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Terry L



Steve 'Corvo' M.

# Notes From The President & Vice President

**Greetings Brothers,** 

What a fantastic year this has been! A return to IML, regular parties, and a great Inferno 51! A huge thank you is owed to our Program Director Theo E. and our Inferno Coordinator Hieu N., both of whom were serving their first year in new roles.

Speaking of Inferno, it's already time for you to mark Inferno 52 on your calendar for next year. We hope to see you in Western Michigan September 7-13, 2023! **PLEASE** take any extra days off that you can to help with set-up or tear-down.

## **Associate Applicant Weekend (AAW)**

Our next big Club weekend is November 11-13, 2022. We look forward to welcoming many of our global Associates, Guests, and new applicants for membership to Chicago. This is a great weekend to make new friendships, engage in great play at the clubhouse, and enjoy the typically leather-friendly weather of Chicago in November! We have planned a weekend of events to enjoy:

- Friday night play party
- · Saturday evening banquet at La Villa restaurant
- Saturday night play party
- · Sunday morning brunch and play party

We hope you have registered and made travel plans. If not, please hurry and join us!



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2023 Board Of Directors: L-R: Steve D., Chad M., Hieu N., Shane R., Theo E., Paul W., Gene M., Jeremy S., Corvo, Terry L. We thank Big Daddy Bear for standing in for those not pictured: Kyle B., Brian B., and Dan M.

### **New Board Of Directors**

Elections for the 2023 Board of Directors were held at the Annual Meeting. The results of those elections are as follows:

- President Terry L.
- Vice President –
   Steve 'Corvo' M.

- Treasurer Dan M.
- Secretary Theo E.
- Inferno Coordinator Hieu N.
- Program Director Steve D.
- Membership Chair Chad M.

Joining these officers are the six Members-at-Large:

- Kyle B.Brian B.
- Gene M.
  - · Shane R.

- Jeremy S.
- · Paul W.

In addition to these men, Scott Z. was elected to serve a three-year term as the Chairman of the McAdory Committee. Our thanks to Scott for stepping up for this important role, and to Gene M., who has served as Chairman for the past three years – his passion for helping members of our community in need is inspiring and speaks to the good we can achieve.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at AAW, as well as our new applicants. For those unable to join us in November, we hope to see you at one of our future play parties or whenever fair winds bring you to Chicago.

## In Brotherhood,

Terry L. | CHC President 2022

Steve 'Corvo' M. | CHC Vice President 2022







Theo E.

# Closing Out 2022 With CHC

Wow! I can't believe that the year is almost finished. It seems like just yesterday we had to cancel our January and February parties, and now we're gearing up for one of my favorite weekends of the year: AAW!

You should have received an invitation, but if you missed it, no worries, you can find it by going to the Events page on the Hellfire13.net website.

We are excited to return to La Villa after our successful banquet last year. Expect more fellowship, food and fluids (and by that I mean beverages, save any other fluids for AFTER the banquet) with your Brothers.

As usual, there will be three parties, Friday and Saturday evenings, and then a daytime brunch party on Sunday. Last year's Sunday party was one of my favorites in 2022, and there is nothing better than a little afternoon delight. There won't be demos at any of the parties, so please review the invitation for party hours.

After AAW comes December and holiday cheer! Even though we tend to be more on the naughty side, there will still be presents for good (and not so good) boys. Look out for Santa's appearance at our party. And since with winter comes shorter days, we'll be lighting up the night with a violet wand demonstration from Hieu and Dewey.

On a more serious note, for those unaware, I will be stepping down from the Program Chair position at the end of the year. It has been a pleasure serving as your Program Director, and I will continue to serve the club as Secretary in 2023. I know I am leaving you in excellent hands with Sir Electric Steve taking the reins.

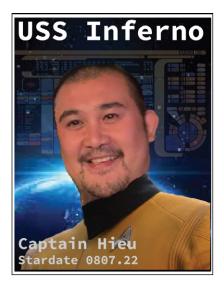
Thank you for the privilege of electing me to serve the Club as Program Director, and I hope you all have a wonderful fall and winter season.

#### In Brotherhood,

**Theo E.** | Program Committee Chair | program@hellfire13.net







Hieu N.

# Inferno 51 Wrap Up

Wow, Inferno 51 has come and gone so quickly! I wanted to foster a welcoming event for our Brotherhood to gather and have a rockin' reunion of bodies and souls. I think we did that and more. When I got elected last year, I was nervous of the task at hand because of the tent fiasco and covid, and then add monkeypox to it. Not only did you guys believe in me, but you reached out and offered so much help. I owe you guys my gratitude for eternity. A special shout out to former Coordinators David K., Joe D., and Skip R. for their guidance because at times I didn't know where I was steering the ship, but they came in to nudge it in the right direction. Thank you to the Brotherhood for an amazing time.

# A Special Thank You

Inferno is a well-oiled machine because of its volunteers. Thank you to all the department heads for your hard work this year. You made my job easier by doing what you do. Without this core of leaders, Inferno 51 would not have been the success that it was. Thank you for your time and energy.

# By the Numbers

374 people registered to attend Inferno 51.

- We were able to confirm 269 of the 374 people.
- We had 193 people who attended both sessions.

#### **Final Totals:**

- Session A 235
- Session B 227
- We had 72 first-time guests register. Of those 72, we were able to confirm 42.
- Our total number of guests who attended Inferno 51 was 77. 42 first timers and 35 return guests.
- We had 192 members and 77 guests. That means our attendance was 71% members and 29% guests.
- We gave away six Birtles scholarships this year; 2 members and 4 guests.

As we are all aware, the numbers for registration sky-rocketed this year. The committee is looking into the registration process and seeing what we can do to streamline it. Don't forget to fill out our survey for Inferno 51 so that we can see what worked well and what didn't. You may have noticed some minor changes that did happen from your survey comments from last year.

Don't forget that you can still order your Inferno 51 mugs and shirts on the webstore. It was a new thing this year and some guys took advantage of being able to pick their shirts in different colors. There's also past Inferno merchandise and other club gear and items to purchase.

A big congratulations goes out to Ian T. for winning the J. Paul Eaton award and David R. of Chicago for winning the Caligula Award!

#### In Brotherhood,

Hieu N. | Inferno Coordinator 2022 | inferno@hellfire13.net





# Club Calendar | Nov. 2022-Dec. 2022

**AAW** Weekend events are in blue.

Date	Event	Location	Time
Fri. Nov.11, 2022	AAW Dungeon Party	Clubhouse	8 p.m.
Sat. Nov.12, 2022	AAW Banquet	La Villa Restaurant	5:30 p.m 8:45 p.m.
Sat. Nov.12, 2022	AAW Dungeon Party	Clubhouse	9 p.m.
Sun. Nov.13, 2022	AAW Brunch & Dungeon Party	Clubhouse	11 a.m.
Sat. Dec. 10, 2022	Dec. Dungeon Party	Clubhouse	7 p.m.
Wed. Dec.14, 2022	Peer Support Group	Zoom	7 p.m.







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