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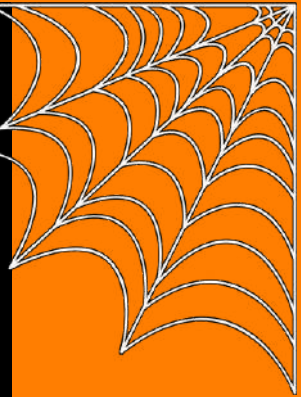
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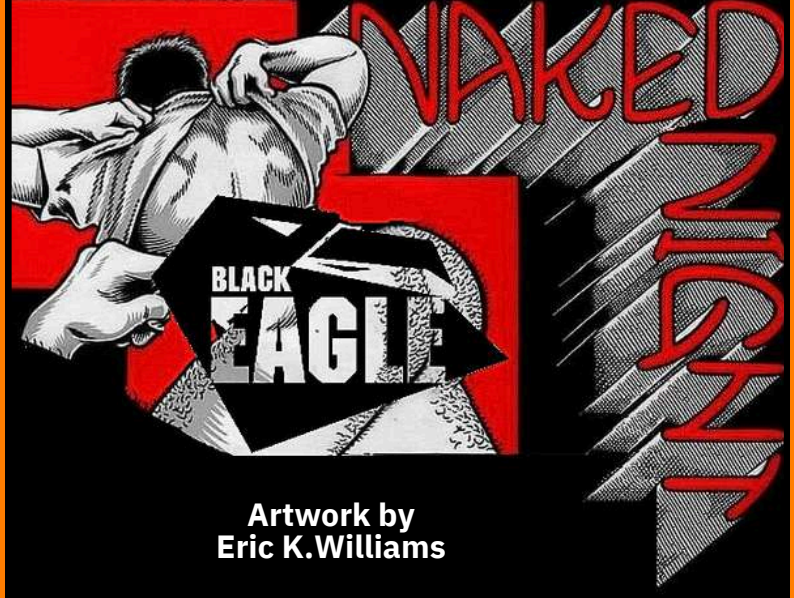
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KILTED KNOWLEDGE: **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello Everyone

I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday. At least the weather is staying mild so everyone can get out and enjoy the fall colors.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday. At least the weather is staying mild so everyone can get out and enjoy the fall colors.

This article will my last one as president, after 8+ years it was time to turn it over to someone else. Over the years I had the opportunity to work with some great people and had the chance to help put on some fantastic events, the main one being our 50th anniversary. Who knew it would be the community's last event for a couple years. As we approach our 55th, I know it would be a success with the team that is working on it. I will still be around as work on the governing documents continues, and with me continuing as the elected member of public relations.

As president I am glad we made changes to allow women into the club, but also help start, the affiliate membership. I also created the Spearhead President's award which will keep going after I finish my term. I will also offer suggestions to the incoming president on who to award it to next. To those leaving the board it was great working with you and we have earned a rest.

**Our next AGM is Saturday November 9,
1pm-4pm at the 519.**

Take care everyone and stay safe.

**In Brotherhood
Robert Jeyes
President
SPEARHEAD L.D.S.C. Toronto**





HOLA SERVED

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fam
Spearhead Ratification Results
We are pleased to announce the successful ratification of the new initiatives, and we would like to congratulate Xavier Thrace for his significant role in this achievement. His dedication to the community continues to inspire us all.

Thanksgiving Food Drive Results

A huge thank you to all the volunteers and donors who made this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive a resounding success! We raised \$1550.00 and collected an incredible 700 pounds of food. Your generosity will make a significant difference for families in need this season.

Election Reminder

As we approach election season, we encourage everyone to vote for candidates who are not only qualified but committed to serving the community. It's important to support individuals who will bring fresh ideas and long-term dedication. Please remember, a board position is a serious commitment—let's avoid electing those who have previously stepped down from two positions in the same year.

