

Collection #
OM 0352,
F 1703

KU KLUX KLAN, LAPORTE, INDIANA, CHARTER, 1925

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 oversized folder, 1 microfilm reel
COLLECTION DATES:	1925
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Ku Klux Klan which formed in Georgia in 1915 was the second of three distinct Klan movements in the United States. The first movement, almost exclusively southern, flourished in the years following the Civil War. The third movement developed in the wake of World War II in reaction to the Cold War and the Civil Rights Movement.

The second Klan movement became a prominent national organization during the 1920's, rising to political power in such states as Indiana, Oklahoma and Oregon, as an advocate for native-born, white, protestant America. At the height of its activity national membership reached 1,500,000 with more than 300,000 members in Indiana. In the wake of scandals, Klan membership quickly declined in the later half of the twenties, but did not disband until 1944.

Sources:
Madison, James H. *The Indiana Way: A State History*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press; Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society. c1986. Reference Room Collection: F526 .M22 1986
Materials in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of a charter for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, LaPorte, Indiana, 30 July 1925.

Officers listed include C.R. Hay, George A. Bell, Walter Haverly, Clarence Bowman, J.D. Fender, Frank Coffeen, A.M. Metzger, Julius Christianson, J.J. Carringer, George Albrecht, Peter Ewald, John Clark, and R.B. Laymon. It is signed by C.R. Hay, Geo. W. Meyers, H.W. Evans, and V.M. Sweney (?).

The item is stored in Flat File: FF 11-h.

The collection has been microfilmed on a reel containing additional small collections. This collection appears fourth in the series.

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CONTAINER

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5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.