

Collection #
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KU KLUX KLAN PAMPHLETS, CA. 1920S–1930S

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1920s–30s

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Constitution and laws of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, HS2330.K6 M5 1923; Why you should become a Klansman: of interest to white, Protestant, native-born Americans who want to keep America American, HS2330.K63 W55 1924; Code of the flag / as adopted by the National Flag Conference Washington, D.C., June 14–15, 1923, CR113.N37 1923; Twelfth chapter of Romans as a Klansman's law of life, HS2330.K63 T94

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SKETCH

The Ku Klux Klan, known for its white supremacist and nativist activities, has existed in three distinct iterations: one in the years following the Civil War, another following the First World War, and a third after the end of the Second World War. The second iteration of the Klan became very popular in Indiana in the 1920s. Fueled by anti-German sentiment, beliefs in racial segregation, a desire for Protestant control of public schools, and other aims, at least 25 percent of eligible Indianapolis residents became members. The Klan wielded significant political power throughout the 1920s in Indiana, and successfully supported several political candidates. However, its influence declined in the 1930s due to the exposure of corruption among Klan leaders.

Sources:

The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This short collection incorporates three Ku Klux Klan pamphlets: “Ideals of the Ku Klux Klan,” “Ideals of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan,” and “Ku Klux Klan—Exposed.” It also includes one Klan Dues Notice Slip, which is not filled out. There is no location or date attached to any of the materials except “Ku Klux Klan—Exposed,” which has a subheading reading “XXX-1. Albany, N.Y. 1930.” All three pamphlets contain positive propaganda about the organization.

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