

TITLE: Ku Klux Klan Collection

DATE RANGE: 1921-1931

CALL NUMBER: Y-MS 28

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 box (0.5 linear feet)

PROVENANCE: This collection was donated in 1993 by Harvey Johnson and B. Johnny Rube to the Arizona Historical Society – Tucson Division. It was transferred to the Arizona Historical Society – Rio Colorado Division on February 14, 2013.

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CREDIT LINE: Ku Klux Klan Records, Y-MS 28, Arizona Historical Society-Rio Colorado Division, Yuma

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HISTORICAL NOTE:

The brief summary of the Klan by B. Johnny Rube entitled “Yuma County’s Invisible Empire: The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan” identifies the organization coming to Arizona in 1921. The Yuma Klan held their meetings at Somerton, Arizona ten miles southwest of Yuma. It was claimed that over 2,000 persons attended some local Klan meetings with “at least 50 or more men” becoming members. Most individuals left the Yuma membership early in 1925.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

This collection consists of correspondence, publications, membership materials, and blank forms associated with the Yuma County Ku Klux Klan Chapter. Also contained in the collection is a catalogue of official robes and banners for purchase, along with a brief pamphlet of Klan organizational history in western Arizona. There are eight photos and ten negatives depicting materials in the collection.

One oral recording of the *Somerton Star* talk by Dr. Minor about the Ku Klux Klan was transferred to the Oral History collection, AHS-Tucson.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Newspaper articles about the KKK in Yuma and Arizona by Johnny Rube and Frank Love	1982-2000
	2	Manuscript: “Yuma County’s Invisible Empire: The	1983

		Knights of the Ku Klux Klan” by B. Johnny Rube	
	3	Klan Membership Applications (both blank forms and completed)	1924 – 1925
	4	Donation and Receipt Forms	n.d.
	5	Miscellaneous Klan Blank Forms	n.d.
	6	Klan Contract and Arizona Newsletter and Bulletin	1929
	7	Klan Document from Fulton County, Georgia	1921
	8	Ku Klux Klan Constitution & Laws and Klan Building Pamphlets	1921
	9	Klan Informational Handouts and Pamphlets	n.d.
	10	Periodical: <i>The Kourier Magazine</i>	October 1930, July 1931
	11	Catalogue: “Catalogue of Official Robes and Banners”	1925
	12	Sales poster advertisement of the Exalted Cyclops robe	n.d.