

Postscript: Mocking the Klan

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Mocking the Klan

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WE ARE IN HARMONY WITH ALL IDIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS OUR PURPOSE IS TO PROMULGATE IDIOCY OF ALL KINDS AND IN EVERY DEGREE

PLATFORM

We set ourselves up as the protectors of American Freedom. We profiteer upon the patriotism of our fellow-men by collecting exorbitant fees from those we intimidate. We have a monopoly upon our own equipment and sell it at great profit.

We are organized to promote the interests of petty politicians who other-

wise would have no support.

We compell all ministers to button their collars in front so that we may

tell whether they are coming or going.

All subjects of the Pope must have an American Flag about their persons. If caught without a flag, they must make a pilgrimage to Omaha and kiss the toe of the Methodist Bishop.

We demand access to all safes and cash registers owned or controlled by the Hebrew Race. If such access is denied, said Hebrew will be baptised

and be compelled to swallow a large platter of salt pork.

All negroes must be immediately whitewashed in order to conserve our diminishing supply of chalk rock, soap and talcum powder. Negroes refusing this ministration will be compelled to attend our midnight festival in the graveyard.

We provide sponges for unassimilated foreigners to soak up Americanism. Those refusing to carry sponges will be treated to a snake dance on a

tight wire over a melting pot.

NOTICE

We make no speeches ourselves as we have no idiots capable of that art among us. We faithfully attend all those made by similar organizations.

We burn no lumber in advertising the mysteries of our all-powerful society. Our principles smell without burning.

USE YOUR NOSE, FOLLOW THE SMELL, AND YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF TO BE

100% IDIOTIC KLOWNS OF THE KOO KOO KRUST

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It is well known that the first Nebraska Klavern **I**of the Ku Klux Klan was formed in Omaha in 1921. It is also known that the Klan was claiming as many as 45,000 members two years later. (See Michael W. Schuyler, "The Ku Klux Klan in Nebraska, 1920-1930," in the Fall 1985 issue of Nebraska History.) Perhaps less well-documented is

the resistance to this group during that period. The fiery poster featured above was issued by an unknown organization in Nebraska as a counterpoint to Klan propaganda and is part of the museum collection of the Nebraska State Historical Society.

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