Toy Drive and Holiday Party

We are already preparing for our annual Toy Drive, which promises to be another heartwarming initiative to spread holiday cheer to children in need. Stay tuned for more details on how you can contribute. Additionally, the Holiday Party planning is well underway. It promises to be an unforgettable event. We look forward to celebrating the season with all of you!

Thank you once again for your continued support and dedication to our community. Together, we are making a lasting impact.

Warm regards,

Daniel Masis He/Him
Vice-President
Member #46
SPEARHEAD L.D.S.C Toronto





THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



**PEGASUS
ON CHURCH**
389B Church St.
Saturday 28th



SEPTEMBER 28th & 29th 2024

Photo Back Row:
Members Daniel,
Robert J, John T,
Scott & Michael H

Photo Front Row:
Xavier, Arthur,
Randy and Ross



Photo by Ross S.
Poster by Xavier T.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

BINGO
Flash
MEMBERS CLUB
467 Church St.
Sunday 29th



Photo Above:
Members
Randy & Joe

Photo Below:
Members Robert J,
Xavier & Charles



Photo Above: Members Rockey, Robert J,
Xavier, Connor, Guest Richard & Member Ron

Photos by Ross S.
Poster by Xavier T.





THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Woodys
463 Church St.
Sunday 29th

Photo Above: PWA provided a vehicle to pick up the food donations.

Photo Below: Members Daniel, Ross, Michael H and Arthur



Photo Above: Members Robert J, Randy, Connor, Xavier, Daniel, Michael H & Arthur

Photos by Ross S.
Poster by Xavier T.



CANDIED-GINGER SWEET POTATOES RECIPE BY SECRETARY ROSS STRETTON



RECIPE INGREDIENTS:

4 pounds - sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 cup of maple syrup
1/3 cup of chopped crystallized ginger
1/2 cup of apricot preserves
2 tablespoons butter
1/3 teaspoon salt

OK, if you are one that does not care for the taste of sweet potatoes, you may change your mind after tasting this recipe.

RECIPE INSTRUCTIONS:

Preparation Time 20 minutes Bake 40 minutes Makes 10 servings

Place the sweet potatoes in a 15in X 10in X 1in baking pan. Drizzle with oil and toss to coat. Bake uncovered at 400 degrees fah. for 30 minutes, stirring twice.

In a microwave-safe bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Cover and microwave on high for 1-2 minutes or until heated through. Pour over sweet potatoes, toss to coat. Bake 10-15 minutes longer or until tender.



UNIFORMED INFORMATION

MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Good day Phalia readers, Get well cards have been sent to the following members: Vern Reed-Olsen, James Goodenough and Mike Hart. Mike Hart has been back and forth between Grace Hospital and Toronto General Hospital. He is presently at Grace Hospital at Bloor and Church St. Please call the hospital at (416)778-0643 to confirm that he is still there before visiting.

Ross Stretton,
Secretary / Member-At-Large
SPEARHEAD LDSC Torontoj



DENIM DISCUSSIONS:

MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Hello Everyone,

Hope all of you had a great summer, good health and a safe one. Hope your Thanksgiving was great too.

Following up with our suppliers for discounts provided to the Membership. For Docs Leather our discount depends on what you buy and how you pay. More information can be explained at the AGM meeting. Our discount at Northbound Leather is 10%.

With the elections coming up please think about who you are voting for. My thoughts are to really check on the candidates to see if they can handle the position they are running for and not to quit half way through. We need people with new ideas; people you can contact to ask questions and get answers; people to be able to take charge and give us a good representation in the Club. Good luck to the candidates.

Our Membership consists of the following: 50 Full Members, 3 Inactive Full Members, 7 Affiliate, 4 Inactive Affiliate.

