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THE
PRACTICE
OF
KLANISHNESS

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the border Realm of Karacter from
the one who traversed the
Realm of the Unknown,
wrested the solemn Secret
from the grasp of Night
and became the Imperial
Master of the great lost
Mystery. Words of timely
Wisdom from the soul of
the great Imperial Wizard,
who out of Mystic Dark-
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THE FIERY CROSS

Behold, the Fiery Cross still brilliant!
Combined efforts to defame
And all the calumny of history
Fail to quench its hallowed flame.

It shall burn bright as the morning
For all decades yet to be
Held by hearts and hands of manhood
It shall light from sea to sea.

We rally around this ancient symbol
Precious heritage of the past
And swear our all to home and country
And to each other to the last.

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In the Fiery Cross I glory
'Neath its glow my Oath was made
It shall live in song and story
I swear its light shall never fade.

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To Each and Every Citizen of the Invisible Empire,
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, My Cordial Imperial
Greetings:

To You I Speak, Oh, Noble Klansman!

The One great underlying principle of "our" noble
Order, one which demands "constant" practice, is—
KLANISH FIDELITY.—constancy in the performance
of Klanish Practices.

To be "klanish" (Note: We spell it with a K instead
of a C) toward your fellow klansmen in ALL things
honorable implies that this principle must be applied
and exemplified in the four-fold realm of man's
mundane life—Physical, Social, Moral and Vocational.
This is the four-fold application of this, "our" sacred
and self-preserving principle and it is therefore a FUN-
DAMENTAL element in the progress and stability of
our great institution as well as in the betterment of our
individual lives.

Our klanishness is defined as follows: "A number of
real men, each of whom is the embodiment of true
American manhood, of kindred purpose, actuated by un-
selfish motives, dedicated to a manly mission and
pledged to a noble ideal, and who are voluntarily and
strongly bound together by an unyielding tie, wholly
determined to so live and act as to safeguard and en-
hance each other's interest and welfare in all the several
relationships of life and being."

(1) PHYSICAL KLANISHNESS: Has to do with
the application of this great principle in the realm of
one's physical being. Having due regard for the health
and bodily wellbeing of a klansman and protecting same
in every way possible; if health be impaired to seek its
restoration. It enforces self-control when one is aroused
to anger and the bodily wellbeing of a klansman is
threatened or likely to be abused; true to this principle
no klansman will strike, stab, lacerate or in any other
manner inflict bodily pain or commit an injury to the
physical being of another klansman, unless in case of
self-defense, and to do so would be a crime against the
Invisible Empire.

(2) SOCIAL KLANISHNESS: This implies that
all klansmen are on a common social plane and are
therefore without individual social distinction between
each other. The set rules of social valuation operative
in the society of the alien world at large are ignored by
klansmen in their regard for each other. We form our
estimate of each other not by the texture of the gar-

ment worn nor by the position held in the social, educational, political, financial or ecclesiastical spheres of the world's society, but we look well to the inner qualities of the heart, the mind and the soul; on these we base our estimate and the eye of scrutiny beholds him bathed in the penetrating light of the Fiery Cross and he stands before us our equal in that he possesses a klansman's heart and a klansman's soul, and of him we shall not be ashamed before men but will gladly acknowledge his fellowship before the world, for we know who he is—a MAN who values HONOR more than life.

The practice of social klanishness enforces an affectionate and manly regard for the personal and professional reputation and good name of a klansman and that of a klansman's family and will not permit such to be slanderously assailed without resentment. How sacred a thing is a man's or a woman's good name! And thrice so is that of a klansman and his loved ones.

This principle enforces an appreciative valuation of each other, prompting sincere, courteous conduct and free social intercourse among klansmen. When you meet a klansman be glad to greet him and act the part, for he, like yourself, is no common man.

