



Big Shoulders; And meet your new Board of Directors

From the President

Greetings Members, Guests, and Friends of the Club,

I want to start out by extending a huge THANK YOU to David K as our Inferno 50 Coordinator. My gosh, did he have a crap-load of stuff to deal with during set-up for this year's Inferno. I have seen some set-up related problems over the years, (bad weather, koi ponds, water lines, gas lines, just to mention a few), but never have I ever seen the cards so stacked against the set-up team as they were this year.



David R

The event rental company royally screwed us over with what they did/didn't deliver, when they showed up to deliver, (11:30 pm), and without the manpower or machines to unload. It was awful. But in the face of these problems, the men of this club did what we have always done best...came together to make it work. I was blown away with how so many came together to problem solve, how so many of you were flexible and adaptable, and most of all, how the heck everyone managed to have the grounds of Inferno up and running when folks walked in on Thursday afternoon.

This was a time when Inferno needed a leader who not only had the experience under his belt, but someone who was able



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to remain calm, cool, and collected in dealing with the mess that we were up against. I am so very grateful for David K in this role. Inferno 50 welcomed more than 220 men for each session, and from what I saw, and have since heard, a great time was had by most everybody. My sincerest appreciation and respect to go out to every single person who worked set-up, to Brian B and Dan O as the set-up co-chairs, and of course to the man who had the responsibility of it all, on his shoulders, David K.

NEW MEMBERS

After not having much of a 2020 for our club, I am overwhelmed with joy at seeing our party attendance numbers increasing month-after-month-after-month. You dirty pigs just want to get your play on, don't you? Haha! That means that our members are continuing to meet new guests and extend party sponsorships. And it seems those new guests are liking what they are seeing/experiencing, and want to keep coming back for more. That warms my heart...and other places too. I've said it before and I'll say it again...our members are our greatest asset. Well done gentlemen.

That leads me to the next logical progression...the number of guests applying for membership. We have quite a few guys who will be attending AAW as an applicant this year. We know some of them intended to attend last year's, and well, we all know how that went. Luckily for us, their interest and desire has not waned, and they are in position to attend this year. Combine that with the large number of applicants we have received since the close of Inferno 50, and it's quite the number. This bodes well for CHC. In a time where other clubs within our community struggle to survive, we are very fortunate that our members meet, talk to, play with, and encourage new, like-minded men to join this brotherhood. We do grow bigger and stronger by putting ourselves out there.

AA WEEKEND

Thanks to Scott Z, Terry L, Rick A, Theo E, and George L, for taking the time to research and scope out our new banquet facility for this year's AA Weekend. We hope all will go well, and that this will be the start of a long-standing relationship between CHC and La Villa Restaurant & Catering.





More from the President



NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As many of you have already heard or read by now, elections for next year's Board of Directors were held at the Annual Meeting of the Full Members on Saturday, October 9th, 2021. The results of those elections are as follows:

- President - Terry L
- Vice President - Stephen M "Corvo"
- Treasurer - Dan M
- Secretary - Robert K
- Inferno Coordinator - Hieu N
- Program Director - Theo E
- Membership Chair - Chad M

Everyone of these men have previous CHC Board experience and I have full confidence that they will fulfill the duties of the positions to which they have been elected.

Joining these officers on the Board as Members-at-Large are two returning Board members, and four newly elected members:

- Kyle B
- Casey C
- Steve D
- Dan K
- Gene M
- Jeremy S





More from the President

In addition to these men, Gary W of the Leather Archives & Museum was re-elected to serve another three-year term as the non-CHC member of the McAdory Committee. Thanks to each and everyone one of these men for having the passion and making the commitment to our club.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over AA Weekend. I look forward to meeting and speaking with all of the applicants as well. For those of you unable to come in for AA Weekend, hopefully, we'll see you at one of the upcoming monthly play parties, or whenever you might be able to make it to Chicago. If not, there's another Inferno right around the corner.