Remember if you have any questions about your membership feel free to reach out to me at membership@spearheadtoronto.com. Thank you all. Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Joseph Poirier
Membership Director
SPEARHEAD LDSC Toronto**



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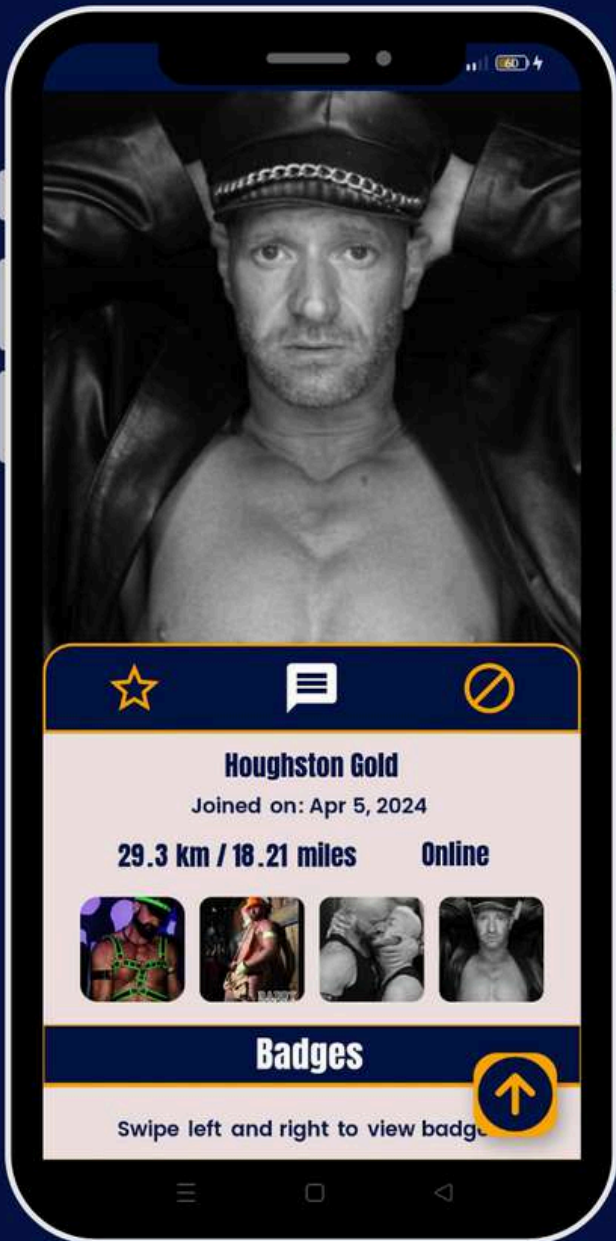
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Saturday August 17th 2024

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457 Church Street



Hosted by

Xavier Thrace

2024 Person of Spearhead

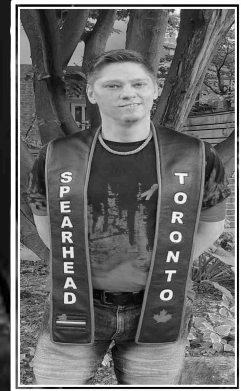


Photo Below: Members Xavier, Connor, Randy, Robert J, Daniel, Arthur, Charles, Ross, John T and Scott

Photo by Ross S.
Poster by Xavier T.

FINAL NOMINEES LIST

Board of Directors

- President: Randy Boyd (acclaimed)
- Vice-President: Arthur Morgan (acclaimed)
- Secretary: Vacant
- Treasurer: Michael Hunt, Connor MacLeod
- Membership Director: Kris Joseph, Charles MacPhee

Committee Positions

- Member at Large: Ross Stretton (acclaimed)
- Publications Editor: Xavier Thrace (acclaimed)
- Public Relations: Robert Jeyes (acclaimed)
- Membership Committee: Joseph Poirier (acclaimed)
- Archivist: Scott Leroux (acclaimed)
- Webmaster: Daniel Gustavo Masis (acclaimed)



WITHDRAWAL FROM NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY

Unfortunately Aharon T has decided to withdraw his nomination for Secretary in which he was acclaimed. Therefore the role of Spearhead's Secretary for 2024-2025 is currently vacant.

If you are interested in the position and you are dedicated to fulfilling the duties, please contact the Nomination and Elections Committee or the Board of Directors for their consideration. We wish our brother Aharon all the best in the future.

