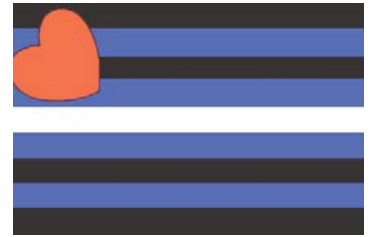


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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Welcome new board of directors

And thanks to those who served in 2014

### Greetings, Brothers,

CHC held its annual meeting of the Full Members to conduct the elections for the 2015 CHC Board of Directors (BOD).

### Please welcome the incoming board:

President – David Katzenberg  
VP – David R.  
Secretary – JW R.  
Treasurer – Chad M.  
Program Coordinator – Terence O.  
Membership Coordinator – Joe D.  
Inferno Coordinator – John (aka Skip) R.  
Members at Large (6) – John B., Dan M., Paul W., Jack M., Paul C., and Hugo G.

Thanks to each of these men for accepting the responsibility of leading the club through 2015.

### And please join me in thanking the outgoing 2014 Board of Directors:

President – David Katzenberg  
VP – Bob S.  
Secretary – JW R.  
Treasurer – Hieu N.  
Program Coordinator – Terence O.  
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David K., President

I am also pleased to announce that the full members voted to change the membership status for Jon Krongaard from Emeritus to Honorary.

**David K.,  
President,  
Chicago Hellfire Club 2014/2015  
[president@hellfire13.net](mailto:president@hellfire13.net)**

## FROM THE VP | So long and thanks for the fish...

### Greetings, Brothers,

This has been quite a ride. I started out as a member at large and am now leaving as VP. I have to thank the President, David K,



and the entire board for their faith and assistance this past year.

Next up as VP, David R. I have no doubt that he'll do an amazing job. With

that, thank you all and I will see you about.



**In brotherhood,**

**Bob S., VP [vp@hellfire13.net](mailto:vp@hellfire13.net)**

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## FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

# Thanks for a great AAW

Looking forward to another year of great play

### Greetings!

### Successful Events

After Inferno, we had a lot of hard work to do on the house and the equipment. Thanks to the hard work of many of our associates and guests, we were able to not only repair what needed fixing, but improve things so they will last for years to come.

We had a unique opportunity to represent the club at Mister International Rubber. It was great to meet those rubber guys and to talk with them about CHC. Keep an eye out for next year, when we'll be hosting a rubber party!

Associates and Applicants Weekend was also quite a success with some very well attended parties and some great play. Thanks to all our Associates for coming, and good

luck to all our new Applicants. We look forward to welcoming these men into our Brotherhood.

### December Club Night

There is a Holiday Club Bar Night at Touché on Friday, December 12, and we look forward to meeting other clubs and individuals interested in the Chicago Hellfire Club. See you then!

### 2015

The New Year fast approaches, and plans have already begun to make our parties even better next year! We will continue to have smoking and nonsmoking parties, and are working on a few specially themed parties that should excite our members and guests alike!

Although the specifics of next year's cal-



*Terence O, Program Coordinator*

endar are still up in the air, I can confirm that the April Showers Party will be returning this year. In April!

In addition to all the changes we've made so far, we've some plans that should improve things even more in the coming year, so we can look forward to another year of great play.

### See you all then!

**Terence O., Program Coordinator**  
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## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

# Welcome new members

Congrats to new associates and full members

On behalf of the committee and the Board of Directors, we would like to acknowledge our newest Associate Members:

Bob S. - Yuma AZ  
David B. - Vancouver BC  
David P. - Toronto ON  
Doug C. - Ottawa ON  
Harry H. - Ft. Lauderdale FL  
Joe W. - Dover NH  
John B. - Dorchester MA  
John R. - Canton MS  
Jim K. - San Diego CA

We wish you many years of continued involvement and fulfillment in our brotherhood.

We would also like to acknowledge that long time Associate Member, Rich R. has

become a Full Member. We look forward to him taking on a more active role in the club! Thanks Rich.

It was great to see so many members of our brotherhood during AA Weekend. I am constantly reminded of how dedicated and passionate so many men are when it comes to this club. It is part of the reason why I wanted to serve on the Board.

I look forward to continued involvement with the Membership Committee, the Board of Directors, and all of the wonderful men that make up The Chicago Hellfire Club.





