

# Constitution

We, citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, for the purpose of affording each other mutual aid and protection, and securing our individual rights & interests, do enter into this solemn agreement with each other.

We will resist by any & all practicable means the disfranchisement of any class of the white people of Ky, & the operation of any ex post facto law or constitutional provision which may injure our people.

We will oppose the exercise of political privileges by the negroes of Ky, unless they be invested by the voluntary grant of the white people of the state with them.

We will oppose every political or military organization of this state, secret or open, which may threaten our safety or the rights which we at present enjoy.

In pursuance of this purpose we establish this organization.

## Qualification of Members.

No man shall become a member of this organization, who is not eighteen years of age. No man shall become a member who has ever been convicted of any infamous crime by any state court, or who has ever betrayed a trust, or through personal fear or influenced by hope of reward, exposed a comrade or friend to danger. Nor shall any man become a member, who will not, previous to admission into the ranks of the order, aver upon his honor, that he thinks resistance, as a last resort to the unconstitutional policy of the Radical party, justifiable & proper.

It shall be the duty of members, seeking to