ENDORSEMENT BY JOHN THOMPSON

I have officially removed my name from the voting ballot as Vice President 2024/2025. Please allow this article to serve as my official endorsement of my fellow running mate Arthur Morgan for Vice President. I feel with the challenging times that Spearhead faces, a fresh young outlook on the community, its values and its direction is needed. Arthur's involvement in various areas of the community should help with the introduction of the club to newer community members. His ideas and platform are exactly what is required at the present time. I wish the New Board all the success that comes with fresh new ideas and concepts. Out with the Old and in with the New fresh faces & ideas.

John Thompson #69



ACCLAIMED VICE PRESIDENT: ARTHUR MORGAN

Fellow Spearhead Members,

As we look toward the future of our club, it's clear that we must take decisive steps to reengage, rebuild, and strengthen our sense of community. Spearhead has a proud tradition. I'm committed to seeing it thrive. With your support, I will bring the leadership and vision needed to get us there:



1. A Return to Order We've all noticed a growing sense of disengagement among members. It's time to restore trust and structure to our processes. By ensuring meetings and votes strictly follow Robert's Rules of Order, we can create an environment where everyone feels their voice matters. This will foster a culture of respect and involvement, empowering members to actively shape the future of our club.

2. Strengthening Our Relationship with The Black Eagle The Black Eagle is the heart of our community as the only leather bar in town. A solid partnership with them benefits us all. My vision is to establish a monthly Spearhead Leather Night at The Black Eagle—on a fixed day, like the third Wednesday of each month—so we have a consistent, dedicated space for our members and guests. This recurring event will enhance our visibility and deepen our connection with the bar and its patrons.

3. Building Ties with Church Street Businesses Our club's presence shouldn't be limited to our own events. By forging relationships with Church Street businesses, we can create joint events that benefit both parties. Businesses get increased foot traffic, and we get access to a broader audience. This type of collaboration will elevate Spearhead's profile and bring the leather and kink community into more mainstream visibility, ensuring our community grows both in size and respect.

4. Increased Involvement in the Kink/Leather Community Spearhead's influence should extend beyond our club's borders. We should be showing up at other kink and leather related events and venues, representing who we are. By taking part in events across the community, we strengthen our identity and become a more visible and active organization. It's time for Spearhead to be seen and respected beyond just our own gatherings.

5. Collaboration with Other Clubs Our club can only grow by learning from and working with others. I'm committed to initiating outreach to collaborate with other clubs, like PALS, to share ideas, resources, and event opportunities. These partnerships will create mutual benefits, allowing us to grow stronger through cooperation and shared experiences.

As your vice president, I will dedicate myself to these goals, working hard to ensure Spearhead thrives both within our membership and in the wider community. Together, we can build a future where every member feels heard, valued, and proud to belong.

Thank you for your consideration,
Arthur Morgan



CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER: CONNOR MACLEOD

I, Connor A. MacLeod, announce and confirm my campaign for Treasurer on the Board of Directors for Spearhead. I bring to the membership my varied background and experience that I believe will prove to benefit the role as Treasurer and to Spearhead and its members that make and have made Spearhead what we know it as today.



From the time I became a member of Spearhead in 2023 until today, it has been an honour to contribute to Spearhead as a standing member of our Constitution Committee, as the Nominations and Elections Co-Chair and volunteering time and/or resources at the various events we run to help fellow aligned organisations. While these roles and acts are important for Spearhead, our members, and our community; I believe that for real and positive change to happen, we must ensure our organisational stability and fiscal security.

My priorities as your Treasurer are:

Ensuring Fiscal Compliance and Stability with full accountability to the membership. This includes that:

- Use of Spearhead funds is for the benefit of all Spearhead members.
- Our finances are available on a rolling basis to the membership, exceeding the minimum requirements under Ontario Not-for-Profit Laws and our current standards.
- We research and deploy affordable, accessible and new technologies to decrease our expenses, increase accountability and accessibility of the organisation to members and increase member enlistment and renewals.
- We solicit the memberships' approval for any expense the organisation wishes to incur for its advancement that is not approved in our budget(s).