(3) MORAL KLANISHNESS: This has to do with the attainment and the preservation of decency; by it we assist each other to conform our lives to the standard given in the Scriptural Charter of the Klan—the 12th chapter of Romans, especially the 1st and 2nd verses, and thus we make secure, by the practice of klanishness, our highest and best interest not only in this life but in the great life to come. No klansman will permit himself to be the means of, or the instrument in, the moral degeneration of another klansman, or in the wrecking or contributing to the wrecking of the soul of his fellow in the world to come. No klansman will throw aside his qualities of a gentleman and give himself over to debauchery. We seek to know our own and each other's moral weakness and constantly endeavor to strengthen these to the end that in the practice of klanishness we develop and maintain that quality of character that will stand the ultimate test of God's just and unerring judgment. This practice enforces Temperance (in thought, in word and in indulgences) and all of its allied virtues, and thereby aims at the ideal of decency and cleanliness in life and character. To pollute the morals of a klansman is to commit a grave offense against our Order.

(4) VOCATIONAL KLANISHNESS: This calls for the constant and earnest exercise of this great principle in the realm of one's business or professional life. Trading, dealing with and patronizing klansmen in preference to all others. Employing klansmen in preference to others whenever possible. Boosting each other's business interest or professional ability; honorably doing any and all things that will assist a klansman to earn an honest dollar, thereby adding to his material wellbeing, lightening the burden of life for him and constantly succoring him with new strength and refreshing encouragement. Make it a special point in life to know the nature of a klansman's business or profession and then hold him and his interest well in mind and never let an opportunity pass to turn trade or patronage to him and thus you will help him to succeed

and be happy and thereby you will add to the force of joy towards dissipating the sorrow, grouch and gloom of this life and making the world brighter and better by your having lived in it.

For an example: If you should come across a person interested in the purchase or sale of real estate scan your list of known klansmen and if there be one who is in that line of business (though you may not be so intimately acquainted with him) urge this person to see your particular real estate man. It is presumed there is a profit to be made in the transaction if consummated, then do your part in endeavoring to turn the profit to a klansman. You must not tell this person why you insist on him seeing this particular real estate man, other than that he is worthy and deals honorably. He is a klansman and you can safely recommend him. Apply this method in regard to klansmen who are doctors, lawyers, dentists, merchants, barbers, opticians, carpenters, insurance men, taxi cab owners, automobile dealers and ANY and ALL other vocations of men. Again, a clerk for instance, or other employee of a shop, to hold his position must make good, his advancement hinges on his ability to produce business; therefore deal with those firms or persons who employ klansmen in their business and have your dealings with your fellow klansmen in person therein employed that he, or they might get credit for the business done. If possible let the employer know that you deal with his firm on account of this particular man being employed by him.

The exemplification of this great principle enforces honesty in all transactions. Deal fairly and justly with klansmen at any and all times and in any and all things. To cheat, wrong or deceive a klansman, in pledged word or in trade or business transactions, would be a bad breach of klanishness for which you would suffer. If you borrow from a klansman be not slow to repay; remember it is an obligation of honor. Do not allow yourself to impose on a klansman's generosity. A klansman has implicit confidence and reposes a sacred trust in you, therefore do nothing that would impair that confidence or betray that trust. Be a big man, a fair man, an honest man in all your dealings with all men and most especially with klansmen. Remember, this sublime duty was voluntarily assumed by you and to this great work you have been solemnly dedicated and your life has been sacredly consecrated; see to it that you prove not yourself one who will flinch at DUTY or show himself a cowardly weakling or a treacherous scallawag.

Think seriously and soberly along this line of the application of this great principle and the greatness of it in its ultimate range will overwhelm you, and you will readily see what you have lost in the past by the common method of fraternal practice you have followed. Oh, how miserably meaningless is the so-called fraternity of the multitude of so-called fraternal Orders! How disgusting to a soul unselfish and sincere!

The practice of klanishness is FUNDAMENTAL with us, it is our mark of distinction as an institution and as individual members thereof; therefore, to be true you MUST train yourself accordingly. In this you will doubtless often be required to make some sacrifice of time or of conveniences and possibly some impulse of personal friendship or of old acquaintanceship, but to attain the lofty ideal to which we aspire it must be

done. How easy it is with one so determined to form the holy habit of the practice of klanishness, and how good one feels when he has done it! What delectable experiences come to him in the consciousness of having maintained his honor in the bitter battle of life against Self and selfish inclinations and having this day contributed something, though ever so small, toward blessing some one's life by making that some one more successful and happy and also to be able to repose in the sweet consciousness of having done something more toward shaping your own life to conform to a laudable and lofty ideal.

