

THE MEANING OF CHC MEMBERSHIP

About fifteen years ago, the very first chat rooms appeared on the very young web. These were distinct from bulletin board services, or the first iterations of web-based mail (such as Hotmail) which were not always owned by Microsoft. One of these early chat rooms was called WBS Guy Chat, which allowed pictures (some with cocks and balls and butts and sex!) and real-time chat. There were several hundred regular inhabitants of this early cyber world. Most were real, some were flakes, and some have been lost forever. It is telling that many of these early users are still in regular contact today, although the original service is long gone. There is a retro "mirror" site now, and on it, some of us old farts find that some early chatters were very young, and just coming out. There, on this site, these young men, and other men felt comfortable being amongst "perverts like us." They held to that thread of a chat room, and used this communications outlet to keep them sane, keep them balanced, and yes, keep them alive. That is a substantial relief, and a heavy burden. How can you feel, when someone who you know only by a cyber alias, tells you that if it was not for chat with you, he would have killed himself?

We are fifteen years later and now apparently so much more cavalier about our on-line presence. What value do we assign to our throwaway hookups, and our downgrading of the coming-out exploration, the confrontation of fears, and the summoning of courage? Where does CHC, and CHC membership fit in? Beyond a chat room as it existed then, or exists now, and beyond the hook-up site of your choice (register for free!), where does a leatherman go to find quality? More to the point, what is the QUALITY missing from the web, from the bars, from the bathhouses, that we hope to find in an organization, and in an organization we may want to join? CHC is an organization of leathermen – so why join CHC?

In one word, ***perspective***. When CHC was created 40 years ago, leathermen constituted a small, secret

society. We were wary, we were silent and under the radar, but once we gauged the quality of a man, we were accepting and supportive. We were tried by fire, and we were foxhole buddies. So here we are now, in a time when leather is out, but to be a Leatherman (capital L), tested and accepted by peers, still carries a cachet. For CHC, the membership application still appropriately asks (if I can paraphrase): "Would you be willing to have this applicant wear Club colors in public and be held to the highest standards of behavior and play?" So the essential difference between the WBS chat of long ago, the hookups of now, and the reality of CHC membership, is the opportunity to share with quality men from around the world the core precepts of REAL Leathermen face-to-face – the willingness to explore freely, to be different, to meld body and mind, to integrate respect with challenge, to accept diversity and honor a divergent spirit, to be fearless, and most of all to find the courage of self.

I joined CHC as a leather boy. I am grateful beyond words that my sponsors saw something in me that I did not yet see with clarity myself. I am no longer a boy; CHC allowed me to become a Leatherman. I wear my

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FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR

Let me begin by thanking all of you who helped make July's Triple Play weekend a success. Summer wraps up with a bar night and demo on Friday, August 26, at [Touché](#) (6412 N. Clark St, Chicago, IL 60626), and of course, Inferno XL. As in past years, there will be no monthly party in September.



JW R.
Program Chair

Once we return from Inferno, first thing is to put the Club-house back together – details are provided in the Inferno Coordinator's article on [page 4](#). Then, on Saturday, October 8 we have our next monthly

training and party. The following weekend we return to [Touché](#) on Friday, October 14 for our fall bar night and demo.

Be sure to save the weekend of November 11 – 13 for Associate/Applicant Weekend. This year's AA Weekend represents the culmination of our 40th Anniversary Celebration. Come join us for the ban-

quet, three play parties, and an opportunity to meet the new class of CHC applicants. Use the application form on [page 10](#) to register early - we anticipate a huge turnout and space will be limited for all of the weekend's events, especially the banquet.

As always, none of this can happen without your help! Volunteering is a good way to give back to the Club, and for Full Members, a good way to fulfill part of your annual volunteer requirement.

I welcome your feedback on our events, and ideas for other opportunities. The best way to reach me is by e-mail, at program@hellfire13.net.

