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KKK forms new corporation here

By KIM LANIER
Staff Writer

The Invisible Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was officially incorporated as an Indiana not-for-profit organization last Nov. 30, *The Recorder* has learned.

According to Marci A. Reddick, attorney for the Corporations Division of the Secretary of State office, the office had no alternative but to grant the charter. She believes this is the first time the Klan has legally incorporated in the state.

"They met the general requirements of the law (Indiana Not-For-Profit Corporation Act of 1971) so we had to accept the documents and permit them to incorporate," Reddick said.

"We had no discretion in this area, based on the documentation sent by the incorporators."

As long as they meet the requirements, it is Evan Bayh's job as secretary of state to see that organizations are incorporated if they apply, said Phil Schermerhorn, a spokesman for Bayh's office.

"We held it up as long as we could," Reddick said. The Klan initially submitted its articles of incorporation to the Secretary of State's office May 19. The normal lag time between submission of documents and the granting of the charter is about 10 days.

Reddick said the six month delay in this case resulted from the Klan's unsatisfactory answers to questions about the purpose of the corporation.

After consulting a lawyer, Indiana Grand Dragon,

Kenneth J. Taylor, resubmitted the documents, giving appropriate answers to the questions, she said.

In a letter accompanying the resubmitted documents, Taylor said the organization "has never been cited for, arrested on (sic) much less convicted of any unlawful activity, and further, let me assure we have not been nor do we intend to be perpetrators of any unlawful activities."

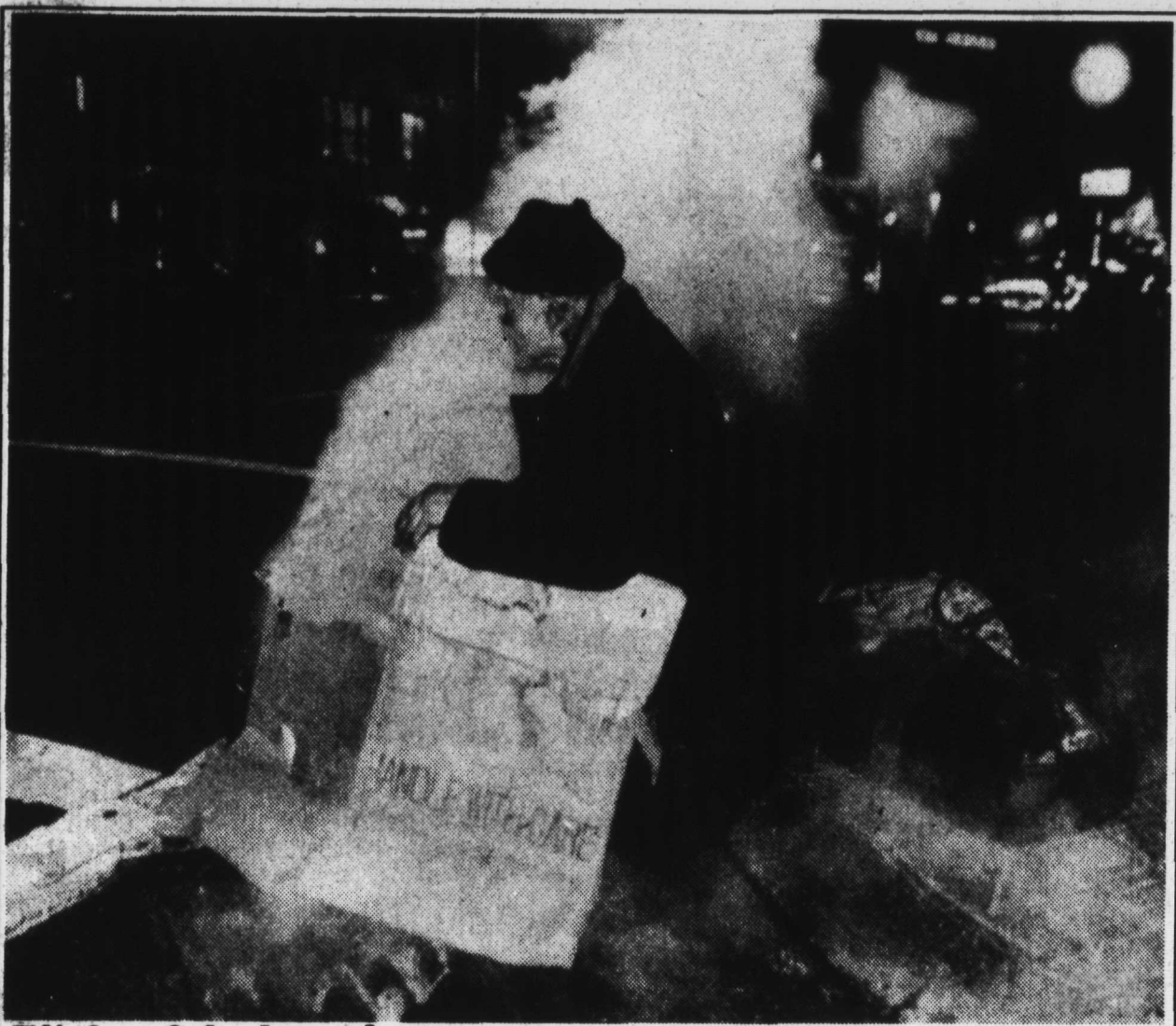
The letter went on to say that "as an incorporated entity we understand that we cannot campaign for any one candidate, nor would we ask or allow our members to do so, however within this membership and their families there is a very large block of votes, just something to keep in mind."