By this practice you lift yourself above the noxious atmosphere of selfish, sordid gain and place yourself on the lofty heights where the genial breezes of reciprocal fraternal fellowship forever wafts their inestimable blessings and the sun of Divine approbation is always bright. Get out of the boggy swamps, my fellow clansmen, and get you to the mountain top where you can catch the vision of the larger life that will impart to your soul super-human strength enabling you to enter the stressful struggle of the alien world, with which you are surrounded, and come out conqueror from every contest. Devotion to our standard **MUST** be made worth while; worth while to others by **YOU** and worth while to **YOU** by others.

Our Order is one with a great specific purpose, therefore, a clansman is a man with a definite purpose, in life, not a mere piece of animal driftwood, and he is unyielding in his devotion to that purpose and the bed-rock principle of that purpose is the practice of klanishness. You have invested of your time and money to become one of us and one with us, now be sensible enough to make good that investment; for it holds treasures for you. In other words, you have bought the field, now sow the seed and properly cultivate it and a pleasing harvest is yours; otherwise brambles, and weeds and pernicious plants will infest it and thrive and you shall have miserably wasted your investment, you shall have failed to preserve your honor in the faithful practice of a self-protective principle. Put forth your hands and sow the goodly seed of klanish fidelity and you shall reap abundantly; withhold your hand and you shall perish. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Again the four-fold application of this great principle is as follows:

(1) **PATRIOTIC KLANISHNESS:** An unswerving allegiance to the principles of a pure Americanism as represented by the flag of our great nation, namely: Liberty, Justice and Truth. Real, true Americanism unadulterated, a dogged devotedness to our country, its government, its ideals and its institutions. To keep our government forever free from the alien touch of foreign alliances and influences, that Liberty's effulgent torch be not dimmed. By your vote as a citizen select only men of pure patriotic impulses to serve in positions of public trust. Vote not politics, but patriotism. Exercise your rights and prerogatives as a civil citizen for the best interest of your state and community and for the general public weal; the making of just and equitable laws and the righteous enforcement of same; bitterly oppose tyranny in any and every form and degree, and

displace the corrupt politicians with dependable patriotic statesmen. "He who saves his country saves all things and all things saved bless him; but he who lets his country die lets all things die and all things dying curse him."

(2) **DOMESTIC KLANISHNESS:** Standing by and protecting the sanctity of the home, and its manifold interests, of a klansman, his family and its every interest and wellbeing, and faithfully warn him of any approaching danger thereto.

(3). **RACIAL KLANISHNESS:** Being in all things true and loyal to the caucasian race, its traditions and civilization, and keeping its civilization pure by preserving it from the contaminating intermixture of alien races and their influences, maintain **WHITE SUPREMACY** first, last and all the time. Faithfully protect our politics and society from the haughty ambitions and arrogant aggressiveness of colored races who seek to mix their breed with the blood of our government and civilization. Racial integrity—abstaining from and preventing carnal physical contact with or by colored races; thereby, keeping secure from pollution from inferior blood the precious blood of the caucasian race. Recognize the distinction between the races of mankind as they have been decreed by nature, and preserve unto death the peculiar distinctiveness of the white race from the foul touch of a lower stock. Keep caucasian blood, society, politics and civilization **PURE!**

(4). **IMPERIAL KLANISHNESS:** This is the principle applied toward our great fraternity. It means a constant, unflinching loyalty to the institution; to harmonize your soul with its sacred purposes and principles, put yourself in accord with its mission and ideals. Guard **WELL** its **EVERY** interest; make good your allegiance to it by practicing its precepts, exemplifying its principles, meeting promptly without reserve your **EVERY** obligation to it (both personal and financial), faithfully obeying its constitution and constitutional authority, enforcing its laws and conforming willingly to its requirements, regulations and usages.

