



2015.4 YEAR END

THE BRAND

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From the CHC Vice President

I hope this issue of The Brand finds each and every one of you happy, healthy, enjoying life, and getting your kink on, (if that's your thing)!

It occurred to me the other day how often we talk about being an International Brotherhood - how we brag about having members not only all over the U.S. but in so many other countries as well. I decided to look at the numbers. We currently have brothers residing in 10 countries outside of the U.S. Here is the list with the number of members next to it: Australia (1), Brazil (2), Canada (28), England (10), Germany (2), Netherlands (2), Norway (1), Portugal (2), Scotland (1), Sweden (1).

Within the U.S. we have members in 39 of the 50 states, and the District of Columbia. Those are great numbers - however, I'd love to see them increase. How great would it be if we could have at least one CHC brother in every state!! Currently the 11 states where there aren't any members are: Alaska, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Maine, Nebraska, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, and Wyoming. I can't believe there aren't men who like to play the way we do in these states. It's time we start reaching across our state lines, and find these men.

Do not fear, I am not proposing that we accept into membership any person just because they reside in one of those 11 states. What I am proposing is that we all attempt to communicate and network more with men we might know from

these states - all in an effort to introduce them to CHC and possibly get them interested in our brotherhood. And the same could be said for our brothers in other countries - how great would it be for you to share and extend what you know and what you've experienced. It would be wonderful to increase our member numbers in your country, while at the same time, getting men from other countries interested as well. Where are the French men, the Italians, the Belgians, the Spaniards - let's cross country lines and find these kinky fellows!!

As this year closes out, I encourage our members to continue sponsoring guests for parties and events. And if you are a guest and have been attending play parties and other CHC events, please continue to attend. Ask your sponsors about specific themed parties. I believe we already have one in the plans for 2016, (and maybe others). There is also an opportunity to attend SMU again next year. And of course, if you like what you've been experiencing and want to learn more about applying for membership, don't hesitate to ask your sponsors, ask any Full Member, or contact our Membership Chair directly via email at membership@hellfire13.net. There are a lot of guys out there who enjoy and get into S/M. Why not have them become part of one of the best S/M brotherhoods - whether that be on the local level, (Chicago), the national level, (U.S.), or internationally! Remember, we are only as strong as the indi-



vidual members who make up our brotherhood!

I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season, and an amazing 2016.

Cheerfully,
David R.

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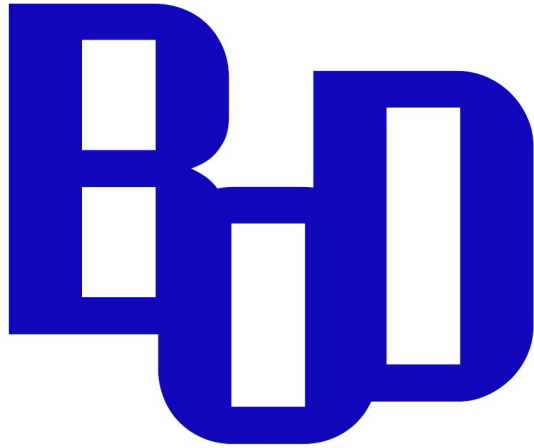
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REGARDING THE ANNUAL MEETING

2016 Board Of Directors Elected

On Saturday, October 10, 2015, the Annual Meeting of The Full Members was held. During the meeting, elections were held for the 2016 Board of Directors. The results of the elections are as follows:



- President - David K.
- Vice President - David R.
- Secretary - John B.
- Treasurer - Chad M.
- Inferno Coordinator - John "Skip" R.
- Program Chair - Terence O.
- Membership Chair - Joe D.

Members-at-Large :

- Chris S.
- Dan M.
- Hieu N.
- Jack M.
- Paul W.
- Scott Z.

Also, nominations were accepted and voted upon for the non-CHC member of the McAdory Committee. **Calvin P. was elected to that position and will serve on the McAdory Committee along with CHC members Doug V. and Scott Z.**

FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

End of This Year, Plans for Next

November

Our Associate/Applicant Weekend is right around the corner. Hope you have already made your reservations to attend.

December

We will be joining Touché for their annual Holiday Club Bar Night on Friday December 11, 2015. This is a great place to meet CHC members. The following night, Saturday December 12, 2015, is our party so it should be a great weekend!

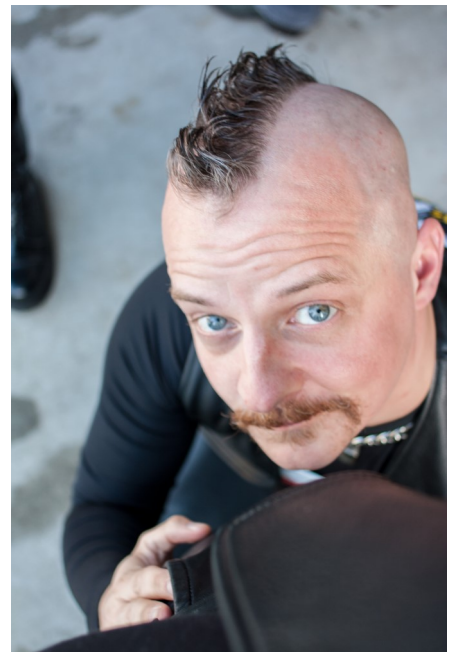
January

The January party is our first smoking party of 2016. It will be a hot time!

