and its spies, read these:

"Esteemed Klansman: The two following telegrams concerning the Dorsey incident passed over the wires the 3rd and 4th inst. 1921. Wm. S. Brewer, P. O. Box 1733, Atlanta, Ga.  
Have seen Hance congratulatory to you believe the long lane we have been through is beginning to turn had conference with the real people today don't make any more moves regarding Dorsey without Hance or myself. 9:12 A. M."

The other:  
Washington, D. C. June 3, 1921  
Stonewall Court  
Atlanta Constitution  
Reprimand standstill forthwith Dorsey registered letter follows.  
Holloman, 512 P. M.

The latter being partly in code.

I have, also, a copy of the wire of the Dixie Defense Committee to Herbert Hoover; it was received here at 1:35 P. M. by the U. S. I can't help but believe there is connection between the wire to Hoover and Holloman's to the Constitution man.  
I have a line out with Congressman W. D. Upshaw. He is informed of anything he should hear concerning the Hoover editorial incident. In doing so developed that he feels indebted to Holloman for giving him publicity in a favorable political way. Mr. Kelly, Secretary to Sen. Thomas E. Watson, is AKIA. I also have him with his ear to the ground. Mr. Upshaw informed me Saturday night that he would ask the Herald people to print the other side of the story. He would also get certain excerpts from the letter to Gov. elect Hardwick (read at the Atlanta theater meeting) and place them from the resolutions passed at that meeting; he is to let me know what success he has. I think it well for such request to come from Mr. Upshaw.

Let me know if we have with us those who may be in position to decide it's war, and what, if anything, you may learn as to Wm. S. Brewer. Both might be of assistance to me further here—that is the information obtainable from them might be.  
Please give me an address where I can write to you.  
Faithfully and sincerely yours,  
Harry B. Terrell,  
In the Sacred Unfailing Bond,  
G. C. Capitol Domain

All the contents of this letter are exceedingly true.  
Itsub mans "In the Sacred Unfailing Bond." The AKIA means "I am a Klansman."  
The Klan's Secret Service naturally keeps in touch with legislation in which the Klan is interested. We find a report from L. J. McKinnon, of the Department of Investigation, that

"The anti-lynching bill which was passed by the House will be reported unfavorably by the Senate committee according to the best opinions in political circles. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People claim that they will cause the defeat at the polls of every member of Congress who votes against it."

One of the steps taken in Washington, in October 1922, was to form a Klan composed of newspapermen, congressmen, and other government officials, but separate from the Imperial Klan and not nearly so secret. In fact, this was so open that individuals were asked by letter to join, and the movement thereupon became public.

The Klan insists that the leaking out of this effort has not injured it, as it says that King Kleagle Poindexter is overwhelmed with inquiries for membership. The claim of the Ku Klux

is that this particular Washington Klan includes thirty well-known newspapermen, fourteen United States senators and representatives, high officers of the army and navy, and other officials of national reputation. It is questionable if this effort is as serious as the more secret ones.

In Secret Service Office

The value of having Klansmen in the right place is illustrated by the fact that Clarke claims to have a Klansman in the U. S. Secret Service at Washington, D. C., who keeps him advised whenever that branch of the Federal Government does anything in connection with the Ku Klux Klan. On one occasion, about July 2, 1922, Clarke was heard to narrate the attempt of a man who was in Washington in conference with Burns, urging him to arrest Clarke. Burns, according to Clarke, said he could arrest Clarke, but why make a martyr of him? In comment Clarke said:

"Burns may be persuaded to arrest me, and if so I shall not be constrained longer to keep off the dogs of war; it may mean a revolution, for I believe the Klansmen would stand by me."

The secrecy with which the Klan surrounds its political pressure comes out in the Destroy This Letter By Fire of the following:

"Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Propagation No. 1, Wash., 6-27-22. Faithful and Esteemed Klansmen: At the regular meeting on June 24th of the Walla Walla Provisional Klan it was unanimously voted that this Klan should contribute an amount equal to two dollars (\$2.00) per member to assist in financing a recount and other such action as may be necessary to secure the will of the majority of the people of Oregon may prevail in the recent Primary Nominating Election."

Evidence has been submitted which leads us to believe that Charles Hall was nominated but out-counted by corruptness which can be substantiated by a recount; the estimate of total cost is approximately fifty thousand dollars and the burden will not be great if the equally divided among the Klansmen of the Northwest.  
We have until July 6th to file the intention of the recount and finance it; therefore kindly get your contribution into my office as early as possible. Make checks payable either to Cash or to P. L. Wadley, and immediately Destroy This Letter By Fire upon reading. Yours in the Sacred and Unfailing Bond, S. A. Rogers, Super-Kleagle Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, 1014 E. Washington, Portland, Ore.

Secrecy can be dispensed with when the Imperial Wizard thinks such dispensation good politics. During the last Texas political campaign, Robert L. Henry, Earl B. Mayfield, and Senator Culbertson were among those seeking the Democratic nomination. Henry was authorized to "uncover" (make himself known as a Klansman) in order to make the Culbertson forces center their attack on him. Earl B. Mayfield, another Klansman, did not disclose whether he was a Klansman, but he was the dark horse of the Klan, by which they undertook to beat Culbertson. The telegram giving Henry permission to "uncover" follows:

"Ty Little Rock Ark. 515 Apl. 6, 1922 Judge E. J. Clarke, Waco, Tex.  
Your request regarding Henry grant."

