

**WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.**

**PETITION.**

**TO THE HONORABLE RICHARD M. MANN,  
JUDGE OF THE PULASKI CIRCUIT COURT,  
SECOND DIVISION;**

The undersigned, Lulu A. Markwell, A. B. Cloud, Mae E. Gifford, Mrs. A. E. Brown, and others, whose names appear on the Articles of Agreement and Incorporation attached hereto and made a part hereof, have associated themselves together under the style and name of Women of the Ku Klux Klan for the mutual benefit of its members and for the purpose, among other things, of the promotion of literature, education and science, and for the promotion of bodily and mental health, for the worship of the Almighty God and the furtherance of His Kingdom, and for such other activities as might tend to develop a Christian character and purely for the purpose of benevolent, charitable, fraternal, eleemosynary and protective measures; but there shall be no capital stock, but with power to issue certificates of organization to subordinate branches of the association or corporation, in this or other States of the United States, or other places.

That they petition to be authorized to confer degrees, using a ritual and secret obligation for women only; they desire such power and authority as is usually granted and extended to secret fraternal organizations in this State; they desire to be controlled and governed by a Supreme Legislative Body, whose duty and powers shall be to make all laws, Constitutions, and By-Laws and rules governing the organization and all subordinate branches thereof and to amend the same, and the name of such Legislative body shall be National Convention or Klineilium, Women of the Ku Klux Klan and shall be composed of delegates selected as the by-laws of this association may provide. That it be authorized to

carry on the business of the association, to own, buy and sell personal and real estate, borrow money and secure the same by mortgage and Deed of Trust and to do all things usually permitted by fraternal organizations under the laws of the State of Arkansas, and to transact such other business as would be useful and beneficial to said association with all the provisions and powers and subject to all liabilities contained under Sections 1788, 1789, 1790, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1794, 1795, 1796 and 1797, of Crawford & Moses' Digest of the laws of the State of Arkansas, and they submit herewith a copy of their Constitution, Articles of Association and list of its members at this time, and petition the Court that they be constituted and declared a body politic and corporate. And in consideration of the use of the name or any part of the name of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and the aid and assistance to be rendered by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the members of said Klan, your petitioners in matters of policy and procedure will hold themselves and all subordinate lodges amenable to the will of the Imperial Wizard and the Imperial Kloneilium of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and no action taken by said Women of the Ku Klux Klan shall be conclusive on matters of policy and procedure without the sanction of the Imperial Kloneilium of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Wherefore they ask that this Honorable Court make an order constituting them a body politic and corporate and issue them a certificate of incorporation under the provisions of said Act and said Sections of Crawford & Moses' Digest, with power to own, buy, and sell, personal, real and mixed property for its use and benefits only and to borrow money and to execute its obligation therefor and to do and perform any and all other acts in relation to its property as any individual might do through its said Board of Trustees as constituted at the time of any transaction.

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ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT AND INCORPORATION OF THE  
WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the incorporators hereinafter named have this day, and by these presents, formed a Corporation under and in pursuance of the laws of the State of Arkansas, in that behalf provided, for "Incorporations for Benevolent Associations," and for the mutual benefit of its members and for the promotion of any other good and useful object, and in evidence thereof, do hereby execute the following Article of Incorporation:

First: The name of the Corporation shall be WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

Second: The incorporators are as follows: Lulu A. Markwell, of Little Rock, Arkansas; Mae E. Gifford, of Portland, Oregon; Lillian T. Davis, of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. H. D. Morse, of Houston, Texas; Mrs. A. E. Brown, of Des Moines, Iowa; Flora B. Johnson, of Casper, Wyoming; A. B. Cloud, of Dallas, Texas; Daisy D. Barr, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Third: The place of business is to be located at Little Rock, and its office for the transaction of business shall be in Little Rock, or at such other places as the Board of Directors or Kloucilium may select.

Fourth: The general nature of the business proposed to be transacted for the mutual benefit of its members, the promotion of literature, education and science, and for the promotion of bodily and mental health, for the worship of Almighty God and the furtherance of His Kingdom, and for such other activities as might tend to develop a Christian character and purely for the purpose of a benevolent, charitable, fraternal eleemosynary and protective measures.

Fifth: There shall be no capital stock issued to either the incorporators or any of the members and there shall be no monetary benefits accruing to any person.

Sixth: The affairs of the business of the Corporation shall be conducted and controlled by a Board of Directors or Kloneilium consisting of sixteen members, all of whom shall be members of the Association. Said Board of Directors or Kloneilium shall elect one of its members as President and one of its members as Vice-President, one of its members as Secretary and one of its members as Treasurer. The first election for directors shall be held immediately after the organization of this association, who shall serve for a period of one year and until their successors are elected.

Seventh: That the Board of Directors or Kloneilium, consisting of sixteen members, will be authorized and empowered to ordain and establish all By-Laws, Constitutions and regulations necessary to the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation or Association and alter or repeal same at pleasure.

That the incorporators have agreed that as to all matters of policy and procedure they will hold themselves and all subordinate lodges amenable to the will of the Imperial Kloneilium of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and no action taken by said Women of the Ku Klux Klan shall be conclusive on matters of policy and procedure without the sanction of the Kloneilium of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands, on this the .... day of ....., 1923.

(Signed) Lulu A. Markwell,

Mae E. Gifford,  
Lillian T. Davis,  
Mrs. H. D. Morse,  
Mrs. A. E. Brown,  
Flora B. Johnson,  
A. B. Cloud,  
Daisy D. Barr,

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(ENDORSED: - PETITION APPROVED AND GRANTED: )  
( Richard M. Mann, Judge. July 5th, 1923. )

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Filed for record June 5th, 1923, and recorded June 5th, 1923.

(SEAL)

O. L. McNAIR, CLERK,  
By H. C. Graham, D.C.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.

STATE OF ARKANSAS, )  
                          : SS.  
COUNTY OF PULASKI:)

I, O. L. McNAIR, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Recorder, within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and compared copy of Petition and Articles of Association of WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, filed for record in my office on the 5th day of June, 1923, and recorded in 'Benevolent Associations Incorporated,' Record #4, at page 63.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal as such Clerk, on this 15th day of December, A.D., 1924.

O. L. McNAIR,           CLERK,  
By Alb. Graham D.C.

State of Idaho,

COUNTY OF ADA

SS.

CERTIFICATE

I, STEPHEN UTTER, Ex-Officio Recorder in and for Ada County, State of Idaho, do hereby certify that  
the annexed is a full, true and correct copy of certain Articles of Incorporation of the

WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

numbered 2464 as the same appears in my office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official Seal this 26th day  
of December 1924.

by Josephine Smith Deputy.

Stephen Utter  
Ex-Officio Recorder.