

# **Duties of The Exalted Cyclops and Kligrapp**

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In undertaking to discuss this subject, I realize that I have assumed a gigantic task, one far beyond my ability to do justice to. But, with your permission, I shall, in as brief time as possible, give my ideas of those duties.

The Invisible Empire might easily be compared to or described as a great multi-motored ever moving machine with each Klan representing a motor of the composite machine and the Exalted Cyclops acting the part of the engineer of his motor, and being responsible for its perfect coordination with all the other motors, or Klans, and its perfect running order. This machine, the Invisible Empire, is far different from any other yet conceived in that it moves continuously, irresistibly, surely, untiringly after the manner of the Plebian steam-roller; yet, when occasion demands, it swoops down in the protection of right with the speed of a Mercury, like an eagle seizing its prey. It is this versatility which dumfounds, tantalizes and mystifies the politician. It is the quietness or secrecy of its movements which spells the undoing of the civil worker. It is the manpower of the machine which terrifies and amazes the enemies of America. We have, indeed, a wonderful machine when all motors are properly attended and kept in good running order.

But what are the duties of the operators of such wonderful motors of such an amazing machine? To the Exalted Cyclops is committed the care, the operation and up-keep of his Klan. In order to care for, operate, or keep any machine going, the operator must have a thorough knowledge of it. The machine under discussion, being composed of human beings. Klansmen, the operator, who is the leader, must be a man among man. He must set an example to all Klansmen of patriotism, love, justice and Christianity in every respect and shall require that all Klansmen follow his lead in these things. Klansmen, I tell you that an Exalted Cyclops of must be a MAN. He must demand and get the most efficient efforts of each Klansmen or part of his machine in order to get the best result from that machine. Through cooperation with adjoining machines, or Klans, in order that the program of the whole may be unvaried, steady and unfailing. If you can imagine a flying machine with one propeller pulling in one direction and another pulling in some other direction you can see the result when the different motors or Klans of our machine are not synchronized and coordinated, all motors working smoothly, developing the maximum man-power, all pulling in the same direction.

Now, to get to some definite rather than figurative duties and responsibilities of the Exalted Cyclops and Kligrapps. I shall try to discuss the Exalted Cyclops first, but the two offices are so closely allied and some of their duties are nearly the same that it will be impossible to keep them entirely separate.

The first instinct of a leader is obedience. His first requirement is obedience. To become a leader, one must first be proficient in the art of obedience. So it is the first duty of the Exalted Cyclops to obey to the letter every part of the Constitution and By-Laws Kloran, mandates, decrees and orders of his superiors, the principles, ideals and purposes of the Klan. To obey them he must know them. To know them he must study, for it requires study, much study, to get a clear idea of what the Klan is driving at, how and by what means it intends to accomplish its ends. Study the constitution and by-laws, read all literature issued by the Imperial and Realm offices. You must keep studying if you are to keep pace with the movements of the Klan. The Klan is moving, progressing, improving; you must go with it or be lost. You must demand obedience on the part of all your members to your orders and every order stated or implied in any part of the work of the Klan and to all

orders from superiors. You can operate your Klan no better than you know the Klan.

You must know the Klan in order to carry on its work. It's as easy for a child to explain calculus as it is for an Exalted Cyclops to operate a Klan without a thorough knowledge of the aims, purposes and ends of the Klan. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary for the Exalted Cyclops to have a working knowledge of the laws governing his machine, and a vision of the ends to which the Klans is striving. After the Exalted Cyclops has familiarized himself with the Klan, he must pass his vision to his Klansmen, demanding their best efforts to the end that the purposes of the Klan may be completely fulfilled. After you have put your Klan in functioning shape and are ready for activities, you must select the field of activity to conform to the program of the Klan. You must always stay within the law in any undertaking whatever. There are certain ways of doing things that are right and other ways that are wrong. I shall try to call to your attention the most important right ways and warn you against the wrong ways. These right and wrong methods I have learned through experiences with the different Klans of the Realm. An Exalted Cyclops should at all time look out for the welfare of his members, practicing Klanishness, morally, socially and vocationally, and urging this practice upon all Klansmen. If your Klan is not living the principles of Klanishness, the spirit of your Klan is far short of the intent of Klankraft. You must stick together, to one another. The Exalted Cyclops must set an example in Klanishness. He cannot demand a practice of others that he is not living. This is a responsibility which the Exalted Cyclops cannot neglect. You Exalted Cyclops must realize how great your responsibilities are. You are responsible for the welfare of your community and neighborhood.