In Brotherhood,
David Rosen CHC President 2018-2021
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Meet the CHC Webstore

We are happy to announce that we have a webstore for Inferno and club merchandise! In an effort to make your favorite Inferno and club merchandise more readily available to members and guests, the store uses a print on demand service to ship tees, jackets, mugs, tumblers, and more right to you.

Go to <https://store.hellfire13.net> to browse the available goods. You'll need to log in to view and purchase items, so click the blue login button and use the same username and password you use on hellfire13.net (club logo/colors merchandise is members-only). Don't see something you want? Use the custom request link at the top of the page to suggest a specific design or a different color.

Club Colors Tees and Jacket



Inferno Mug Reprints
Now in taller 15oz Mugs too!



Inferno Tee Reprints



Inferno Tees in New Colors





AAW and more

From the VP

Greetings Club Brothers,

WHAT AN AMAZING INFERNO! Happy 50th! Thank you to David K and the committee for a great job. Despite some difficult hurdles at set-up, these men rallied to make the 50th a great run. This was my 21st consecutive Inferno and each one gets better! It is a great way to reconnect old friendships, experience intense play, and enjoy some great times on the eastern shores of Lake Michigan. I hope you were able to join us this year. I recommend putting Inferno on your calendar for next year now so that as you plan your year and figure out how you use your vacation days (if you are not retired or self-employed) so you do not forget about blocking the time. (And consider some extra days for set-up and tear-down.)

ASSOCIATE APPLICANT (AA) WEEKEND

Our next big club weekend is AA Weekend, November 12-14. If you made new friends at Inferno this is a great opportunity to rekindle those friendships. It is also a great time to meet new friends and attend parties at the clubhouse. We have a planned a very packed weekend of events:
(See Page 17 for Calendar and Details)

- Friday Night Play Party
- Saturday morning Brunch and social event at the Leather A&M
- Saturday evening Banquet at La Villa
- Saturday evening Play Party
- Sunday morning brunch and Play Party at the clubhouse

Hopefully by now you are registered and your travel plans are set. If not, please hurry and register. You don't want to miss this amazing weekend. If you have questions, please contact VP@hellfire13.net or program@hellfire13.net.

KEEP US INFORMED

Please remember that in order to continue to receive communication from the club we need a current email address. If your contact information is changing please log



Scott Z





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into the Chicago Hellfire Portal and make any necessary changes as necessary.

Don't know your password? Reset it here <https://hellfire13.net/Sys/ResetPasswordRequest>.

As always, if you have any club related issues or concerns, please contact me at any time.

My email is vp@hellfire13.net.

In closing, as I complete my 5th year as Vice-President and my 10 years on the board, I look back on all the great play, great guys, and good friendships I owe to the club. When I joined 21 years ago this club was very different. I have seen it evolve and grow and I am sure it will continue to provide a safe environment for men to explore BDSM and other fetishes. Thank you to everyone who made my job easier. I am looking forward to enjoying our club parties and events in the future.

Congratulations to our new board of directors.

In Brotherhood

Scott Z - Vice President 2016 - 2021

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Inferno 50

From the Inferno Coordinator

Every year I say "What an amazing Inferno! So much great play and brotherhood. Even with all the pressures of being Coordinator it was one of my best Infernos. It was one heck of a family reunion!" This year was extremely difficult for me with the tent company deciding not to show. With the help of brothers in the club we were able to find suitable tents and if it was not for some heroics during set-up we would not have had a run or we would have been still setting up come Session B. If you worked set-up, thank you for all your hard work and getting it done. I truly felt like Tim Gunn telling everyone to "Make it Work".

So many of you came up to me at the end Inferno and talked to me about the sense of brotherhood this year at camp. Thank you for that! It means a great deal to me that you all were able to experience that! All the long hours preparing for Inferno definitely paid off with all of those comments. We truly are a brotherhood and that is what makes us strong. Knowing that you can reach out to a brother for anything we need help with.

Thank you, brothers, for such an amazing year!

