

SO YOU WANT BE A MONSTER?

Welcome to Bloodview Haunted House! Bloodview is sponsored by the Broadview Hts Lions Club and is built and staffed by The Legion of Terror, the World's oldest improvisational horror acting, makeup, and special FX organization. The purpose of this packet is to give an overview of both Bloodview, the Legion of Terror, our rules, and how you fit in.

To begin at the beginning, fill out the supplied application and return it to the Lord of Acting. (Odds are, you've already done this. If not, the Lord of Acting is probably the person you got this packet from- so return it to them). That said, here is how the application process works. A filled out application doesn't automatically mean you're a member, once you've turned it in you've entered a probationary period. A panel of senior members votes on all applicants on, typically, our Annual meeting in December. Those who are voted in are given the entry level title of 'Yeoman', those who aren't, well, that said, try to impress us anyway- show us what you can do). The Legion of Terror is a volunteer non-profit organization. This means you will not be paid, we do this out of our love of improv horror acting and makeup, we are artisans in our craft and the scares are reward enough. So contrary to what you may have heard, no one "works" at Bloodview, we all volunteer our time by "Acting".

What to expect during production.

Acting: As a newbie you will be acting in a room, each night before the house opens the Lord of Acting (or his designee) will pass out room assignments. You are expected to be in your room, in makeup at 7:55pm. **Once in your room you WILL stay in that room until you are relieved-** breaks will be provided (assuming you want one- some folks are die-hard). If you are found out of your room you risk the chance of being removed and asked not to come back. "Staying in your room" applies to everyone, the only exception being Knights who have earned the right to "follow the scare" but we'll get into that later in the 'Legion Hierarchy' section. But here are some good rules of thumb.

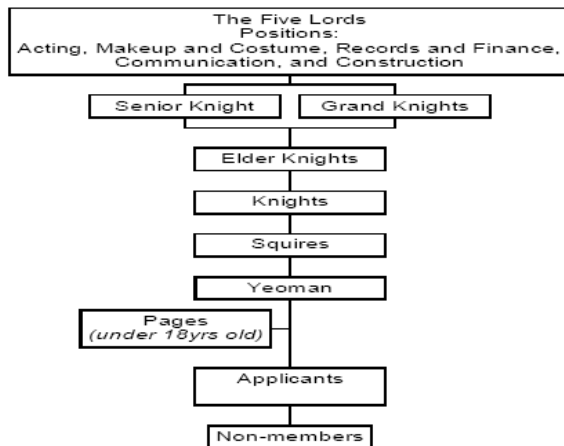
- Props are subject to approval by the Lord of Acting. NO weapons- Props are NOT to be used as weapons or projectiles (e.g. Severed arms are not to be beaten against walls/rails etc.)
- Breaking character is strictly forbidden, we're not here to get phone numbers or make friends- we're here to scare the daylight out of paying customers.
- Your Zone Leader is your supervisor, listen to them, they will give you breaks, alert you to good scares, and help you in anyway they can to make the show better, treat them with the utmost respect. Knights in the Legion may make comments and suggestions to you, listen to them, they have the talent and experience that has made Bloodview great.
- We are all here to scare, please treat one another with respect and courtesy and never be afraid to learn something new.

Makeup: All makeup and costumes are subject to approval by the Lord of Makeup. That means if your makeup isn't appropriate you'll be asked to change it, the same goes for your costuming (e.g. it's a haunted house, not a strip joint). If you are inexperienced or just have questions regarding makeup techniques, just ask- The Lord of Makeup and his

staff are there to help, the better you look (or rather the *worse* you look) the better. As an applicant you are not required to supply any makeup or costumes, these will be provided. However, you're free to purchase/use your own supplies, we won't stop you and it is required of Squires and Knights to have their own costuming and makeup.

Introduction to The Legion of Terror Hierarchy

Just like many other organizations the Legion of Terror has a logical Hierarchy with different levels of rights and privileges. Participation and dedication to the group can be rewarded with a move up the 'ladder'. Below is a small org chart giving a quick overview of the structure:



The Lords: The Lords are an elected group of officials that govern the group. These are the folks in charge; any questions, ask them however it's a good idea not to cross them.

Current Lords for the 2007 Season:
Lord of Acting: Lazarus de Legio
Lord of Make-up: Lupis Morningstar
Lord of Records and Finances: Samyel
Lord of Construction: Wicked Lester
Lord of Communication: Sir Gene

Senior Knight: Title given to the member with the most years as a Knight in the group.

Grand Knight: Title given to a member with **10** or more years as a Knight.

Elder Knight: Title given to a member with at least **5** years as a Knight

Knight: Title given to a member who has successfully completed the Squire program. Upon reaching this level the member has earned the privileges of Weapon use, Outside acting, Hall acting, Roaming etc. etc.

Squire: A member, under the tutelage of a Knight, working towards their Knighthood. This level member is granted temporary use of the privileges of a Knight in order to learn them and see what it takes. However it is understood that they will be under instruction/view of a Knight at all times and must have permission.

Yeoman: A member who has been voted into the group, and has not yet begun Squireship.