2016 Plans

The April Showers party and the Puppy Brunch were such a hit last year, we'll be doing them again next year, with improved setups. We look forward to seeing you all next year!

In Brotherhood,
Terence O.



From the Membership Chair

Greetings from the Membership Committee! How is it Fall already? It seems like this year has flown by!

It was great to see so many guests at Inferno this year. I hope you all enjoyed your time at Summer Camp and will be back again next year. It is a big one too ... Inferno 45! Our 45th Anniversary!

We are rapidly approaching Associate Applicant Weekend. If you are a guest of the club and want to attend Applicant weekend, you can fill out the form below and send in ... the deadline is October 31st. This is a great opportunity to get together with the incredible men that make up the Chicago Hellfire Club if you weren't able to make Inferno. Don't delay and make sure you get your form in ASAP!

Applying for Membership:

If you are interested in applying for membership remember

these points before you apply:

1. Has it been at least 1 year since your very first CHC event?
2. Have you been to Inferno?
3. Have you been to an in-town (Chicago) CHC event? This includes the IML cocktail party and the Pre-Inferno BBQ at Mel's place.

If you haven't checked off all three of those things, we ask that you wait to apply for membership until after you have completed that list first. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact one of your sponsors or myself at membership@hellfire13.net

I hope to see as many of you as possible at AA Weekend next month!

Joe D.

CHC Membership Chair 2015

AA WEEKEND RESERVATION FORM | Nov. 13-15, 2015

Reservations for the banquet must be received by October 31, 2015. Send checks of money orders payable to Fireside Club, Ltd., with this form to ATTN: Program Committee, Fireside Club, Ltd., P.O. Box 577618, Chicago, IL 60657-7618. No party donation requested for Members/Applicants.

Name of person submitting reservation

Email

Phone (mobile preferred)

CHC Sponsor Name Printed (If you're a guest)

BANQUET Please print names of all attendees and any special dietary requirements.

Banquet tickets are \$30 each for CHC Members | \$40 each for guests.

Number of Member tickets

Number of Guest tickets

Total amount \$

Number of Applicants (the cost is included in the application fee)

PARTIES Suggested donation (guests only): \$25 for each party | \$65 for all three.

Print names of all attendees and check party dates

Attendee	Friday Nov. 13	Saturday Nov. 14	Sunday (brunch) Nov. 15	Amount for parties \$
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FROM THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

About the House

Greetings.

This year the men of the House subcommittee have been working hard to maintain and improve our play space.

While most of us were at Inferno, a few members stripped, waxed, and buffed the floor in the main dungeon. This will make the floor easier to keep clean and maintain. Also, a number of floor tiles were repaired or replaced this year.

After Inferno, we made some changes to the dungeon layout.

The bondage bed that was previously in the back room has now been moved into the main dungeon. This was done to allow members to more fully utilize the capabilities of this great piece of equipment.

You will also notice a new bootblack stand made by Associate member, Travis F., in the basement social area.

Metal holders have been installed for holding paper towels and bottles of cleaning products. This frees up space on the small black tables so that members now have more space for storing their equipment during a scene.

The two Saint Andrews crosses and one bondage table have been re-varnished. This improves their appearance and will help protect them from rain and moisture when they travel to Inferno in the future.

On top of this, we have been doing a lot of work on general house maintenance and repair, shopping for supplies, cleaning the clubhouse, touching up paint, fixing issues with the doorbell and entry system, and cleaning up after the floor flooded this spring.

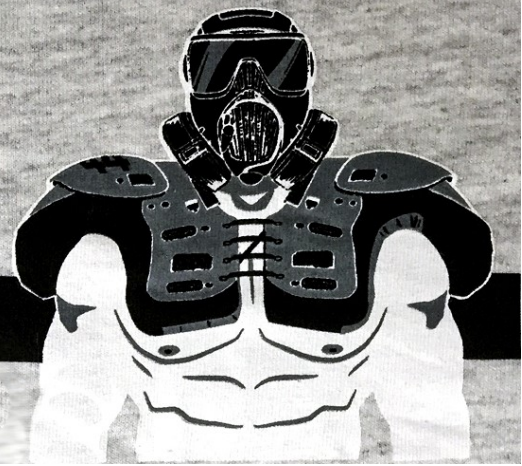
I would like to thank the men who serve on the House subcommittee and anyone who has volunteered their time and talents this year. The house is an incredible asset for the club, and we appreciate those members dedicated to maintaining it and making it even better.

In Brotherhood,
Paul W.