In Brotherhood,

JW R., 2011 Program Chair

The Meaning of CHC Membership ([Cont'd from page 1](#))

Club colors with a tremendous pride and attendant responsibility. I joined CHC because I knew then, and affirm to you now, that I can learn from, share with, play amongst, support and be supported by, work and build with, preserve and protect, defend and explore, and create a bond of love and deep affection, with like-minded Brothers. What more valuable goal could exist? What higher value could be drawn from membership in an organization? Just as you explore and discover the aspects of play that "float your boat," you will find that CHC embodies the values and respect and breadth that supports your explorations and self-realizations. CHC is real --- five hundred men from around the world, bonded together in fulfillment not fantasy, sharing a meaningful 24/7 Leatherman-based perspective and reality. Come, join us.

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The leather store of Inferno XL, making sure men have clothes, toys and other kinky things so their time at camp is fun!

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Special Event Group	2011 Date MM/DD	Event	Place	Time	Additional Information
Inferno XL	08/25	Pack Clubhouse	Clubhouse	7:30pm	Need volunteers to help.
	08/26	Bar Night	Touché	10pm - 2am	
Inferno XL	09/03	Kick-Off BBQ	Mel A & Greg H House	5pm - 10pm	Email Melinferno@aol.com if going to this BBQ
	09/04	Pre-Inferno Mtg & BBQ	Clubhouse	4pm	
	09/05	Pack Truck	Clubhouse	10am	Need volunteers to help
	09/06-08	On-Site Set-Up	See article on page 4 for more information. See article on page 8 regarding Teardown Volunteers		
	09/08-11	Session A			
	09/11-14	Session B			
	09/14-15	On-Site Tear-Down			
	09/22	Reset Clubhouse	Clubhouse	7:30pm	Need volunteers to help
	10/08	Monthly Party	Clubhouse	8pm - 2am	RSVP program@hellfire13.net
	10/14	Bar Night	Touché	10pm - 2am	
AA Week-end	11/11	Party	Clubhouse	9pm - 2am	See article on page 2 and registration form on page 10 .
	11/12	Banquet	Marcello's	6pm - 9pm	
	11/12	Party	Clubhouse	9pm - 2am	
	11/13	Party	Clubhouse	11am - 3pm	
	12/10	Monthly Party	Clubhouse	8pm - 2am	RSVP program@hellfire13.net
	12/31	New Year's Eve Party	Clubhouse	9pm - 2am	RSVP program@hellfire13.net

In Memoriam

At 10pm on Monday, June 27, Leatherwolf (E. A. C.) passed away. Prior to passing he wrote:

"If there were anything I would wish to be spoken on my behalf, it would be of thanks to the club, and to all it's members who enriched my life in ways they will never know. I have been part of many clubs over the years, but never have I belonged to one which lived up to the hype of what club brotherhood is suppose to be, let alone lived up to those rules. It's too bad that I came to Chicago Hellfire so late in leather life, but that short 10 years brought to me more joy, comradeship, and family love than I've ever felt through life. Granted, there was...Pain, (comedy comment intended) but even that was good. We all didn't get along all the time, but we are able to let it slide, and remain what brothers truly are.

As a result, I am able to go on to the next level of life, confident, serene, and ready for the journey. I will miss my family, but you all will not be forgotten. I will be looking over you all and smiling, and will try to see that the weather cooperates for Infernos to come.

Goodbye my brothers, and know that I am looking out for you, and the new family members to come.

Leatherwolf, CHC Associate "

The Officers and members of CHC will miss Leatherwolf and all of his help and assistance especially at Inferno. He truly lived the brotherhood.

TWO WEEKS UNTIL INFERNO XL

Two weeks until Inferno XL Opening Ceremonies, so, any of you guys who have not returned your Inferno apps I suggest you do so at once. We still have space in both sessions A & B. Of course, as always, A has more attending so housing is more challenging in A than B. We are fast filling up so don't delay. It is not too late to sponsor people; contact me at Inferno@hellfire13.net and I will get an application out to your guest.

Again this year, CHC will now be accepting credit cards for Satan's Station purchases like t-shirts, mugs, or other items we are selling. Also at Satan's Station we will be accepting 2012 dues by cash, checks or credit cards. Lastly, hopefully all of you will have paid your run fee before Inferno, but if you have not, we will be accepting credit cards at the gate to pay the remaining balances.