Page: A member under the age of 18 that has shown qualities in Haunted acting/make-up such that they've been invited to join the Junior Legion.

Non-Members: Students and Adults who just want to come up an act for a night a two.

Post Production Nights--- MEEEEEEEEEEEEETTTTTTTTTTINNNNNNNG

Every night after the house closes we have what's commonly referred to as 'The Meeting'. Basically the Lords of Acting and Makeup talk to the group telling them how we did that night. This includes bodies (customers) through the house, gripes, and compliments. Each night the following will be named: Actor of the night, Student/Junior of the night, Room of the night and Make-up of the night. These three categories are chosen to show whom did a job above and beyond and people compete for them, as they are coveted...almost like gold only not as shiny and spend-able. Each night food 'tickets' will be passed out, these can be turned in at the food vendor trailer for food and soda.

Bylaws and Codex

The Legion of Terror has a set of bylaws and Codex to govern the group, in the past it was required reading before you could even fill out an application. We realize that most people, due to its length, wouldn't read it, especially 'real quick' before filling out an application. These documents are available for you to read through. It is highly recommended that you do so, as there are loads of important things that you should know. Please ask a Lord for a copy.

So, Now What?

- 1.) **Read "Laz's Laws of the Land"**
- 2.) **Sign and turn in the Rules acknowledgement.**
- 3.) **If you are under 18, you need to have you parent sign the permission form.**
- 4.) **Turn in the form to the Lord of Acting or one of his Avatars.**
- 5.) **Show up at the House at 6pm to get into makeup and get a room assignment**

GETTING READY TO SCARE TIPS!

- NO STREET CLOTHES and NO TENNIS SHOES in the House.
- Black Boots Recommended!
- Bring a Water Bottle (hide it well in the room so customers can not find it.)
- Water and cough drops go through the house roughly hourly, use them.
- Stay in Character at all times, you never know when a customer will walk into your room. You are not here to socialize, you are here to scare, please remember that.
- We close when the last customer exits the house, then we have a meeting and then we get our food tickets, if you need a ride have them pick you up thirty minutes after we close so you can get out of makeup and eat.
- We don't say Boo. EVER. If you need help with dialogue, ask a member!
- Occasionally you will encounter a problematic customer, do NOT confront them, simply alert a Zone Leader and the customer will be followed out of the house.

NOW ONTO THE LAWS!

LAZS LAWS OF THE LAND

For Everybody!

- 1.) **Be Scary!** Scaring the Customer is your First Priority.
- 2.) **Be Safe!** Follow the Laws of the Land, they are there for your protection!
- 3.) **Know your Surroundings!** the access doors, fire exits and extinguishers!
- 4.) **Treat your fellow actors with respect and courtesy, we are all volunteers!**
- 5.) My Name is Legion, for we are many. **Put on the best show possible!** You are representing Bloodview Haunted House and ALL of the Legion of Terror, be scary.

Rank Specific:

Pages/Jr. LOT

Will act in a room. Props are subject to approval. NO weapons. Props are NOT to be used as weapons. (eg. Severed arms are not to be beaten against walls/rails etc.) Subject to instruction/authority of Knights and Zone Leaders. Subject to authority of Student Coordinator who will be getting instruction from LOA.

Please treat everyone with respect and courtesy

Yeoman

Will act in a room. Props are subject to approval. NO weapons. Props are NOT to be used as weapons (eg. Severed arms are not to be beaten against walls/rails etc.) Subject to instruction/authority of Knights within reason. (eg. Be wary of, "Here eat this.") **Please treat everyone with respect and courtesy**

Squire

Will NOT be outside without a Knight. All weapons and props subject to approval, first from your Knight then from the LOA. A weapon does not an actor make, if you can't scare without one- then you'll never make Knighthood (sorry to burst those bubbles). Weapons are ONLY to be used under instruction of a Knight. Getting in an actual sword fight and using a weapon in the house are two WAY different things. When assigned to a room you will be allowed to be in the hall, however you are NOT roaming. The only time a Squire can roam is when being instructed by a knight or at the discretion of the LOA. **Please treat everyone with respect and courtesy**

First year Knights

All weapons and props subject to approval pending demonstration of ability. (ie. Practice before you bring it up!) Although you will be permitted outside, staffing of the house is the priority. You guys are at my beck and call- you've got the fresh ideas and I'm gonna use you (and run you ragged.) Please don't get cocky, obviously you did a good job last year- keep it up or I'll smack ya down. As far as egos go this year MINE rules- not yours. ☺ **Please treat everyone with respect and courtesy**

Knights

All weapons and props subject to approval. Your not a first year, and you're not an elder...impress me already!!! **Please treat everyone with respect and courtesy**

Elder Knights

All weapons and props subject to approval- wave it in my face, I'll see it. Show me something new this year. We've all been at this awhile. Let's mix it up a bit shall we? Help out the other actors, let your experience be a guide for the future of the Legion. **Please treat everyone with respect and courtesy**

Grand Knights

All weapons and props subject to approval- wave it in my face, I'll see it. For crying out loud you should already know all this by now, or perhaps senility is kicking in ☺ **Please treat everyone with respect and courtesy**, you are the elder statesmen/women of the LoT, you know how it works. If'n I give ya an order it's cause I expect you to go out and kick some courage so just do it already.