INFERNO 44

What It Meant to Me, the First Timer



I initially went into Inferno thinking of it only as a fetish/kink weekend. Sex, bondage and fun. Great, but while it contains all of these things, I discovered that those items are not the defining traits or even a fraction of what Inferno is.

From setup I discovered that the individual is part of an overall team, and this team quickly developed into a community of friends. "We are not finished until we are all finished" was repeated more than once. It rang true as the means to accomplish all that needed to be done in a short amount of time. It was hard work, and I questioned to myself if the end result would be worth the effort.

It most definitely was.

Every man I met was approachable, helpful, and friendly. I can honestly say I didn't meet one person who was rude, standoffish or unapproachable to a new person. All were more than willing to help or assist in any manner and answered all my questions or directed me to someone who could.

An initial bond was formed during setup which easily lasted throughout session A. I can honestly say without working setup I would have entered the event much more shy, reserved, and quiet. I am positive that without working setup I would not have enjoyed myself as much as I did nor have felt comfortable enough to truly be myself. When session A started I was already acquainted with many individuals and had begun to develop bonds of interest and trust.

I was fortunate to have my mentor there to guide me to be

cautious, not because men were untrustworthy, but because I was not prepared for the intense play they are into normally. I was told to slow down, and take it at the right pace. And everyone was fine with that. I was very fortunate to meet men in some leather families, and they were everything a family should be in every way. That was very affirming, and in many ways they were the foundation from which I explored Inferno.

When the day to leave at the end of Session A came, I truly regretted leaving. I wished with all my heart I could stay longer and remain in the company of the people there.

When I got home and tried to describe it to my husband I found that words really do not do justice to describing Inferno and my experience. It was much like describing a rainbow to a person who is blind. I was easily able to describe the grounds and people we both knew. But it was special. These men care for you, they care for each other, and they share with you the play and events. But the community that is there, the feelings you get, the bonds you develop -- those turned out to be almost impossible to describe. The only description I can give would be a community, a family, and a group of men who allow you to be yourself and won't judge you one way or the other for who you are and what you enjoy, no matter what your level of experience.

It's more than play, much, much more. These men care for you and they support you in ways that nobody else can. That is Inferno. That is best description I can give.

Happy to be there and I will be back

Calendar

All clubhouse parties are **non-smoking** except those marked Smoking Permitted in NOTES.

DATE	EVENT OR DEADLINE	LOCATION	TIME	NOTES
Associate Applicants Weekend				
November 13 (Fri)	AAW Party	Clubhouse	9pm - 2am	Smoking Permitted
November 14 (Sat)	AAW Banquet	Marcello's	6pm	645 W. North Ave. Chicago IL
November 14 (Sat)	AAW Party	Clubhouse	9pm - 2am	
November 15 (Sun)	AAW Sunday Brunch & Party	Clubhouse	11am - 3pm	
December 11 (Fri)	Holiday Bar Night	Touché	9pm	
December 12 (Sat)	Monthly Play Party	Clubhouse	9pm - 2am	
January 9, 2016 (Sat)	Monthly Play Party	Clubhouse	9pm - 2am	Smoking Permitted
February 13, 2016 (Sat)	Monthly Play Party	Clubhouse	9pm - 2am	

The McAdory Fund Helps Leather Folk



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The Chicago Hellfire Club is proud to provide help to those in the leather community who are having financial difficulties. The primary purpose of the McAdory Fund is to provide immediate direct financial aid on a temporary basis to any members of the leather/SM/fetish community who demonstrates financial need they cannot meet on their own. The McAdory Fund was created almost 30 years ago by the Chicago Hellfire Club in the memory of Michael McAdory, to provide financial support to members of the leather community whose health left them unable to pay rent, medical bills, and other necessities. Since its inception the fund has provided over \$190,000 in grants.

As part of the McAdory committee I have been able to see with my own eyes leather men and women who were able to use their grants as a springboard to get past a major hurdle in their lives. I have seen this fund make a real difference.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance we ask that you follow these steps:

1. Are you a CHC member in good standing? If not, please be sure a referral email is sent to the committee by a CHC member in good standing. That email should be sent to mcadory@hellfire13.net. If you do not have a sponsor please notify the committee, and an attempt will be made to connect you with a potential sponsor.
2. Request a grant application at: mcadory@hellfire13.net.

Scott Z.
McAdory Chairman



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 inside 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!

THINK G.E.T. L.A.I.D.

Clean up after yourself.

Before leaving the clubhouse, keep these things in mind:

GARBAGE Have you picked up trash, emptied all the garbage cans, relined them and taken the trash to the alley?

ELECTRIC Have you turned off all electric appliances—coffee pot, fans, smoke eater, etc.?

THERMOSTAT Have you turned off all air conditioners?

LIGHTS Have you turned off all the lights, including the bathrooms and back halls?

AMPLIFIERS Are you sure you've turned off all amplifiers (CD player, radios, tape players, TV, etc.)?

INSIDE DOORS Have you locked the office door and checked all back doors?

DOOR Will you be sure to check the front door and make sure it is locked securely after you have gone out?

Club Contacts

Mail Address

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