According to the articles of incorporation, the purpose of the Invisible Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is "exclusively for charitable, educational, religious purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as exempt organizations..."

"The purpose is to promote spiritual support to the Christian Faith, sustain the Constitution of the United States of America, the Laws of the United States of America and the Laws of the State of Indiana, with assistance and by means of public conveyance such as: radio, television, printed materials, word of mouth and any other form available and suitable."

"In connection therein to receive and hold by purchase, gift, grant, advise or otherwise lawfully obtained, and manage, control and dispose of all property, real

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Plight of the homeless...

This grate serves as the only source of heat for this homeless elderly man.

Old Northside group still fighting against homeless

By BILL HUNT
Managing Editor

To build or not to build a shelter for the homeless at the All Saints Episcopal Church on the city's old Northside is the question that will come before the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission Jan. 6.

Members of the Old Northside Neighborhood Association are opposed to All Saints' plans to construct a permanent shelter at 16th Street and Central Avenue. The residents say they are opposed to the shelter because of the problems caused by a temporary shelter now operated by the church.

Some 70 people currently spend the night in the sanctuary of All Saints.

The Episcopal Metropolitan Council had originally proposed to build a shelter that would house up to 100 persons. The shelter would have been equipped with showers, lockers, washers and dryers.

Last week Lori Wyman, executive director of the council, said the group's board had decided to reduce the shelter proposal to 70 beds.

According to Wyman, that decision was made before negotiations

were broken off between representatives of the council and the neighborhood.

Instead of building a shelter at the site, the council now wants to renovate the Episcopal Urban Center which is attached to the church.

Last week members of the neighborhood association began distributing leaflets outside four of the city's Episcopal churches opposing the shelter. In the leaflets the residents claim that violent fights have gone on in the presence of their children, and that men have exposed themselves to women and children.

"I question that; the problems are not necessarily caused by the shelter," Wyman said.

The residents are also claiming in their leaflets that contraband such as drugs and alcohol are being stashed in their yards and alleys.

"Our sidewalks and yards are frequently littered with liquor bottles, often smashed or half consumed, along the lines of traffic to the shelter. Persons are urinating in public view (even openly on Central Avenue) and defecating in garages nearby," the leaflet goes on to say.

Members of the association are also claiming that they care about

the plight of the poor and the homeless.

"If the Old Northside did not care and had said, 'Not in our backyard,' our neighborhood area would not be home to the several social service agencies in the neighborhood," the leaflet proclaims.

"Most of those agencies were here long before they were; they don't have a monopoly on the streets or alleys," Wyman said. "The residents knew when they moved in this area that poor people lived here."

"As for alcohol and drugs, that's not a problem that is unique to the Old Northside; it's a worldwide problem," Wyman added. "They (residents) live near downtown and that's a problem that comes with living downtown."

Wyman said that people who care about the poor and homeless should come out and show their support during the Jan. 6 meeting of the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission.

"The problem of the homeless and the poor is everybody's; we have to fight it as best we can," Wyman said.



Harris in court...

