

# The Editor and the Dragon



## ***Public Speaking***

*The Ku Klux Klan Will Hold a Public Demonstration and Cross Burning in Horry County.*

**Saturday Night  
Nov. 11, 1950 - 8:30 p.m.**

*This Public Speaking will be held between Mullins, S. C. and Loris, S. C. on Highway 917, which is approximately 8 miles from Mullins, S. C.*

**The Public Is Cordially Invited to Attend!**

*Come and Hear the Klan Side of the recent Myrtle Beach affair. Hear what the Klan is and what it stands for.*

**Speakers will be the Grand Dragon of Florida and the Grand Dragon of South Carolina.**

*This Public Demonstration is being sponsored by the Association of Carolina Klans.*



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Dear Sir:

We have been requested by one of your personal friends to get in touch with you, and inform you of this organization. And, in view of this request. we are sending you this form. When we receive this with all the questions below properly answered by you and if same is satisfactory we will impart to you the information your friend desires you to have. Without delay you will fill in, sign and return. You will find stamped envelope enclosed for this purpose.

1. Is the motive prompting your inquiry serious? .....
2. What is your age? .....
3. What is your occupation? .....
4. Where were you born? .....
5. How long have you resided in your present locality? .....
6. Are you married, single or widower? .....
7. Were your parents born in the United States of America? .....
8. Are you a Gentile or Jew? .....
9. Are you of the white race or of a colored race? .....
10. What educational advantages have you? .....
11. Color of eyes? ..... Hair? ..... Weight? ..... Height? .....
12. Do you believe in the principles of a PURE Americanism? .....
13. Do you believe in White Supremacy? .....
14. What is your politics? .....
15. What is your religious faith? .....
16. Of what church are you a member (if any)? .....
17. Of what religious faith are your parents? .....
18. What secret, fraternal orders are you a member of (if any)? .....
19. Do you honestly believe in the practice of REAL fraternity? .....
20. Do you owe ANY KIND of allegiance to any foreign nation, government, institution, sect, people, ruler or person? .....

I most solemnly assert and affirm that each question above is truthfully answered by me and in my own handwriting and that below is my real signature.

Signed.....  
Inquirer.

~~Business Address~~.....~~Residence Address~~.....

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# Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

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Very truly yours,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,

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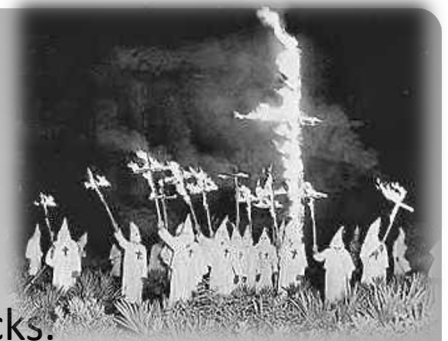
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# History of the KKK



- The Ku Klux Klan was formed as a social club by a group of Confederate veterans in Pulaski, TN in the winter of 1865-66.
- They dressed in robes and sheets, intended to prevent identification by the occupying federal troops & to frighten blacks.
- The Klan quickly became a terrorist organization in service of the Democratic Party (of the 1860s) and white supremacy.
- Between 1869 and 1871 its goal was to destroy Congressional Reconstruction by intimidating and murdering blacks and white sympathizers who were either active in Republican politics or educating black children.
- The Klan burned churches and schools and drove thousands of people out of their homes.
- Because local law enforcement officials were unable or unwilling to stop the Klan, Congress passed the Force Bill in 1871, giving the federal government the power to prosecute the Klan. Dedicated prosecutors managed to win convictions and break up Klan activity. Although relatively few people were punished, federal action did put an end to most Klan activities at that time.
- Source: [http://www.pbs.org/wnet/jimcrow/stories\\_org\\_kkk.html](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/jimcrow/stories_org_kkk.html)



*Why do you think the Klan was formed and so active in this particular time period?*



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- William J. Simmons, a former Methodist preacher, organized a new Klan in Stone Mountain, Georgia in 1915.
- This new Klan directed its activity against not just blacks, but immigrants, Jews, and Roman Catholics.
- The Ku Klux Klan grew rapidly from there and had more than two million members throughout the country by the mid-1920s.
- D.W. Griffith's film THE BIRTH OF A NATION, which glorified the Klan and denigrated blacks, was used as a recruiting tool.
- Although the Klan still reverted to burning crosses, torturing and murdering those whom they opposed, the organization also became a powerful political force in the 1920s. Many state public officials throughout the nation were members.
- Eventually the organization was weakened by disagreements among the leadership and because of public criticism of Klan violence.
- By 1944 the Ku Klux Klan had lost most of its influence and membership. However, it was revived during the Civil Rights era and continues today as a small organization that continues to stage demonstrations in favor of white supremacy and fundamentalist Christian theology.



*Why do you think the KKK experienced a revival during the Civil Rights Era?*

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# The Tabor City Tri

NUMBER 54

TABOR CITY, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1950

## Tobacco Market Poised For Opening

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In Tabor City, no effort was made to stop them or to encourage them and so far as is known, no violence occurred.

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This Tobacco was Smoked Before it Was A Cigarette



*Tabor City Tribune 7-26-50*

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“In this democratic country, there’s no place for an organization of the caliber of the Ku Klux Klan which made a scheduled parade through our streets last Saturday night. Any organization that has to work outside the law is unfit for recognition in a country of free men. Saturday’s episode, although without violence, is deplorable, a black eye to our area and an admission that our law enforcement is inadequate. Sanctioning of their methods of operation is practically as bad as if you rode in their midst. It takes a united front to combat lawlessness. It takes all the law abiding people as a unit to discourage and combat a Ku Klux Klan that is totally without law. The Klan, despite its Americanism plea, is the personification of Fascism and Nazism. It is just such outside-the-law operations that lead to dictatorships through fear and insecurity. The Klan bases its power on fear and hate of one’s fellowman and not through love, understanding, and the other principles upon which God would have us live together.”

~Horace Carter

Examine the political cartoon then answer:

1. What message is the cartoonist trying to convey?
2. How would Horace Carter respond to this cartoon?
3. How would Thomas Hamilton respond to this cartoon?

Source:

<http://americainclass.org/sources/becomingmodern/divisions/text1/politicalcartoonsklan.pdf>

**"One Must Be Extinguished"**

*The Chicago Defender*, March 31, 1923

African American newspaper. Cartoonist: Leslie Rogers.

