



United Klans of America Collection (C4302)

Collection Number: C4302

Collection Title: United Klans of America Collection

Dates: 1967-1973

Creator: Marshall, Howard, collector

Abstract: The United Klans of America collection contains promotional material and literature created by the organization for the purpose of recruitment and propaganda. A college student gathered the materials for the purpose of writing a college level research paper in 1973.

Collection Size: 0.25 cubic feet
(5 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

The Klans of America, also known as the Ku Klux Klan, was first formed in Pulaski County, Tennessee, by six former Confederate officers. It began in 1866 and continued until it was

subdued by law enforcement in the early 1870s. The group used intimidation and violence against African Americans and the Republican leadership responsible for reconstruction policies. The group saw a resurgence in 1915 and was active throughout the 1920s. The group often participated in mass parades and began practicing the act of cross burning to intimidate their victims. A third wave of the Klan emerged in the late 1940s and focused most of its attention on opposition to the Civil Rights movement.

The Klan exists today as small local groups that are disconnected and function at the local level. Some characteristics of the Klan include the wearing of hooded robes that function not only to scare those being intimidated, but also to hide the identity of the wearer. Among the beliefs of the group includes anti-Semitism, nativism, racism and anti-Catholicism. The Klan is considered a hate group by the Anti-Defamation League and the Southern Poverty Law Center. It is estimated that between 3,000 and 6,000 people are members of the Klan today.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged by type of material.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains materials related to recruitment and propaganda promoting the Ku Klux Klan organization and its activities.

Container List:

- f. 1 Speech and "The Fiery Cross"
- f. 2 Brochures
- f. 3 Interviews and research notes, 1973
- f. 4 Pamphlets
- f. 5 Flyers

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