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Ku Klux Klan

It has come to my attention that Scottish Rite Masons are being solicited to join the Ku Klux Klan, on the ground that its announced purposes should commend themselves to Masons.

Some of them would; others should not.

Men and organizations are to be judged by their acts, not by their professions.

The Klan calls itself an "invisible empire." There is no place for an invisible empire in the United States. Masonry stands four-square for the United States and its constitutional principles and usages.

The Klan emphasizes the "invisibility" by going masked. The masked demonstrator is on a level with the anonymous letter writer.

The mask is the refuge of the coward.

The Klan can disavow the deeds of masked men.

The Klan can claim that masked malefactors steal its livery and bring it into unmerited obloquy. Possibly, but the Klan invites it.

The Klan, secretly and behind masks, tries, sentences, and executes the sentences. We have courts and the ballot-box for the punishment of wrong-doing and the abolition of abuses. Recourse to other means is not only un-American, but subversive of that order which is one of the foundation stones of Masonry.

Any men have the right to associate publicly for the purpose of accomplishing social and political ends by the formation of public opinion and the use of the ballot.

No men have the right to associate privately to accomplish social and political ends by mystery and terror and outside the law.

No Scottish Rite Freemason can consistently be a Klansman. No Klansman should pass the ballot in any Scottish Rite Body.

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You may have heard of "Ku Klux Klan" Not however in our party's Country