I expect this Inferno to be an unforgettable experience for first timers and veterans alike. For anyone needing a ride from Chicago to the run site for setup or the event please contact Ben V. at bearcubby@gmail.com. Any of you who are driving and have space in your car for passengers please let me know. Don't worry about luggage - yours or theirs - we can put that on the truck. Also, any of you in the Chicago area who can house any of the men that are coming in for setup or an early arrival for the event itself, please, again, let me know. Gentlemen, I also need volunteers to help teardown the clubhouse and to pack it up on August 25th at 7pm. For full members needing hours, you will be awarded 1 hours for helping. Please RSVP to me at Inferno@hellfire13.net or call me at (312) 208-3074 so we can take all of the equipment we need for Inferno up to the run site. Any of you who can bring adjustable wrenches and, maybe, a socket set with you to help break down the Club House that would be great.

Gentlemen, you should have received your Inferno Run Patch already if you are confirmed. If you have not received your confirmation by now, please contact me immediately.

Shipping luggage to Inferno: Please check your Inferno Confirmation Packet for instructions and suggestions for shipping your gear to the Run Site. **One Note:** Please

make sure it arrives at the run site on or after September 6th. The run site is not responsible for anything that arrives before September 6 if it is lost.

The charity for this year's Inferno is the CHC McAdory Fund. McAdory helps people within the leather community pay their bills. If you have any donations for the silent auction or the McAdory table at the flea market please contact Brent M. at jkbrent@aol.com. The leather store at Inferno this year will be [Shel-Don Chicago](#). Sheldon is a long-time Friend of the Club, and also an excellent tailor who worked with Male Hide Leathers for many, many years. So, if you've been thinking about a new custom vest, chaps, etc. talk to Sheldon while at Inferno and he'll be glad to take out his tape and measure you up.

Labor Day Weekend Events

(All the events below are club sponsored, and all members and their guests are invited)

Saturday, September 3rd: Inferno BBQ Kick-off: This year we are holding the BBQ at Mel A & Greg H house from 5-10 pm. It is always a fun afternoon where we get to see old friends in town before going to Inferno with lots of good food and good cheer. Please RSVP to Melinferno@aol.com or by phone: 773-665-2050.

Sunday, September 4th: At 4 pm, we are having our very, very short pre-Inferno monthly meeting to go over some last minute Inferno business and finalizing the last of the rides to the run site, followed up immediately by a BBQ. This is always a good place to catch up with old friends who you have not seen since last year and start planning your play-time for Inferno. This is also a good place to forge new friendships with people who will be here for the first time. (Sick evil grin).

Monday, September 5th: We need lots of volunteers to load the truck to set us on our way to the run site to set up Inferno XL. Please be at the clubhouse by 10 am. Coffee, bagels & donuts will be provided.

Tuesday September 6th: Setup starts at 8 am. If you are scheduled to help out, please plan on being there unless you have made other arrangements with Tony K. and Dave T, the setup chairs, or myself.

Wednesday September 14th: Inferno has to end. This is where you get to say your goodbye until next year and help us with move and store some equipment so it is ready for next year.

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David Katzenberg
Inferno Coordinator

Thursday September, 15th: Around 4:30 pm, the truck should be back in Chicago from Inferno XL and we need volunteers to help unload the truck. The more people we have, the quicker we can get the gear into the clubhouse. For the full members this will be 1 hour of work time that you can acquire if you still need hours.

Thursday, September 22nd: This is when we plan on setting up the clubhouse, put away all of the stuff we brought back from Inferno XL and get the clubhouse ready to play. For full members needing hours, this will be 1 hour of work.

As you all know, the Chicago Hellfire Club and our Run

(Inferno) is an all volunteer organization. Inferno could not happen if we did not have volunteers; expenses would prohibit the vast majority of us from attending. To all of you who have volunteered in any way I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the hard work you have done over the past several months or will do in the weekss to come, and at the event, itself. Your hard work will help to keep Inferno - the best all-male S&M event in the world - happening this year as in years past.

Thank you one and all.

Yours in S&M Leather

David Katzenberg, Inferno XL Coordinator

MY CHC MEMBERSHIP

WHY I JOINED AND WHAT THE CLUB MEANS TO ME

I had no experience at all with the Leather/BDSM scene until I met my partner. We had met, very briefly, through mutual friends. We lived about 1000 miles apart, but we stayed in contact by email and eventually, by phone. Over the next 6 months, we fell in love, but still had not spent any time together, physically. We got our chance at a Tsarus (Memphis) leather run. During that time, I met some great men. I was surprised. This was not what I "expected" Leathermen to be.