Foreign Travel 1923

An old-line touring company is seeking competent organizers of European travel parties for the summer of 1923. Address, with experiences and references, BERT E. YOUNG, Box 731, Indianapolis.

Good luck and best wishes to you." E. J. Clarke and H. W. Evans, 534 P.

The principle of uncovering was touched upon in a secret statement made by Clarke, as Acting Imperial Wizard, on July 11, 1922, in which he outlines the advantages of having this new "Imperial" refuge for politicians, judges, and such forces. We put part of the statement in emphatic type. Clarke said:

"I think it will give us an instrument very much needed for another purpose. We are face to face with the opportunity of bringing into the organization Men of Large Type, But Men Whose Identity We Want to Absolutely Conceal From Even Their Local Klan—The Klan Which is Located Where They Live. For Instance: Congressmen, Senators, Governors, Judges, and others. When We Can Line Up As Real Klansmen, But Whom It Would Be Best For Them and For Us for Their Identity To Be Completely and Absolutely Concealed. These Men Can be passed upon in the Imperial Klan and put upon the roster of the Imperial Klan and given the Imperial Passport to enter their local Klan at any time it was thought best to let them go there and uncover their identity as Klansmen. I believe that this feature of the Imperial Klan's possibilities alone justifies its establishment at this time. It will not be long before Klans in all parts of the nation will begin to send in petitions of various kinds to be discussed by the Imperial Klan, problems of local character, problems of national character, will come before this body to be discussed by the heads of the operating forces of the organization and the action taken will be passed down in full detail to all of the Klans throughout the nation. I think we have made a great step, and I am heartily in favor of it."

That the "Imperial" refuge is being used by many of the rulers of our life we now proceed to illustrate. In giving an account of his trip to Washington in February, 1921, Mr. Clarke said:

"He found that several senators and representatives had been naturalized among others, due to the activity of Captain William S. Coburn. He also found that several copies of the Searchlight had been circulated among the members of Congress when appeared the picture of Congressman W. D. Upshaw, and that Congressman Upshaw had been seriously put to it to deny his connection with the organization and at the same time square himself with his conscience as a preacher and church member."

On April 15, 1922, the local Klan in Atlanta, Georgia, in a special notice sent out to its members, announced:

"Next Thursday Night, April 19th, a well-known Klansman from Washington, D. C., will be present to address the Klan on matters of urgent importance. Upshaw was 'the well-known Klansman' from Washington D. C."

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Imperial Wizard mention was made of the receipt of many unqualified endorsements of the Ku Klux Klan. Among these was the following from Upshaw:

"If anybody doubts the patriotic purpose of the reincarnated Ku Klux Klan or questions the wisdom of its operation he has but to read the press report of the recent speech of Col. William Joseph Simmons, the Imperial Wizard, in the Atlanta Theater. Packed to standing room, even in the galleries, that great throng sat or stood for three hours, listening to the wonderfully eloquent story of the birth and re-birth of the Ku Klux Klan. It was a fascinating message—a message of love and loyalty, of beauty and bravery, of patriotism and purpose, of human interest and unflinching heroism, of community peace and even-handed justice, of Anglo-Saxon achievement and unshaken Anglo-Saxon guardianship of the South's best ideals and the nation's highest happiness."

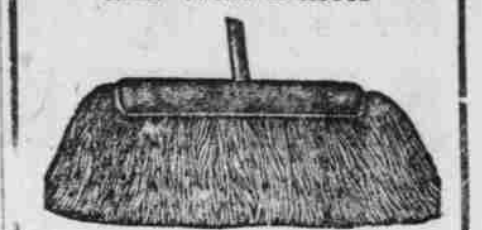
Imperial Wizard Simmons has stated that to be eligible for membership in the organizations the applicant must be registered and eligible to vote in every election. The reason for this insistence is made even clearer when one reads the Imperial Wizard's definition of "Klanishness," which gives him and his co-promoters the key by which the political thought and vote of Klansmen are directed. This "Imperial Klanishness" is:

"Give due respect at all times, and maintain the Klanish regard for the person and authority of his chief officer—the Imperial Wizard—and thereby facilitate his efforts in perfecting the work he has to do for the glory of the Invisible Empire in its development and government. Your respect for government, its official decrees, edicts, mandates, rulings and instructions mean much for you in approximating the common ideal of Klansmen."

Soon after Organizer Clarke had made his first visit to Washington, D. C., he stated that Washington was making rapid strides in Klanscraft, and included in its membership some of

the most prominent men in the nation's life. Toward the end of 1920 Imperial Wizard Simmons claimed the membership of "members of congress, judges of the courts of our land, state attorney generals, sheriffs, chiefs of police and some of the most prominent citizens of America."

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40,000	14.78	16.79	19.10	21.77	24.84	28.41	32.57	37.44	43.17	49.96	57.65	66.39	76.19
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