

Speaker 1 ([00:00](#)):

Show and tell in a fourth grade class was easier than this. Well, what we have here is a Klan hood with a shield with the eye openings, uh, on the left side of the hood, we have a, uh, an emblem of an Eagle with a K L over its wings. Uh, the Eagle representing red-blooded Americanism, probably, and a sort of a tassel at the top.

Speaker 2 ([00:24](#)):

Yeah. Let me check over here.

Speaker 1 ([00:28](#)):

Now this is a heavy duty Klan robe, very heavy, very thick and dirty too. It's white rather. Off-white now what we have here is a Klan emblem over the left breast, and it's surrounded by a gold trim with a red field, and you see that the base of Klan cross with the drop of blood in the middle. Uh, we also see decoration at the bottom of the hood at the bottom of this particular Klan, a robe. You see these diamond shapes at the bottom for decoration, as well as this trim, uh, at the bottom of the hood at the bottom. And one thing you see with a Klan robe is that the Cape is actually attached to the back. And so we throw it over the back and we have more color, again, very heavy duty, very thick it's, it's almost impossible to imagine people wearing this fairly bare long period of time, um, to begin with let alone in hot weather. Um, but, um, I think for Klan members of a lower rank, it was a basic sheet. Well, this is obviously a, a robe that belonged to a Klansman of some rank. What we have here is a rare uniform. I mean, this is something we haven't seen before. Um, there aren't many around if any, around for that matter. And what we have here is a black Legion hood. It looks like a pirate hat. We have the skull and crossbones over the, over the head and, uh, over the shield, uh, we see the beginnings of probably an eye hole, um, but the, it wasn't completed

Speaker 2 ([02:06](#)):

Gold trim around the top. And this is the reverse side.

Speaker 1 ([02:13](#)):

The robe itself is lightweight and in black with, um, gold trim along the, uh, along the sleeves, it's well constructed. Um, you can tell by the stitching that, um, there, there was some degree of sophistication involved in making it, and it leads one to think not only of the black Legion members that were part of this organization, but of the entire network of people, uh, materials that went to support the organization. Somebody had to put this together. Uh, somebody had to do this stitch and somebody had to put these buttons on. Um, and it just simply suggests that there's more to the organization than simple. The guys at the midnight rallies, um, that it represents a, a movement. One of the distinctive things you find in the black Legion robe is the detachable Cape. Unlike the Klan robe, which is attached and always drags on the back. This one detaches, it has this particular robe has, uh, three bands around the neck. It would attach by a hook in the front, but the underlining is of this nice looking red color of a very soft and, um, almost makes you think of Dracula.