Later that year, I was at work when the attack on the World Trade Center occurred; My best friend, T., was at Inferno at the time. It was a horrible time for me. Not only was the nation gripped in this unimaginable terrorist attack, but all communications were out, and all transportation halted. And the man I had fallen in love with was stuck in Michigan with 250 other men in the same situation.

After T. returned, and was able to talk to me about what transpired at Inferno that fateful year, I was beginning to understand what this community was all about. He invited me to the next Inferno. Trepidation is NOT the word to describe what I felt as I arrived on the compound my first time. Intimidated does not have a syno-

nym strong enough to convey my feelings.

Over the next 3.5 days, and the next 3.5 days after that, I began to realize what CHC and Inferno are all about. The kinky play is at the forefront, in appearance; and yes, it's what Inferno is "all about." But it's also all about brotherhood, respect, and quality relationships. I made an astonishing number of friends there, at my first Inferno.



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A couple of weeks later, T. asked me about my experience. He had allowed me time to decompress and process the whole thing. I did my best to describe to him every aspect

of my impressions. He then asked, "do you want to join CHC?" On some levels, I still wasn't sure that BDSM was for me, but I knew what kind of man T. is, and I knew fairly well what kind of men I met that first year. I did not hesitate. "Yes, I want to be a member of the club." He sponsored me, and TRIH (the rest is history).

I have not regretted that decision, not once. I am a part of something special, something unique, something that enriches my life in myriad ways. Inferno is a magical place, and Chicago Hellfire Club is a group that can be elite, without being elitist.

John T.

THE MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

Hello everyone. My name is Mike B., current Membership Chair for the Chicago Hellfire Club. I look forward to seeing many of you at this year's Inferno XL for a week of fun and play! Since many of our guests who attend Inferno consider submitting an application for membership in CHC, I wanted to explain to you what the general application process is, and what you can expect.

Qualifications to become a member of CHC are that you must be at least 21 years of age, share the interest and objectives mentioned in the clubs statement of purpose, have attended at least one session of Inferno and one other Hellfire sanctioned event, been a guest of the club for at least 12 months (prior to being elected to membership – not prior to submitting an application) and have 3 sponsors who are members of the club - one who knows you sexually and one who is a full member. It is the responsibility of one of your sponsors to provide you with a membership application packet. That sponsor should include his information in the front part of the packet and it will be your responsibility as an applicant to complete and distribute the addendums to your sponsors.

1. Sign and complete the application and turn in all required materials, addendums, and pictures along with the current application fee. It is appropriate to solicit feedback from other non-sponsor members on your behalf. Any and all comments and feedback will be presented with your application and reviewed by the full members and board when your application is reviewed and discussed. It is in your best interest to get to know as many members as you can while you are a guest (at least 12 months). Your sponsors will be able to help with this process.

2. Once the application is complete (and you have met the required qualifications), your application will go before the Membership committee for review and discus-

sion before being presented at the next general business meeting for the first reading.

3. At the next general business meeting following the Membership committee's meeting, your application will be passed around for its first reading. After the application is presented at the general business meeting, your application is reviewed by the full members and board and your name is sent for publication in the Cicatrix (the Club newsletter for members).

4. Following publication, members have 30 days in which they are encouraged to provide either positive or negative feedback about you, your level of play or your contribution to the community.

5. After the 30 day period is over, the application and all the comments are gathered and discussed at the next membership meeting. The Membership committee will then make a recommendation to the Full members and board for the next general business meeting.

6. During the general business meeting where your application is presented, the full members and board will hear the recommendation from the membership committee, review and discuss your application and any attachments, and vote on

your application for membership. Your application is either accepted, rejected or possibly put on hold so your sponsors can follow up with you as directed by the Full members and the Board.

Once a decision is made, you will be notified in a timely manner.

Last but not least if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the membership process, how to get started, or your specific application, feel free to contact me or any of the Membership Committee members. I can be reached at Membership@hellfire13.net

In Brotherhood,

Mike B.