*David R., Membership Chmn*

**In Brotherhood,**  
**David R. CHC Membership Chairman 2014**  
[membership@hellfire13.net](mailto:membership@hellfire13.net)



# Calendar

DATE	EVENT OR DEADLINE	LOCATION	TIME
December 12 (Fri)	Bar Night	Touché	10pm - 1pm
December 13 (Sat)	 Monthly Party	Clubhouse	9pm - 2am
<i>There will not be a New Year's Eve party this year</i>			
January 10 (Sat)	Monthly Party	Clubhouse	9pm - 2am
February 14 (Sat)	 Monthly Party	Clubhouse	9pm - 2am
March 14 (Sat)	Monthly Party	Clubhouse	9pm - 2am

**How to RSVP** To reserve a place at a party, send email to [program@hellfire.net](mailto:program@hellfire.net). Include your name and phone number, and if you're a guest, include the name of your sponsor. Also include the date and time of the party you wish to attend.

## House Rules

In order for the Chicago Hellfire Club to continue to be successful and full of hot sex and play during all of our events, it's important to remember some items so that problems won't interrupt our fun.

- To help maintain a good relationship with our neighbors, dress appropriately when you and your guests arrive and depart. This means:
  1. No extreme leather, fetish wear or toys are to be worn or displayed outside the club. No bare asses or chests, hoods, masks, leashes, or boys on their knees. Keep your toys and tools out of sight until you are inside the clubhouse.
  2. Arrive and depart quietly.
- All attendees are required to show their valid, government-issued ID. When you arrive, we like to get everyone in-side as quickly as possible so we don't have a line on the street. Having your ID out when you get to the check-in window just inside the door will keep the line moving quickly.
- **PHOTOGRAPHY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN THE CLUBHOUSE** except by club designated photographers – Don't risk getting caught! Just don't take pictures of that hot scene you were watching or involved in. Keep everyone safe.
- Drug use will not be tolerated.
- We take our members' and guests' safety seriously. DMs are on duty to ensure someone is watching, but it is the responsibility of all members to enforce the club's safer sex policies, listed in our Standing Legislation, Attachment 19. Prohibitions include, but are not limited to: unprotected anal intercourse; fisting without rubber gloves; needles, pins, catheters, sounds, or other devices intended to break the skin or invade a body orifice used on more than one individual without sterilization between uses; sharing of sex toys which come in contact with any bodily secretions. Thanks for helping us help you have fun!

## Club Contacts

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## FROM THE INFERNO COORDINATOR

# Inferno 43 under wraps

Thank you! We want your feedback and your stories

For the past 14 years I've been watching Coordinators get up in front of all of us and get all sniffling and teary-eyed at the end of the run. I thought I knew why. Wow, being up in front of all you men was really a humbling experience.

When I say that I couldn't do it without all of you, that is the honest truth. People came up to me and thanked me for the great play and the wonderful environment that we put together for the run. For the new men who you find to play with, you can thank the Members who invited them. For the equipment that rocks, you can thank the teams that assemble, clean, and repair them from year to year. For all you thank me for, remember to thank each other. Make sure you use some



John "Skip" Reddy, Inferno Coordinator 2014 and 2015

tongue while "thanking" each other.

### Charity

This year, we generated a lot of money for the McAdory fund, the official charity of Inferno 43. John B, the McAdory administrator, posted the final numbers we generated in the October issue of the CHC members-only newsletter, the Cicatrix. I encourage those of you who are not currently members to ask an active CHC Member about it. Maybe take the opportunity to ask what joining the club involves, if you're interested.

For those who were at Inferno 43, you heard me talk about one of my first Inferno stories. We still want to hear yours and to share them. You can send them to [news@hellfire13.net](mailto:news@hellfire13.net) for inclusion in the Brand. I want to hear

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from you guests of the club in addition to members.

### Thinking Ahead

If you think you might have a great idea for next year's logo, or some piece of equipment you'd like to see at next year's Inferno, drop me a note. I'd love to share that information with next year's Inferno Committee. You can email me any suggestions at [inferno@hellfire13.net](mailto:inferno@hellfire13.net).

**John 'Skip' Reddy**  
Coordinator, Inferno 43  
[inferno@hellfire13.net](mailto:inferno@hellfire13.net)

## Remember Bob K.

A party to celebrate the life of CHC Member Bob K., who recently passed, was held the afternoon of October 25. Bob's Club brothers, his boys, and his friends continued the celebration that evening at Kenosha's Club Icon.