Indianapolis Attorney Duge Butler and his client, Rev. Wayne T. Harris (center), are pictured leaving the courtroom of the Putnam County Circuit Court after Harris entered a plea of not guilty. Harris was in court to face a charge of arson in connection with

a fire that destroyed his nearly complete Putnam County home. Harris remains free on \$5,000 bond. His pre-trial hearing is set for Feb. 22. The trial date is set for March 3. (Recorder photo by Bill Hunt)

Deputy Mayor Joe Slash says new position not a demotion

By BILL HUNT
Managing Editor

Mayor William H. Hudnut announced last week that he wants to name his special counsel, John P. Ryan, as his new senior deputy mayor to replace Joseph Slash.

Slash, the highest ranking black in Hudnut's administration, will become deputy mayor for human resources. The other deputy mayor, John L. Krauss, will retain his title but will concentrate on economic development.

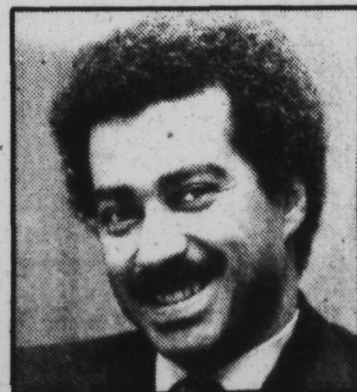
Slash, who has served as senior deputy mayor for several years, said he does not consider his new job a demotion.

"I will have more mobility and be able to concentrate on some of the things I think are important," Slash commented. "All our cards read deputy mayor and in terms of policy decisions, we make them as a team."

Before Hudnut's proposed reorganization can take place, it must be approved by the City-County Council for the creation of the third deputy mayor position.

Only two deputy mayors have served in the past.

Hudnut said he transferred responsibilities from Slash and Krauss to Ryan so that the two veteran deputy mayors will be able



JOSEPH SLASH

to give "fuller" attention to the mayor's expanded priorities.

Slash also denied rumors that he may be leaving city employment, and that he and Hudnut had been involved in personal clashes.

"When the mayor heard rumors that I was considering leaving the city he called me; he has been after me to stay," Slash said. "We have never had any run-ins."

Both Hudnut and Slash have said that Slash's change of duties was not a demotion.

Should Hudnut resign or die, the senior deputy mayor would serve temporarily as acting mayor until Republican precinct committeemen elect a successor, according to state law.

Slash also attempted to dispel rumors that Hudnut is considering

resigning and the change was made to keep Indianapolis from gaining its first black mayor.

"Bill (Hudnut) told me that he's not going anywhere or dying soon. He's in good health; as a matter of fact, he just had a physical," Slash said.

In his new position, Slash will concentrate on such programs as education, job training, health care, the Private Industry Council and the homeless.

He will also represent the city as directed by the mayor before several social service agencies.

Krauss will be responsible for serving as a liaison to numerous development agencies, the Airport Authority, Metro and the Capital Improvement Board.

Meanwhile, in other cabinet changes, Hudnut named Joseph C. Staehler as acting director of the Department of Transportation, effective Jan. 1.

Staehler replaces Fred L. Madorin who announced his retirement earlier this month. His appointment as Director-designate will coincide with the commencement of Hudnut's fourth term as mayor.

Hudnut will submit Staehler's name to the City-County Council for confirmation as the permanent new Director of DOT at their Jan. 4 meeting.

Taylor shooting top news story

By HOUSTON D. ROGERS
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In a normal year, it's a challenge to pick the number one story appearing in any newspaper. This year was an exception. The top local story, in the words of *Recorder* editors, was the shooting death of Michael Taylor Jr.

It was a quiet Sept. 24 day when the shooting of the 16-year-old teenager shocked the city. Taylor, a black youth, died from a gunshot wound to the chest while he sat handcuffed in the rear of a police car at the Juvenile Detention Center.

The shooting, claimed to be accidental by police, had the black community as it had never seen before. The incident left many questioning police and eventually led to a lawsuit filed by the family of the slain youth.

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Police Church, of which the Taylor family were members, the Michael Taylor Justice Committee was organized to investigate the incident.

After weeks of protest demonstrations and heated meetings with city officials, the committee never accepted the department's version of the shooting—that Michael Taylor Jr. shot himself in the back seat of the car, or the car was involved in a search of the youth, who reportedly was searched three times before arriving on the parking lot of the Juvenile Center.

The incident, which was investigated by one of the police's best officers, a former Deputy Mayor, was eventually ruled the police's version.

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