It is the duty of every Exalted Cyclops to arrange a program of activity for his Klan, confirming as far as possible with the Nationals and Realm programs. He should arrange a program for each meeting, making his Konklaves snappy, interesting and full of pep. Invite speakers from neighboring Klans, exchange speakers with them. Organize quartettes, degree teams. Select a subject of vital interest to the Klan and Klansmen and have a debate on that subject. Open your Klonklave promptly at the hour set. Do not let trifles, personalities and home troubles of Klansmen or aliens be discussed on the floor of your Klavern. Refer all such things to the Klokann for settlement. Do not hold your Klonklaves too long. Transact your business in a business-like way; carry out your program, close in regular form as authorized by the Kloran and go home. Try to arrange a field of action that will keep all your members active. Too many are Thursday or Monday night Klansmen. They attend the Klonklave and never think of the Klan and its meaning again until next meeting night. Make your members use their heads. Make them do the work. Make them furnish ideas. Require every officer or Terror to know his part of the Kloranic work by heart. This will facilitate your work tremendously. Any Terror who does not familiarize himself with his work within 90 days after installation should be removed from his office by the Exalted Cyclops. It is the duty of the Exalted Cyclops to have Terrors who know their Kloranic work, as demanded by the constitution. Don't get too many irons in the fire. Work on one case until you have finished it and take up another. Don't dabble and stir up one thing and, before finishing, divert your efforts to an entirely new field. Don't start any action until you

are positive that you can finish it. To begin and fail, not only proves your inability to the alien world, but it shakes the faith of your own members. The alien world believes that the Klan is all-powerful. Do not give them proof that it is not. In many instances the Exalted Cyclops has the idea that he is to do all the undertakings of the Klan. Understand, Klansmen that I am not complaining or finding fault but knowing that Alabama is the best realm in the United States and Province No. 2, the best Province in this realm, I still recognize that there is room for improvement. I realize that there is room for improvement in your Great Titan and will willingly accept any constructive criticism offered. I believe that you realize that this is meant as constructive rather than destructive criticisms.

To proceed – I know that the Grand Dragon has sent out numerous orders to all Klans instructing them to keep all robes and helmets under lock and key. I know that some Klans have complied with this order implicitly, yet I know of Klans in this Province which do not keep their robes locked up and there is not a man in the Klan who can account for or is responsible to the Exalted Cyclops for them. All Klansmen are not reliable or dependable. Mistakes have been made in taking some members. An unreliable Klansman with a robe is a menace. You, Exalted Cyclops, are responsible for their actions. Are you ready to stand responsible for every action of every member of your Klan? A robe holds a certain unexplainable fascination for some members and sometimes the member, whom you would least expect, will, when his robe is convenient, so far forget himself as to take advantage of its protection from detection and violate the very principles which he, himself, is most ardent in espousing. A peculiar combination, but we number many of them among our ranks. Lock up his robe and he is a real Klansman. He can think before he acts. It is dangerous not to have your robes under lock. A responsible Klansman, not a Terror, should be made custodian of robes with instructions to permit no robe to leave his care except by a written order from the Exalted Cyclops. If you have not called in and locked up your robes, do so as soon as you return.

Next, let me call your attention to the oath of secrecy. There is entirely too much talking, careless talking about the Klan and its affairs. I do not believe that we have many deliberate traitors among us but we have a good number of clapper traps. Fellows with loose tongues uncontrolled, operated for the sole purpose of making a noise without a thought of what that noise might mean or what the secrets it might divulge. Too many men through carelessness and braggadocio reveal the secrets of the Klan, thus making their word, their honor and their oaths, things of little value, things to be scoffed at. Keep punching and impressing your men on the value of secrecy. Many good Klansmen will be careful, guarding the secrets of the Klan and their identity until they have an open air celebration, and will then deliberately reveal their identity by keeping their masks up. In the small towns the power of the Klan is absolutely gone with the revelation of its membership. The Klan itself soon dies because they are not able to do more active work. Understand that I do not hold that it is treasonable to reveal your own identity, but it certainly is not best.

Right now is the critical time in the life of the Klan. The newspapers have apparently given up their fight, acknowledging by their silence that, for the first

time in the history of the country they have not been able to overcome, to annihilate the object of their concerted propaganda. But if you make a mistake they will be on your necks again. Keep quietly and secretly about your work. Our enemies are working harder than ever to destroy us. Publicity failed them. They have now adopted our plan of secrecy. They endeavor to get into our ranks, to learn our secrets and to create and spread dissatisfaction among us. They have accomplished very little in Alabama for we have been careful in our growth. If the Klan is ever broken it will be from the inside. I do not believe it possible to break it from the outside. Do not permit any member to spread dissatisfaction, refer his complaint to the Klokann and settle it once for good.

It has been called to my attention that a number of Kligrapps are not reading the bulletins sent out by your Grand Dragon and Great Titan. If we did not feel that these bulletins were worth something to your Klan we would discontinue them. They are the only means of general communication that we have and it is necessary for the steady progress and necessary co-operation between the different Klans as a whole that every Klan be informed of the general activities and program of the Province, Realm and Invisible Empire.

These bulletins sometimes contain paragraphs of interest to Exalted Cyclops or Kligrapps only and these may be omitted when read to the Klan but, under no circumstances, must you omit paragraphs of general interest. For a long time these bulletins were sent to Kligrapps only, but it was found that too many times the Kligrapp read the bulletin and misplaced it. To put a check on this, bulletins are now sent to both the Exalted Cyclops and Kligrapp, giving us a double assurance that the news will reach the Klansmen. But even now there are Klans in which these bulletins are seldom read. In the future, if your Exalted Cyclops and Kligrapp forget or fail to read the bulletin, ask about them. The Grand Dragon issues bulletins on the fifteenth of each month, and the Great Titan on the first of each month. You should have at least one bulletin to be read at every meeting. It is just and fair that you get all the news and I am sure that every Exalted Cyclops wants to be just and fair with his Klan.