Back: Terence O., Cody T. Middle: Marty H., Hieu N., Zach B., Pete B., Daniel V., Brian B. Front: Louis L., John B., Stephen J.



# Discovering a magical place

...I trusted my sponsors and my gut told me I had to go

I was invited to my first Inferno by Jerome O. and Jerry T. in 2001. I had been actively involved in the Leather Club Scene since the mid-1980's. I enjoyed the masculinity and hotness of Leather. In private, I enjoyed the Bondage/ Dom/ sub aspect. But was quite shy about that.

I met Jerry and Jerome at a Leather Contest, Mr. Michigan Leather in 1999. We hit it off and they felt I would be a great fit for Inferno. I first thought, wow, what an opportunity, but I only love Bondage. I am not at the level of play I heard was practiced there. But I trusted my Sponsors and my gut told me I had to go.

I received my invitation and signed up for Inferno 30 Session B, 2001. It didn't occur to me to coordinate with my Sponsors on which Session and by the time I found out they were in A and I in Session B, we could not schedule around work and go together. With trepidation I knew I had to attend anyway.

I was assigned to a Cabin with Tawse and John, Ken J. and Gene M. who welcomed me. I was shown around and got the tour. What caught my eye was every room that I saw had the TV's turned around and unplugged. I inquired and was told, this is our world, like Brigadoon, it is magical, it appears and disappears every year. We do not want the world intruding in our space. The focus was on the world and men we create here. I was in a magical place.

I brought some rope and handcuffs. But I did not have the confidence to Top as I desired. I did get to bond with quality men. I was disarmed by John E. during the 1st "talk" they gave — in his humorous and twisted way. I quickly picked up on humor

and intense play. On Sunday evening I watched the Bondage I so much enjoyed, good hard-on material. But I was fascinated with the many various forms of Kink and B/d, S/m.

I also watched Tawse do a flogging scene. The show, the sensations, the ride the bonding that took place — I was entranced. I thought I was only interested in Bondage, but the corruption was in full

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swing. I asked Tawse to flog me on Monday. I found I loved the many sensations implemented, the cadence, the touch, the bonding. I did not process the pain in a pleasurable way. But I was so grateful, I knew I wanted to learn how to give this gift. Yep, the corruption was on. I was taking in every thing I could.

Tuesday morning I was in the shower and was interrupted to come out ASAP. One of the twin towers was hit by a plane. I finished up and the TV was turned around and every one was watching the breaking news. The world had broke into our ours. Soon after, the 2nd plane hit. It was obviously a terror attack and who knows how much carnage was about to happen.

I was in shock. So many other guys either lived there in NYC, had friends there or worked in the building.

It personally affected so many at Inferno. So when the towers collapsed, the mood was shock and support. The hugs, the tears, the Brotherhood.

The "Inferno Big Wigs" as I called them that year had come up with a plan for action. The concerns ranged from emotional support to travel being shut down. A great many had flown in to this event. At brunch they began to address how they could help. Event leaders were asking for volunteers, everyone wanted to help.

The play was sparse that afternoon. But the Brotherhood was palpable. We became one. That night the play picked back up. Some more great time were still to be enjoyed, bonding to occur, this is who we are.

Inferno has not been the same for me. TV's are plugged in and on, as well as radios, smart phones and computers. We even have a computer in Satin's Station. We have been plugged into the rest of the world ever sense. I prefer to stay unplugged from the rest of the world while there. But times change, and so will events, clubs and people.

Maybe my Brothers do not realize what effect they have on others. I thank Tawse, John, Ken, Gene for making me feel comfortable. You roommates make a difference. To Don M. for his welcoming smile at meals that year. To Mel A. and Brent M., who that year who came up to me and made me feel welcome... yep not stuck on themselves, not too good to welcome a newbie like me! There are many others and can not include everyone who impacted me there. So when you see a new face, please say hello. You too can change a life for the better.

I discovered, not only was I appropriate for Inferno or CHC, nut this is were I want to be. This is where I belonged. This is where I still belong. A place of kink, but more importantly, a place of Brotherhood.

Doug V.



# Pictures from AA Weekend Banquet

The club's annual feast for Associates and Applicants Weekend was held November 8 at Marcello's. Photo credits: Tawse and Kevin B.

