

KLANSMEN MEET IN ATLANTA TODAY

Seventh Annual Anniversary Celebration Will Be Held at Midnight on Stone Mountain.

Klansmen from all parts of the United States are assembling in Atlanta for the seventh annual anniversary celebration of the refounding of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Seven years ago sixteen men gathered with Colonel William Joseph Simmons on the top of Stone mountain and there, under the flickering rays from the fiery cross, pledged their best efforts for the success of this organization.

Tonight, at the hour of midnight, these sixteen men, or as many of them as can be in Atlanta, will re-assemble on the mountain top in company with others who have joined with them in the past seven years.

Smallest Celebration.

The celebration this year will be the smallest in years, because the settlement of the recent litigation came too late for preparation and fulfillment of the elaborate program which originally was planned.

After the final settlement of the litigation ten days ago, a proclamation was sent to all klans in the country by Hiram Wesley Evans, imperial wizard of the klan, instructing them to hold celebrations in their home klaverns. Many klansmen, however, notified the imperial palace of their intention to attend the ceremony to be staged in Atlanta.

The usual parade will not be held, because of the anniversary coming on Sunday, nor will the barbecue and other features of entertainment be held for the same reason.

The exercises Sunday will be mainly of a devotional nature, several meetings to be held in Atlanta during the

day and early evening hours, while the annual pilgrimage to the mountain will begin about 9 o'clock at night.

Will Ascend Mountain.

Arriving at Stone Mountain about 10 o'clock, the Klansmen will ascend the mountain by easy stages and will spend the time after reaching the summit until midnight in silent prayer.

Promptly at the hour of midnight official services will start with lighting of the huge fiery cross, one of the main symbols of the order. As the flames mount skyward, each Klansman will kneel and be led in a series of prayers by various imperial officers of the order. Floating beside the fiery cross will be the Stars and Stripes.

A strict guard will be kept around all accessible portions of the mountain, that none but Klansmen approach the "shrine," but hundreds of people are expected to line the roads around the mountain for a glimpse of this ceremony.