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Robe and hood (here on mannequin) were used in Waterloo area. Posters announce movie White Rider and picnic in Greenfield, and celebration of "150th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence, Auspices of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Union County."

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KU KLUX KLAN
LABOR DAY CELEBRATION
Under Auspices of Union County Klan Organization
CRESTON, IOWA
MONDAY, SEPT. 7
WEST SIDE OF McKinley Lake

Forenoon, Afternoon and Evening

Speaking Afternoon and evening by our Nation's best. Plenty of entertainment all day long

BIG PARADE ON GROUNDS

$300 Cash Prizes
Best Band $25.00
Best Men's Drill Team $20.00, $15.00, $10.00
Best Labor Drill Team $20.00, $15.00, $10.00
Largest Robed Delegation $100.00
Prizes for Floats $10.00, $5.00, $2.00
Union County Will Not Compete

Largest Firey Cross Ever Seen in Iowa

Klan Wedding At 2:30 p.m. this Sacred Ceremony will be given inside the human cross under the Flag

Big Carnival Entertainments Music by Several Big Bands

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!
An added, mysterious feature will be given at 10:30 p.m. No American should miss this two hours of ENTERTAINMENT. Something different which is alone worth more than the price of admission

Bring Your Dinner and be Entertained!
Everyone Welcome; Bring the Children; Everything for Your Comfort
Admission 25 cents; Children Under 12 Free
In case of rain will be held next day.
Above: Klan members pose proudly with float in Sioux City, October 11, 1924. Opposite: Poster (circa 1925) for the Klan’s Labor Day celebration in Creston promises the “Largest Firey Cross Ever Seen in Iowa” and “an added, mysterious feature” at 10:30 p.m. “No American should miss this two hours of ENTERTAINMENT.” The Klan often used carnival-type events, baseball games, bands, and parades to attract the public and draw huge crowds.
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KLAN DEDICATES
ADAIR KLAVERN
AT GREENFIELD

8/25/26

10,000 See Ceremonies at
$50,000 Structure.

BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Greenfield, Ia., Aug. 24 (Special)—Adair klavern, the new $50,000 headquarters of the Ku-Klux klan here, was dedicated today by grand officers of the state order, before a crowd estimated at 10,000 persons.

The klavern is the first building of its kind to be constructed by the klan in Iowa. No demonstration was reported on the part of anti-blacks.

Greenfield is accredited with being the klan's stronghold of the state. Friction at times has
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To all Genii, Grand Dragons, and all Knights and Citizens of the Invisible Empire of the Ku Klux Klan, hereunto by virtue of the above mentioned certificate, you are hereby duly notified that you have been satisfactory in your service and are hereby advanced to the rank of Minister and are hereby invested in the rank of Minister of the Ku Klux Klan. 

BY VIRTUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE

[Signature]

[Official Seal]
In the loyalty of virtue of the authority vested in me and as

...and shall receive all courtesies due a

...LOYALTY.

Above: At an Ottumwa funeral in 1925, despite the family's intentions, the Klan joined the funeral procession of a man who had joined the Klan late in life.

Left: Certificate, women's constitution, and combination songbook and fan. One lyric: "I'm for the U.S.A./A member of the Klan/A real American/Believe in the public school/Live the Golden Rule/And that makes a real, real man."
Above: Ku Klux Klanners march in evening rain in Des Moines, June 12, 1926, following a state-wide convention (or “klorero”). The Des Moines Register estimated the parade as “thirty three blocks long” with approximately 3,000 members. Here, the marchers pass Eighth Street on Locust. Opposite: Poster for parade.
KU KLUX KLAN
SPECTACULAR
PARADE
8 P.M.

DES MOINES, IOWA
SATURDAY JUNE 12, 1926
8 P.M.

PRECEDED BY
PUBLIC KLOKLUAVE & PICNIC
11:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

Addresses By Prominent Speakers and Statesmen
BAND CONCERTS
DRILL PATROLS
QUARTETS
DRUM CORPS

IOWA STATE FAIR GROUNDS
Admission 25c Gate
25c Grandstand
Special Rates on all Rail and Electric Lines In Iowa

PUBLIC CORDIALLY INVITED
ADAIR COUNTY KLAN, REALM OF IOWA, INVITES ALL KLANSMEN, KLANSWOMEN, KRUSADERS, AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL TO BE WITH US AT FONTANELLE

THURSDAY, JULY 30th, 1925

Big parade of Robed Klansmen, Klanswomen, Krusaders, Bands, Mounted Patrols, Floats and Drilled Kavaliers.

$500.00 WORTH OF FIREWORKS

$200 Cash Prizes

$50 FOR BEST BAND
Adair County Band No. 62 Not Allowed to Compete.

$20 TO THE COUNTY
Having Most Klansmen in the Parade Outside of Adair County.

FOR PLT. BEST DRILLED MEN
1st, $15.00; 2d, $10.00; 3d, $5.00.

PLT. BEST DRILLED WOMEN
1st, $10.00; 2d, $7.50; 3d, $5.00.

Prizes For Floats
1st, $10.00; 2d, $7.50; 3d, $5.00; 4th, $4; 5th, $3; 6th, $2; 7th, $1.

SPEAKING
At Grounds by National Lecturer. State Officers will be present.

Parade at 7:30 p.m.

COME EARLY! YOU'LL BE ENTERTAINED

FONTANELLE, IOWA
THURSDAY, JULY 30th

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Above: Robed Klansmen ring the audience at a 1924 rally in Cherokee. Klan speakers used patriotic rhetoric and local issues to fire up support among midwesterners, who saw their traditional way of life threatened by changes in America's power structure. Opposite: Fireworks and cash prizes also helped attract the public to a rally in Fontanelle.