Room assignments!!!

If you are assigned to a room, you WILL stay in that room until you are relieved. If you are found out of your room, I cannot be held responsible for your condition when you get home(or to the hospital). This goes for everyone. (The only exception being Knights or above ranks following customers *temporarily* cause it's a darn good scare)

Room assignments are first come first serve- you want a room, show up early. You've been planning an act that requires a specific room- then you can plan on coming early. I will take (within reason) reservations for rooms 24 hours in advance (I'm not a total nazi) however if the house is about to open and you're not there- I'm filling the room with someone that ISN'T you. (Ok, I am a total nazi.)

Lot acting

The Lions want the ole' parking lot chicanery back, so remember the ground rules.

- **Grands** you know the business use discretion and be safe.
- **Elders**, shallow lot- have fun, deep lot- take a buddy with you and be safe.
- **Knights and first years**, shallow lot- take a buddy, deep lot- take several buddies or an Elder/Grand respect the customers, their property, and BE SAFE!.
- **Squires**, if'n you're in the shallow lot you better be with your knight or the knight that's been assigned to you or else I wouldn't worry about getting Knighted, Eating, Sleeping Breathing etc, you will be too busy dealing with the pain. NO deep lot for squires.

Props

If I may quote Dave Lashchuk **messes are encouraged!** (think gooey, sticky and foul smelling....note no food products will be permitted INSIDE the house as a prop thanks to the "Yogurt Incident".) FYI Silly string is NOT an acceptable prop it's just annoying.

Weapons

Anyone using an unapproved weapon will be removed from the property and may be banned from the acting at house at the discretion of the Lord of Acting. Weapons are a privilege not a given. You hurt somebody- I'm taking it away. You look like your going to hurt somebody- I'm taking it away. You hurt yourself, it better have been cause you 'saved' someone else from being hurt. I might take it away. You hurt yourself BAD, don't expect to use that weapon when you get out of the hospital. I fully expect all users

of weapons to have practiced with said weapons. If you don't know how to use it, somebody's gonna get hurt. All squires will work with their Knight and the LOA with weapons training before going solo with a weapon. **If you "sneak" a weapon into the house without approval, you will be asked to leave for good, and I am not kidding.**

THE Word

During a production night, my word is law. I tell you to jump- don't waste my time with 'how high' just start jumping! If one of my avatars tells you something, treat it as if I said it- it's why they're my avatars. If a zone leader tells you to do something, treat it as if one of my avatars told you something (please see above) it's why I asked them to zone. Please sign the form below, then detach and return to the Lord of Acting.

L.O.T. Rules Agreement

I, the undersigned, have read the introductory packet and the 'Laws of the Land' and hereby agree to abide by the rules and guidelines contained therein. Furthermore I agree that if I break the rules I shall be ejected most swiftly onto my derriere.

Name: _____ Rank: _____

Age: _____ In Case of Emergency Contact: _____

Signature: _____ Date: / /

----- **IF UNDER 18 COMPLETE BELOW** -----

Parental Permission Form:

Parent/Guardian: _____ Contact Number: _____

Student: _____ DOB: _____

_____ (student) has my permission to perform at the Bloodview Haunted House in Broadview Hts. Ohio. My son/daughter/ward is at least 14 (fourteen) years of age and is allowed to volunteer for the Broadview Hts. Lions and the Legion of Terror. In case of emergency, I may be contacted at the above phone number.

-----2007 Bloodview Haunted House Season-----

9/21 Fri: 8-Midnight	9/22 Sat:8-Midnight	Sun: 9/23 8-10pm
9/28 Fri: 8-Midnight	9/29 Sat: 8-Midnight	Sun: 9/29 8-10pm
10/4 Thu:8-10	10/5 Fri-Sat: 8-Midnight	Sun: 10/7 8-10pm
10/11 Thu:8-10	10/12,13 Fri-Sat: 8-Midnight	Sun: 10/14 8-10pm
10/18 Thu:8-10	10/19,20 Fri-Sat: 8-Midnight	Sun: 10/21 8-10pm
10/25 Thu:8-10	10/12,13 Fri-Sat: 8-Midnight	Sun: 10/28 8-10pm
	10/31 Wed: 8-?	

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE LEGION OF TERROR

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Date of Birth _____

Email Address _____

Who should we contact in the event of an emergency?

Name _____ Telephone _____

Do you have any medical conditions we should be aware of?

Do you have any mental conditions we should be aware of?

What is your present blood type?

Who are your favorite horror characters?

How do you react to a full moon?

Please indicate any prior haunted house experience below:

Tell us about your make-up skills and experience if any:

Please be sure to read the Rule Intro Packet of the Legion of Terror prior to signing this Form I hereby make application to become a member of The Legion Of Terror. I have read and fully understand the rules of The Legion Of Terror as stated in the corporation's bylaws. I agree to abide by the rules and be governed by them.

Signed _____

Date: _____

Witness _____

Application received by _____ accepted by membership

on _____

Under 18 until: _____