This year we had great attendance numbers!
Session A: 253 -- Session B: 221

This year we had over 61 first time attendees, you might ask with both sessions sold out how did that happen. It happened with members firming up their roommate plans when registering. I know Inferno 51 is 11 months away but like this year I expect it to sell out. Start getting your roommates set early, so first time guests can come along just like all that came this year. I know that won't happen because we only have a specific number of rooms/beds. Plan early so you can figure it out by April of next year when applications for Inferno 51 come out.

THANK YOU!

Yes, one man is ultimately responsible, but it would be impossible to do it all alone. Thank you to all of the department heads for all of your hard work this year. You all made my



David K





More from the Inferno Coordinator

job easier this year. Thank you to all of you who volunteered your time and energy to make Inferno 50 happen. Again, I couldn't do it without all of you!

I do have to give a special shout out to my partner in crime: Our President and Registration Chair David R. Thank you for your friendship, council and support in this process. You were always there for me when I needed an ear. You don't know how much that means to me. I love you brother!

I started with it, but I will say it again that brotherhood makes Inferno possible, year after year.

INFERNO 51 – THE INFERNO COMMITTEE

My final act as Inferno Coordinator for 2021 will be to put together the ballot for the Inferno Committee for Inferno 51.

The time commitment is a couple of hours on a phone call once a month and a meeting during Inferno to decide the award winners. Below are the particulars about how to participate. I would encourage any of you who are interested to consider running for the committee.

Any member of the club in good standing may be nominated (you can self-nominate) to the Inferno Committee.

The Inferno Committee is made up of 7 men: The Inferno Coordinator, the club President, and 5 elected members from the club. One of those 5 men must be a full member. Among the Inferno Committee's responsibilities are advising the Coordinator, serving as Duty Officers during Inferno and making decisions about refunds, Birtles Scholarships and the winners of the J. Paul Eaton and Caligula awards.

If you are a member and would like to put your name in the hat to be on the Inferno Committee, please e-mail me inferno@hellfire13.net and give me a short bio write up as well as a photo headshot. The deadline for submitting a name is the November 11 board of directors meeting.

In Brotherhood

David Katzenberg

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Brotherhood

From the Inferno Coordinator

From Opening Ceremonies during Inferno 50. This was what stood out for most people attending:

I couldn't come up with an answer to this one because it didn't have any problems. The person in this picture was doing what he loves to do, and the person or people who did it were doing what they love to do. That's the essence of what we do here, more than any design, it's the space to be a truer version of ourselves than we can allow anywhere else in our lives. "Brotherhood" may be an overused term but there is no other term that suits the collection of men I look forward to seeing each September. Because here, more than anywhere else, we can bare our rawest selves.

Even if the men in the pictures aren't any of you per se, in a way, they still are you. You have the same desires, the same drives, the same skills and instincts that brings us all here year after year. Each of you feels the same thing that men at this event have felt for fifty years. Last year may have been peculiar, and let us hope it is unique, but we have gathered through a plague, through the scorn of the community, through economic collapse, even through a terrorist attack against our nation. Because how we feel, and who we know we are, cannot be quieted.

Look at the man on your left. Now look at the man on your right. Look well, because you ARE Inferno. Without the extraordinary group of men gathered here, Inferno is just a bunch of wood and metal strewn around a plot of land. It is us who are Inferno. An unbroken chain of us from the early 1970s. Of cries and moans and bruises and blood, that make all of us better versions of ourselves. We are men who come from all kinds of backgrounds, who come here and find kindred spirits of a type that cannot be found anywhere else on our globe.

That is what I see in this picture. I see a man who cannot be identified by face or voice, but can be identified by spirit. He belongs here, as does each of you. You build this sacred ground simply with your presence. You are why we have a half century of brotherhood.