Give due respect at all times, and maintain a klanish regard for the person and authority of its 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. He is laboring constantly and unselfishly for **YOU**, **YOUR** country and **YOUR** race. Your respect for him, his official decrees, edicts, mandates, rulings and instructions means much for you in approximating the common ideal of klansmen. He in his official capacity represents the entire Order, every phase and feature of the whole institution centers in him. Be therefore constructive and not destructive or obstructive in your criticisms. If you have honest criticisms to make take them to the proper officer to hear, discuss and consider them—the Exalted Cyclops of a klan, the Grand Dragon of your Realm, or the Imperial Wizard of the Order.

Do not in **ANY MANNER WRONG** our institution by slandering it (though ever so mildly) or by discussing its seeming imperfections or the mistakes of its officers at any time or place where any person of the alien world may chance to hear; a conspicuous characteristic of a klansman handed down by our fathers is, **A klans-**

man keeps the inner affairs of the klan strictly to himself and thereby maintains its peculiar prestige as a potent factor. Always speak of the klan and its work enthusiastically or not at all, oftentimes silence begets respect; never discuss the klan or its affairs freely with anyone except a klansman. Do not familiarize our fraternity to anyone of the alien world. Under no circumstances suffer any cisms, factions or ill feelings to spring up in your klan and never any remarks or conversations that favor sedition. Remember IN UNISON we labor wherever we may roam.

The institution believes in YOU and has reposed a very sacred trust in YOU; be true to the trust committed to your keeping and thereby give to it that sincere, unselfish devotedness as typified by the Fiery Cross; the light of that cross reveals YOUR DUTY, then perform that duty as a klansman and not as one of the common herd of mankind. Be YOU the incarnation of the principle of constant loyalty to the Order, and thus with real men like you a great institution can and will be established in the land, that will be peerless in the perfection of its powers to preserve and perpetuate that which we all hold as sacred to our race, our country, each other and to the world, and will endure through the ages to bless mankind. Be prudent in your conduct and conversations that nothing might be said or done by you at any time or place that will engender prejudice against our Order. Allow no alien to enter the klavern in quest of citizenship in the Invisible Empire unless you are confident that he is worthy of the honor we confer, the sacred trust we impose and will appreciate our peculiar fellowship, if a scallawag should develop in your midst eject him speedily from the portal of the Invisible Empire without fear or favor. Maintain forever the social cast and dignity of YOUR institution, for its foundation is laid in character and it is built up with MANHOOD.

Remember always that YOU as a *klansman* represent more than you do in any other fraternal relationship, for you are a living commemoration and the perpetuation of the most dauntless organization known to the world and of men who were the greatest heroes of all history. Let the spirit of that immortal institution and of those great men possess YOU and let not its exalted ideals be one whit lowered by any indifference or careless conduct on YOUR part. Our Order is most worthy of you and you honor yourself by your devotion to it; therefore, live up to the peerless dignity of the peculiar relationship you sustain as a klansman, for this is your opportunity to achieve something worth while in rightly and gratefully commemorating the heroic achievements of the past, for the betterment of the present, and in begetting imperishable honor for yourself and your progeny in the future.

KLANISHNESS with us is the concentrated extract of "fraternity" intensified and applied in every conceivable way. In the application of the meaning of the word as used by us it is more specific, more potent and goes more into minute detail by taking cognizance of the small things ordinarily overlooked by the word—fraternity. It considers no acts small and insignificant that contributes directly or indirectly to a fellow's welfare or happiness. While it has due respect for the acts of large favors and conspicuous benefits, it especially

gives attention to the countless small acts of beneficial practices and kind words opportune in every moment of time which go to make up this great life that we live together; indeed, it is fidelity in these small things which makes life pleasant after all. It is the constant application that counts—CONSTANTLY klanish towards klansmen in ALL things honorable.