This afternoon the Grand Dragon is going to address you on the "Klan in Action". I wish that it were possible for every Klan in the Province to set up the organization, which he will describe in full, but on account of the small size of some of the Klans it is not possible. But I want every Klansman, especially every Exalted Cyclops, to give his undivided attention to his address and carry it out as far as possible. Appoint the most important committees and see that they work. Some Exalted Cyclops do too much work. They should see that it is done.

One of the most important duties of the Exalted Cyclops is to take care of the treasury of his Klan. I said treasury, not treasurer. There has been too much carelessness on the part of Kligrapps and Klabees in the handling of Klan funds. They do not seem to realize that the Klan is a business and that they must keep a business set of books. They are not keeping records that an auditor will accept. When these books are audited a shortage is always found because they have paid out money without requiring a receipt or the receipt is lost. They are not keeping

proper records of receipts or disbursements in many cases. This afternoon I am going to show and explain the new cash book adopted for use in this realm and I want every Klan represented here to get one of these books unless they have already done so. Each Kligrapp and Klabee is bonded by one of the largest bonding companies in America. If there is a shortage the Klan is protected, but it is the duty of the Exalted Cyclops to keep a check of the finances of his Klan, thus preventing a shortage and the loss of your money until the bonding company or your Kligrapp or Klabee remit. See that the proper procedure in the handling of your monies is used. The Kligrapp collects all monies. He turns all monies received to the Klabee, who gives his receipt for same. The Kligrapp issues an order signed by himself and The Exalted Cyclops to the Klabee, who writes and signs a check which is countersigned by the Exalted Cyclops. Monies are kept in two funds-general and trust, or special, under the name of the Klabee and the Exalted Cyclops. Money in the general fund belongs to the Klan. In the special or trust fund is placed all monies accrued to the Realm office and Imperial Palace. No money must be checked out of your special or trust fund except for your quarterly reports and under the new system of cash book for robes. All local bills and expenses must be paid from the general fund. The Kligrapp keeps a complete record of all transactions in full. The Klabee keeps a record of all money received and all money paid out of both funds in his care. If you will follow these instructions you will have a complete and double check on all funds. The Klan votes on the payment of all bills except money paid from the trust or special fund, no vote being required on this.

It is the duty of every Exalted Cyclops to arrange a definite program of activity for his Klan, confirming as near as possible to the Realm and Imperial programs. He should arrange a program for each meeting. Let the first thing on this program always be a prompt opening at the hour designated. Make your Konklaves snappy. Make them interesting. I realize that this is a big order but I also know that your Klan elected you because they believed that you were best fitted to carry on the work-make things hum-keep the membership interested and busy and to set the pace. In other words, you were elected their leader. Are you leading? Are you carrying your Klan towards some goal or are you just marking time?

Encourage in every way Sunday School and Church attendance. The Klan is building on the tenets of the Christian religion. With Christ, the Klan is all-powerful. If the Klan loses Christ, forgets Him in the turmoil, turns its back to Him, disbars Him, the Klan is doomed. Tune your Klan in with Him. Do His work in your community and your Klan will prosper.

To do this, you only need to live the life you profess as a Klansman. Make your Klan a positive factor in the life of your community by living as you profess. Remember the prayer of a Klansman every day:

“God give us men! The Invisible Empire demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands. Men whom the lust of office does not kill: Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have HONOR; Men who will NOT Lie; Men who can stand before a demagogue and damn

his treacherous flatteries without winking! Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog in public duty and in private thinking; For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds, Their LARGE professions and their LITTLE deeds, Mingle in selfish strife, Lo! freedom weeps, wrong rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps. God give us men!

Men who serve not for selfish booty, bur real men, courageous, who flinch not at duty; Men of dependable character; men of sterling worth; Then wrong will be redressed, and right will rule the earth;

God give us men!"

Again, I welcome you to the best Klonverse ever held in the Realm and remind you that my remarks are made in a spirit of love and with the hope that they may be an incentive to more and greater efforts on the part of all to make this Province better. I acknowledge that if we are to continue to grow that we must improve at the same time and in proportion to our growth. We are growing and we must improve these shortcomings, these oversights. I am thoroughly convinced that we have the best Province in the best Realm in the best country and that you, through your co-operation have made it so. I thank you for your many kindnesses to me and again pledge you my wholehearted co-operation in every undertaking for the good of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Providence alone preventing.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN is not having been able to:

- 1) Seeking to overthrow the UNITED STATES government.
- 2) Harassing Negroes or other "minorities."
- 3) Paramilitary camps.
- 4) Paramilitary training.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN wishes to see the national government and the people of his nation return to the laws of our God in fulfillment of 11 Chron. 7:14

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

To accomplish this goal the KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN recognizes that survival training, guns, human might or "wisdom" will be of no avail and that "unless the Lord builds the house, they that labor, labor in vain."

Psalms 127:1