J. Paul Eaton Award

By Mike M

*The J. Paul Eaton Award is given to that man (or men) who have made outstanding contributions to Inferno over the years, generally behind the scenes. At Inferno 50, **Mike B** was awarded the J. Paul Eaton Award. Comments below were delivered by the Inferno 48 winner, **Mike M**, September 2021.*

SPOKEN BY MIKE M

I have to admit, winning the J. Paul Eaton award at Inferno 48 gave me a slight relief, knowing I would not have to speak at Inferno 50, but here we are.

Before I get to this year's winner, I want to take a moment to tell you why being recognized with this award is such an honor to me.

For my brothers who know me well, neither of the next two statements of fact are going to be a surprise, but these are not necessarily things I advertise. In the interest of destigmatizing mental illness, you should all know that I suffer from major depressive disorder. One in five westerners suffer a major depressive event in their lifetime. I work terribly hard to limit an episode to once a year. I fight the dark clouds every day, and I win some, and I lose some; and I am eternally grateful to my brothers who both recognize this and who hold me accountable for my own happiness.

The second thing I want to share is that I am a survivor of sexual assault. When I was 19, my "Sir" sent me to a man with whom he was friendly. In my naiveté in the days of IRC and AOL, I trusted my Sir, not knowing that the two men had never met in person. Despite this being more than 25 years ago, the experience still colors my engagement with the leather community. It is you, the men in this room, and those who have gone before us, who have stood by me





More on the JPE Award winner

through thick-and thin. You have led and I have followed, you have pushed me ahead and walked behind me to support me, and you have walked alongside when I needed it, boot prints mysteriously appearing in step with mine along the journey which we have walked together. I am so honored by being awarded the J. Paul Eaton award, and why I could not stand here today without these gentlemen standing behind me, supporting me as I share with you this experience. As our brother Daniel N said 3 years ago, you are my heroes. This event is an opportunity to play with my heroes every year.

When I first came to Inferno as a 26 year old boy, I was naïve, rambunctious, and awestruck. I knew I was somewhere special, despite being a 140 pound bundle of nerves who got just lucky enough to miss the infamous "van to Ohio." But I knew something that is still true today. What gave me the greatest fulfillment was to make problems go away for the Men who led me. I was joking with my brother Adam Schwenk even today that I was never the "let me clean your kitchen, Sir," kind of boy. Instead, I was more of a "let me go make enough money so you can hire a maid, Sir," one. Almost 20 years has mellowed and matured me, taught me how to be that rock for the boys who follow, and given me the opportunity to be a servant leader, like so many of you were for me.

My job every year is to make sure each and every one of you is successful. Satan's Station exists to ensure, 24 hours a day, that we all can play safely, have clean towels, and can solve the unique problems that come from being locked in the run site for 3 days at a time. The spirit of our brother Paul is making problems disappear. It is not about being recognized for what is done but being recognized for what doesn't need to be done.

The point of why we award the J. Paul Eaton award is that there are many of us who choose to serve this club without seeking recognition for ourselves. No one standing here behind me sought out recognition, we each sought out ways we could demonstrate our commitment to this community. Our job is service. Making the lives easier of those who seek out public roles. Ensuring that this event we all value is successful. The best celebration of each of us standing here is that we return each year, pandemic or no, and give this gift to those who





More on the JPE Award winner

join us each year. To pay it forward.

In that spirit, this year's J. Paul Eaton award winner is deserving of our honor for his service to the club. He is someone who never says no. He is never not working when there is work to be done. He identifies and performs tasks before anyone else knows it needs to be done.

It is my privilege to recognize Mike B as the 2021 winner of the J. Paul Eaton award.

Mike has done setup 6 of the 7 years which he has attended, only missing the first year. He owns both the setup and teardown of the Sleaze Tent. His crew members know he is the first to start and the last to leave each day in setup. He does this because it means so much to him for all of us here at the event to come in and play. He exemplifies service.

Mike also likes to play, his favorite piece of equipment is the spanking bench. He designs and makes his own toys, and is truly a masochist for coming up with more evil ways his tops can hurt him. You might remember that a couple years ago, he raised money walking through camp with a bucket of beers attached to his balls.