OUR KLANISHNESS prompts us to STUDY the interest of a klansman and never lose an opportunity to enhance same; to SEEK the opportunity and NOT sit down in fraternal lethargy and wait until it runs against us; and to seek not with a base, selfish motive as with an inner thought that you might possibly reap a gain by so doing, but in the true spirit of the great motto: **Not For Self But For Others**; for selfishness is the arch-canker that corrupts the hearts and the minds and prostitutes the motives of men, and is the conquering curse of creation. YOU are dedicated to the sublime mission of conquering it, you must make the fight within YOUR OWN breast. Be its master there and you can conquer it anywhere.

THE PARAMOUNT distinction of a Klansman, that which marks him as being different from other men is—HE is KLANISH towards his fellow klansmen. Klansmen, that is YOUR mark of distinction as you move among the great countless multitude of men and by it you will tower above men of alien creed as Saul of Gibbeah among the men of Israel. That is the mark of YOUR high calling—YOUR thrice honorable election, and may that mark be seen, known and devoutly respected by all men, that they may take knowledge of you that you are a citizen of the Invisible Empire. To this exalted honor our great institution has elected you and it seeks to elevate you to the higher life of matchless manhood.

KLANISHNESS is your creed and faith, therefore let no angel, man or devil break you from its glorious anchorage. Then, when the end of your initiation shall have been reached in this life and you have been summoned to take your place as an inhabitant of the Empire Invisible, as you pass through the veil you can say to the world in tones of truth triumphant, "I Have Kept the Faith!" Thus preserving your honor by a FAITHFUL allegiance your life shall not have been lived in vain.

THE GLORY OF A KLANSMAN IS TO SERVE

YOU are a Klansman

Service is yours.

Glory is yours.

Constant Service—Perpetual Glory.

The Practice of Klanishness Is the Medium of Service,
It shall Not Fail of a Commensurate Reward.

Catch the Vision!

You are no ordinary man. You are a

K-L-A-N-S-MAN!

Let this thought obsess you, then when the portal shall be opened to admit you to the Peerage of Knighthood in the Invisible Empire you will be found worthy to enter therein, pass the great K-duo in the Mystic Realm of Kourage and take your place in the greatest Order of Chivalry in all history.

A "Breach of Klanishness" is a violation of our great fundamental principle and supreme law and is therefore a crime against the Invisible Empire, and will consequently banish a man from citizenship therein more quickly and permanently than the committing of any other offense.

Ponder well all these things which I have spoken to YOU as coming from the hidden recesses of a soul unselfish communing with its God for the betterment of its fellows. Oh, Klansmen, minimize not the importance of your sacred mission in life and discount not your most laudable achievement that is—to attain to the high standard of klanish character—Matchless Manhood!

"NON SILBA SED ANTHAR"

Done in the Aulik of His Majesty, the Imperial Wizard, Emperor of the Invisible Empire, in the Imperial Palace in the Imperial City of Atlanta, Commonwealth of Georgia, United States of America, this the Third day of the Sixth month of the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-four, and on the Dismal day of the Woeful week of the Gloomy month of the Year of the Klan LVIII, and of the Year of the Reincarnation IX.

Officially uttered, inscribed, signed, sealed, communicated and committed to you in the sacred unfailing bond,

H. W. Evans

Imperial Wizard.



"The Spirit of the Ku Klux Klan still lives, and should live a priceless heritage to be sacredly treasured by all those who love their country, regardless of section, and are proud of its sacred traditions. That this spirit may live always to warm the hearts of manly men, unify them by the spirit of holy klanishness, to assuage the billowing tide of fraternal alienation that surges in human breasts, and inspire them to achieve the highest and noblest in the defense of our country, our homes, each other and humanity is the paramount ideal of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

"When the baleful blast of Reconstruction's storm was o'er,

The valiant, chivalric Ku Klux rode no more.
But ride on and on, thou spirit of that mystic klan,

In your noble mission for humanity's good;
Until the klanish tie of klankraft binds man
to man

For our country, our homes and womanhood"

BEWARE!

All ye people of the Earth:
There is but one and only
Ku Klux Klan; therefore,

SHUN

as a poisonous serpent any
other organization of simi-
lar name. We warn you,

BEWARE!

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