CHC Membership Chair 2011



MISSING INFERNO

Every year I see the vests with the rows of Inferno patches, so many you have to concentrate to count them. I started late. I don't even try to set a pattern with my patches. I don't have many, but those few patches mean just as much to me as to those who have many.

At my first Inferno I didn't know anybody. My sponsor couldn't make it, and I walked around for the first couple of hours like a nervous extra waiting for the director to signal a mob scene. But it didn't take long for me to realize that Inferno wasn't just an event; it was a reunion.

When I came back to the States years ago as a burn medic in the last years of the Vietnam War, even those close to me felt like strangers. It was other vets, even though I didn't know them, who made me feel like I'd come home. Inferno felt like that.

In my leather clubs, as a full brother or an associate, I found brothers, but my own tastes were intense even in that company. At Inferno, that intensity was the rule and not the exception. As a top and dom, I felt surrounded by either bottom subs just waiting for somebody like me (whether they knew it or not), or by fellow doms and mentors who could lead me higher. Every scene set a pattern and welcomed me in. Every demo offered a new place I could go. Just give me a hot sub and I'd go there. And I did.

In my day to day life I often feel like Joe Pesci in "My Cousin Vinny." Brooklyn born Vinny thought cowboy boots would make him fit into a backwater Southern town. "Oh yeah," said his girlfriend, "you blend." At Inferno I DO blend. It's the place I don't feel at odds with anything. Kink doesn't mark me here as the exile. Like the tattoos on my skin the kink is permanent, and it's the mark of belonging. Here those barriers at the perimeter don't hold the rest of the world out; they hold me and my sweaty, kinky, hot and mostly hairy brothers IN, like an embrace. This is home for the other side of me.

So last year began like all the others since my first Inferno six years ago. As an associate CHC member I awaited the first announcement about Inferno, and as soon as I could I responded to reserve a place. And once the reservation was made, the date for setup straight through to the end of teardown burned a hole in my calendar. I had other events in between, for sure, but they were just practice.

I made arrangements. A fellow associate brother lives close by. We planned to meet so we could travel together for setup.

I don't know if it's luck or karma, or maybe the spirits of my marauding Cossack ancestors, but almost every year

there's some kind of family emergency that threatens the Inferno horizon. One year it was a parent's surgery. I determined it wasn't all that serious and left him to the doctor's care. One year it was my father's death—and even then I made it to the second session where I found a strange kind of comfort in the homage paid by a small cadre of boys. But this past year I had settled my widowed mother into a home, finally, nice and comfortable and where she would be well cared for. And then it happened. She fell and broke her hip, on the cusp of her '90's, the day before I was to leave for Inferno.

FUCK. Damn. An avalanche of curses. And they weren't only for the danger and the complications that come with a broken hip for a handicapped old woman. They were for ME, too. It was time for this caregiver to be given some care, to be *served*. Now that it was denied, I longed for my own annual submission to my chosen mentor and comrade, just to act as the center and focus of what I wanted from others. I counted all the scenes I would miss, even while I was meeting with doctors and buying up diaper pads and telling a worried old woman that she'd be OK, that she just had to set her mind on trying to walk again, that the pain that made this stoic lady scream would go away.

So my buddy took off without me. I had to write the emails and cancel attending the first session and then realized that any hope for the second session was just a pipedream. I had to live this year without Inferno. And I'm still living it, that year---two years, really, if you count the last day of Inferno 2009 until the first day of Inferno 2011--- the time of Great Longing.

Just as the whole leather SM scene sharpens and puts some spice into the whole rest of my life and experience, the loss of Inferno for a year steals a lot. I miss the men I see, and play with, only there. But I miss most of all the comradeship, the *validation*, that comes with the sight and feel and smell of brothers who celebrate together who and what they are.

I've milked the stories my leather brothers have to tell about their time at Inferno last year and I long for Inferno this year. I'll be a stunted top, I think, if I miss another one.

So I've planned and hope and look forward to the Inferno to come. I know what it is to miss an Inferno.

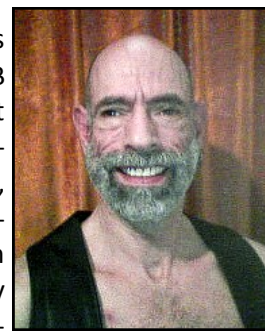
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VOLUNTEER TO GIVE US A HAND WITH INFERNO TEARDOWN



Dan B.