He also knows how to make a presidential strength drink, which is probably a service to all of us here, not just to Mr. Rosen.

Mike drives in from Minneapolis for setup each year, leaving behind his family including 5 great danes. Exactly who is the alpha in that house?

For getting things done with a smile on his face, for never stopping when there is work to be done, and for solving problems before anyone knows they even exist, it is my pleasure to award the 2021 J. Paul Eaton award to Mike B. Mike, please come up and be recognized.





The Caligula Award

By Daniel N

*The Caligula Award is awarded to that man who has made outstanding contributions to Inferno over the years, generally in a public way. At Inferno 50, **Andrew I** was awarded The Caligula Award. Comments below were written by Inferno 48 winner **Martin P** (comments in italic) and **Daniel N**, and delivered by the Inferno 47 winner, **Daniel N**, September 2021.*

A WORD FROM MARTIN P

As you know, traditionally this speech is given by the previous year's recipient of the award. That winner, Martin P, sent along the following greeting.

I would like to thank Daniel for stepping in for me at this time. I am just going to take control of Daniel's vocal cords for a short while.

(Sorry, folks, you're going to have to imagine the lovely British accent on your own. I promised him I wouldn't try.)

I never thought last year when Inferno was canceled that I would not be able to get to Inferno 50. A year later and the pandemic is still raging. It has been so frustrating not being able to travel to the USA this year.

While sitting in the audience of Inferno 48 I was not really listening I am afraid. I was thinking about the 3 fantasies I had organised for 30 mins, 45 mins and an hour after the speeches had finished. All the logistics and the guys who had agreed to help out with the events were all organised. I just had to make sure all the guys were in the right places at the right times to be captured and the fun to begin.

When I heard the words that the recipient's first Inferno was number 22, I thought how strange that was my first one as well. It was at that point that it dawned on me what was going on.

It was a great honour to receive the recognition from the people I respect so much. From my kinky family and friends.





More on the Caligula Award winner

Thanks again for the award.

I would like to now hand over to Daniel to continue with the presentation for this year's recipient.

Thank you, Martin.

AWARD PRESENTATION

This year's winner has a truly magic power. Somehow, almost any tent or part of the compound he plays in can become the Noisy Dungeon. Here, allow me to demonstrate: [BRIAN B. BITES ANDREW IN AUDIENCE.]

Andrew has been coming here since Inferno 32. It's hard for me to believe something I heard him say this afternoon, that he almost left during his first Inferno, because in the years since then he has become such a presence at this event that it would feel like something is missing without him. He has worked setup for years, appeared in several opening ceremonies, given demos, and been a regular on the DM staff.

But I think for me it's his commitment to others having a good experience that sticks out. I heard him tell someone this afternoon "what are you looking for, if I'm not into it, I can probably find someone who is." He has a way of setting up scenes and pulling in passers by, inviting the curious to try things they maybe hadn't even seen before.

Afternoons painting boys and slaves in liquid latex. His "whack and wax" tables. Getting chased for hours by puppies on Dish Hill. Explaining how electrical toys work and inviting others to try them out on caged subs. He is extremely giving of his time and his knowledge, in ways that make others feel welcome and open to new experiences.

He plays for himself, sure, as we all do, but he also plays in ways that create opportunities for others to play even more.

And not just here - he regularly runs large scene demos at Mr. International Rubber, and even just wandering the halls of the hotel at International Mr. Leather and other events





More on the Caligula Award winner

you're likely to find him out and about with his car polish buffer.

And then there's that - is it a laugh? A cackle? What word are we going with here.

I've heard several men here this week, in musing over the year we had to miss, talk about what Inferno sounds like. The way you can just sit and hear a whip over there, grunts over there, screams, laughs, the low bass of the music... Andrew's laugh has become one of those sounds of Inferno that let you know you're home. Whether it's coming from someone biting him, or his being on the receiving end of a 12 foot bullwhip, it's a sound we've all come to know, whether it delights or annoys us, it's become a hallmark sound of Inferno.

