

KU KLUX GIVES \$50 TO BILLY SUNDAY

Twelve Hooded Members of Indiana Klan Invade Tabernacle; Evangelist Deeply Moved.

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RICHMOND, Ind., May 17.—While almost 6,000 persons in the auditorium sat dumbfounded, 12 knights of the Ku Klux Klan, garbed in white gowns and hoods, marched silently down the aisle as the Rev. William A. (Billy) Sunday was about to launch into his sermon.

The Rev. Mr. Sunday was completing an announcement when, without warning, the white-clad figures appeared at the main entrance. Before the platform they formed in line, facing the audience. Two of them, at a signal from their leader, stepped to the platform and handed \$50 and a letter to the Rev. Mr. Sunday.

Fred Rapp, the evangelist's business manager, became alarmed when he saw the klansmen approach the platform and prepared to defend the Rev. Mr. Sunday, but when it became apparent that the mission of the visitors was a peaceful one he withdrew.

The Rev. Mr. Sunday was too unnerved to read the letter handed to him. Homer Rodeheaver, choir master, came to his assistance and read the letter to the audience. It follows:

"Muncie, Ind.

"Send reply to none.

"We, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, desire that you accept this little token of our appreciation of the wonderful work you and your associates are doing in behalf of perpetuating the tenets of the Christian religion throughout the nation, and we wish to inform you that we stand solidly behind the teachings of the Christian religion, free speech, free press, separation of church and state, liberty, white supremacy, just laws, pursuit of happiness and, most of all, the upbuilding of our institutions and public schools, the teaching of the Holy Bible in public schools and the upholding of law and order in every sense at all times, and we desire that the world at large know our principles.

"Muncie Klan No. 4, Realm of Indiana."

After Mr. Rodeheaver read the letter the Rev. Mr. Sunday announced that he would give the \$50 to his Bible school at Winona, Ind. The visitors filed out, entered automobiles and disappeared.

The Rev. Mr. Sunday, upon recovering his composure said:

"I am not a member of the Ku Klux Klan, nor am I a member of any secret order, but I have learned more tonight than I ever knew."