We're in search of some solid men to join the terrific team that dismantles Inferno at the end of the run. If you're able to give us a day, your Session B is completely clear for play because you'll have *no duty assignment* for that session! And, when Inferno ends, you won't have to face an immediate return to the outside world. Just give us your time and energy on Wednesday, Sept 14, plus the next morning. The Club picks up the tab for a night's lodging, meals, snacks, and refreshments. Many hands make light work! With focused effort, we get the job done quickly and the plan is to head out by lunchtime on Thursday. Complete your Inferno XL experience with the satisfaction of packing everything securely away for next year. Even if you've



Andrew H.

already mailed your run app, you can easily change your duty preference by dropping an email to aharwin@gmail.com or calling Andrew at 212-431-7917. Many thanks!

In Brotherhood,

Dan B. and Andrew H., Teardown Co-Chairs, Inferno XL



Inferno Wants You! Snacks, Cocktails, Water? What are you into?

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SUPPORT INFERNO XL

Individuals:

- Sponsor an Inferno event
- Place a run book ad
- Split a sponsorship with a group of friends
- Inform a business or club you know about Inferno sponsorship opportunities

Businesses and Clubs:

- Inferno's men regularly buy BDSM gear, videos and toys and attend fetish events
- Inferno ads & sponsorship offer a cost effective way to reach your potential customers

Sponsorships include:

- Recognition on signage
- Recognition in the run book
- Recognition at dinner announcements
- A banner for Satan Level & Barber sponsors
- Special signage for Port-a-Potty, Puppy Cage, Puppy Bedding, Mint & Flea Market sponsors

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SODAS: \$110
WATER COOLER JUGS: \$110
COFFEE UPGRADES (Meals or Satan's Station): \$110
KEGS (Beer or Non-Alcoholic): \$170
SNACKS (Afternoon or Midnight): \$305
WINE WITH DINNER: \$480
MUSIC ROOM or STOCKADE: \$560
New this year:
CONTESTS & DEMOS: \$250
FLEA MARKET: \$170
DANCE CARDS: \$170
TENT HEATERS: \$110
PUPPY BEDDING (Hay): \$110
MEDICAL SUPPLIES: \$250
AIRPORT VAN: \$560
ID BADGES: \$560

RUN BOOK ADVERTISEMENTS:

Full Page: \$190
Half Page: \$110
Quarter Page: \$75

For sponsorship application and latest availability see: www.HelloBob.Net/inferno
Contact Bob Goldfarb for information: 415-255-1388, 9 am – 9 pm Pacific Time or
Inferno@HelloBob.Net Please call or email regarding ad deadline.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Friends!

Hope everyone has been enjoying and making the best of your Summer months. It's going to be Winter again before you know it but what a Summer it's been! CHC has been enjoying all the well wishes and congratulations from members and friends alike during our 40th Anniversary. Our year has been filled with all of our usual events as well as member support of various other clubs' events throughout the year. As we all move into the Fall season and start gearing up for the year end holidays, I just want to encourage you to reflect back on the previous months and what was important to you.

As CHC enters into the Fall Season, we will be preparing for our end of year events starting with our club's annual event, Inferno, in September. This year's event is sure to be as awesome as ever with a sell out crowd of talented, skilled, twisted and passionate kinky men coming together to help us celebrate our 40th Inferno event. The second weekend of October brings us to our club's monthly play weekend as well as our club's annual meeting and Board of Director elections in addition to our bar night on the 14th. In November, we have our annual Associate Applicant Weekend scheduled for the second weekend in November followed up soon thereafter by the holiday season.

If you've been involved in any of CHC's events, programs and activities, we would love to hear from you. We would love to hear about what we're doing well, favorite or most memorable moments or connections, suggestions and ideas for future success and opportunities for improvement. Regardless of the organization or affiliation, we value the feedback from our members and guests. CHC is proud to be celebrating its 40th year this year and we look forward to being around for 40+ more years too. Support and feedback from our members and guests will help us do just that. Sharing your personal experiences and most memorable moments will help inspire others. Constructive feedback will help us learn and grow as much as our capacity will allow.