I've been told our president Mr. Rosen once even managed to be lulled to sleep by it one night when his room was next to the Noisy Dungeon while Andrew was getting whipped.

For so many reasons, it is my honor to present the Caligula Award for Inferno 50 to Mr. Andrew I.





AA Weekend

From the Program Director

We're loving the ability to get back to more normal club events and we expect AAW to be great this year. We've already heard from more than 200 folks who plan to be a part of this year's biggest in-Chicago weekend.

Banquet? Just the tip! The banquet this year will be at a new venue—one that has a lot going for it. We've been able to keep the price at 2019 rate, offer an open bar, and free parking, and be much closer to the clubhouse. Since it is an open bar, please be sure to bring cash to tip for drinks and coat check. **See Page 17 for dates, times and locations.**

Saturday brunch at LA&M: This year will introduce another first – a light brunch (with cocktails!) Saturday at the Leather Archives and Museum.

The club will provide food, beverages, some guidance on what to look for in the museum exhibits, and of course some entertainment and fellowship. Participants will need to cover admission to the museum (\$10) on arrival.

Three parties: Friday night, Saturday night after the banquet, and our Sunday "brunch" play party. We encourage you to plan your most significant scenes for Friday or Sunday when you'll have more options for equipment and space. With so many of us attending the banquet we expect the Saturday party to be very popular.

Registration, volunteer opportunities, and details are available on the registration site. Registration (including proof of COVID vaccination) is required. <https://hellfire13.net/events>

Banquet ticket sales end November 6. Party registration can happen after November 6, but final counts must be provided to the banquet venue and require we close registration for the banquet on November 6.



Terry L





More from the Program Director

Santa's evening with the boys on his naughty list

Be sure to save Saturday, December 11. Your Program Committee is in negotiations with Santa to join our regular monthly party. We've already received board approval to take your photo with Santa. Watch for the announcement, party registration will open about December 1.

December 11, 2021 - 8pm to 2am

Registration is required and will open about December 1 at <https://hellfire13.net/events>.

Boxing Day Zoom Social

Plan now to join your CHC brothers from around the world for this day-after-Christmas social event. No agenda, just an opportunity to gather and catch up. The club's Zoom Team anticipates continuing to hold two or three of these events a year to supplement the chances we have to gather in person.

December 26, 2021 - 2pm - 3:30pm Central Time

Registration is required, register will open in December at <https://hellfire13.net/events>.

Club Calendar | Nov. 2021 to Dec. 2021

Date	Event	Location	Time
Friday, Nov. 12, 2021	AA Weekend Friday play party	Clubhouse	9pm
Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021	Brunch	Leather Archives & Museum 6418 N. Greenview Ave.	11am to 2pm
Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021	AA Weekend Banquet	La Villa Restaurant 3638 North Pulaski Road	5:30pm to 8:45pm
Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021	AA Weekend Saturday play party	Clubhouse	9pm
Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021	AA Weekend Sunday brunch and play party	Clubhouse	11am to 2pm
Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021	Monthly play party	Clubhouse	9pm
Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021	Boxing Day Zoom Social		2pm to 3:30pm CT





House Rules Update

From the House Committee

Greetings

In response to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors of the Chicago Hellfire Club has instituted the following rules for use of the CHC Clubhouse.

NEW RULES

- Equipment should be disinfected before and after play
- Exhaust and ceiling fans must be run during play
- Bathrooms and showers must be cleaned after each use
- All trash must be removed from the Clubhouse when you leave

The standing rules for use of the Clubhouse continue to apply. During this time, there is no guarantee the House committee can perform regular active cleaning.

It is up to our members to ensure the Clubhouse remains clean and usable for each other. If you see a problem, please report it immediately to House@hellfire13.net.

Stay Healthy.

Have Fun.

Cleanup.

In Brotherhood,
Steve K House Committee
House@hellfire13.net





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