If you've been watching CHC from the sidelines and wanting to become more a part of the organization and Brotherhood, now's as good a time as any. Send an e-mail to us at info@hellfire13.net for more information about our club, its membership opportunities, programs

and events. If you haven't attended one of our monthly club parties in a while, come on out and see what you've been missing. Our Program Committee has been successful at keeping the pre-party instructional demos going with topics of interest on various types of play, techniques and safety as well as the party itself. Contact a member for sponsorship to our monthly parties or send an e-mail to our Program Chair at program@hellfire13.net to reserve a spot or inquire about attending.

In closing and as we think about the up and coming holidays, I encourage each of you to continue your support of your local community based HIV / AIDS charities and food shelters as well as any other local and national charities that are near and dear to your heart. The economic times have been hard on us all but especially hard on the charity organizations that rely heavily on the good will and resources from people such as ourselves. If you give or volunteer, please continue to do so and know that your contributions make a big difference in the lives of others. If you haven't but thought about it, give it a try...you might just be surprised at the level of personal satisfaction you gain and the amount of positive impact your actions have on the services and programs maintained by such agencies.

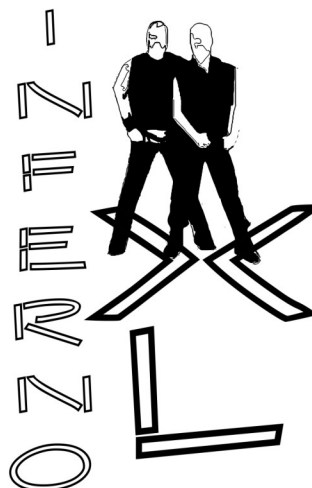
Regards,

Paul Cantrell – 2011 CHC President



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President

EXTENSION OF INFERNO'S SPIRIT



As some of us begin our travels to Inferno to share our Brotherhood, we will not forget our members and guests who are not able to join with us because of job and family responsibilities, financial considerations, health issues and many other reasons. We hope you know our spirit is with you and we hope that you will be able to join with us in the coming years.

CHC OFFERS A LOT TO MEMBERS

The Chicago Hellfire Club means a lot of things to a lot of people. Some focus on the great parties, others on the camaraderie of a group of like-minded men. The McAdory Fund, our educational offerings, bar nights, and other outreach to the greater leather and gay communities are important. And Inferno is, to use Joe Biden's words, "a fucking big deal."

For me, the brotherhood of CHC drew me to become a member. Many of the Leathermen I admired, trusted, and lusted after were themselves members of the Club. They taught and guided me, encour-



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Vice President

aged me to explore, supported me through hard times – and, when the time was right, encouraged me to apply for membership.

Throughout the leather world, the CHC colors command respect. We are noted for our skill at play, our safety protocols, owning our own playspace. While many clubs have a hard time getting past four years, we are celebrating forty! – not least because, despite the strong personalities and rhetoric, deep down, our members truly love the club and care for each other.

Our club is still going strong and growing after forty years. Guests, you can be part of that growth! Ask your member sponsor how you can get started on the path to CHC membership.

John Bradford
Vice President

AA Weekend November 11-13, 2011 RSVP – Reply early- space is limited!

Person Submitting Reservation _____

Email _____ Phone _____

CHC Sponsor Name (Guests Only) _____

BANQUET

Please print name(s) of (all) attendees _____

Banquet ticket(s): \$20/ticket for CHC Members and Applicants \$35/ticket for Guests

Number of guest/applicant tickets _____ Number of Guest Tickets _____ Total Amount _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

PARTIES

Please print name(s) of (all) attendees _____

Suggested Donation for Party Ticket(s): \$25/party or \$65 for all three parties for Guests only

(No Donation Necessary for CHC Members and Applicants)

Number of Members & Applicants / Guests attending parties: Friday ____/____ Saturday ____/____ Sunday ____/____

Amount of donation for party tickets _____

Grand Total for Banquet and Parties included in this reservation _____

Reservations for the banquet must be received by **November 1, 2011**. Send checks or money orders payable to **FIRESIDE CLUB, LTD.** with this reservation form to Fireside Club, Ltd., P.O. Box 577618, Chicago, IL. 60657-7618.