Outside of the role as treasurer, I believe that my contribution and role on the board can be used for benevolent purposes. To name a few:

- Propose hybrid membership and board meetings that allow members who cannot physically attend a meeting to actively participate. I would seek guidance from The Imperial Court of Toronto and fellow organisations that employ a mixed live-and-virtual meeting method.
- Increase overall accessibility by implementing guidelines for Spearhead when considering venues, products and services.
- Increase our marketability to younger queer and allied community members.
- Ensure meeting decorum and proper records keeping.

There are many ways Spearhead can be the collective representation and organisation for all leather and denim people where we live and serve. It takes those with determination and a can-do attitude to make that happen. For the members and for all, it is our time to choose change, to choose better, and it will be a great honour to be elected as your Treasurer to allow Spearhead to grow and become the preeminent club of its kind in our region.

Connor Alexander MacLeod (They/Them/Theirs)



CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: KRIS JOSEPH

Dear brothers, sisters, and all those in between:

When I joined Spearhead, I was surprised to learn that the organization doesn't share its members list internally, even though the application form asks each person to provide consent to have their contact information shared. Work on this front is one of my commitments to the membership as part of this role. At two 2023 OGMs I requested that consenting members have selected contact information shared with their colleagues. I believe it is critical for members of our social club to be able to contact other consenting members for the purpose of socializing. I also believe this practice requires a set of acceptable use guidelines that govern the ways in which contact information is used, with abuse of the guidelines serving as cause for censure.



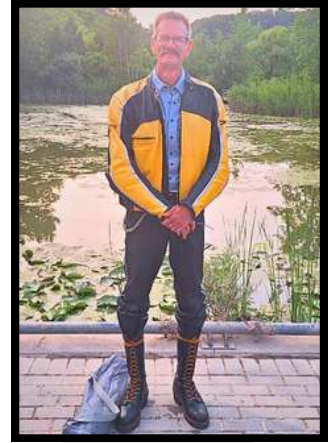
Creating a welcoming club means delivering a warm and friendly experience for new applicants. The current application process can be clarified, including an online application form and easy means of submitting payments. Moreover, we can define standards of service (acceptable processing times) for handling new applications, and report to the Board on our adherence to those standards. I will commit to this work on behalf of the club. I am an academic librarian by trade, and currently serve as director of a department that manages critical digital infrastructure for Canada's third-largest university. I have been involved in the local kink and BDSM community since early 2020 and have co-hosted both the LEDGE leather dinners and the Black Eagle's GLUE event each month since early 2023.

My related Board experience includes 2 three-year terms as a councillor for Canadian Actors' Equity Association, where I led a national, multi-year committee that evaluated and recommended changes to independent theatre production contracts from 2010-2012. For Spearhead, I have served on the Constitution Committee, and currently serve alongside Connor MacLeod as Nominations Chair. In this role, we have carefully and transparently managed this year's nominations, with regular updates to membership. This is the spirit of openness and transparency we hope to foster more widely in the affiliation. In addition to the points above, I commit to the following as your future membership director:

1. Openness, transparency, and accountability for the affairs of the Board and its committees. I believe the Board needs to be "open by default" to align with the expectations of the current leather and kink community.
2. Ongoing and active member recruitment through liaisons with other local groups.
3. Clarity about and promotion of value-added member benefits such as gear discounts and member-only pricing for events.
4. Advocacy for better access to Open General Meetings for members who cannot attend in person, including phone and online options for remote participation. Our members in Gatineau, Winnipeg, Kitchener, Halifax, etc should not be barred from participating in discussions and votes due to their inability to attend OGMs in person in downtown Toronto.
5. Advocacy for Spearhead-sponsored educational workshops, with member discounts, that cover topics like leather care, bootblacking, consent practices, Sir/boy dynamics, and BDSM skills.

I would be proud to serve as your Membership Director and want to express gratitude for the work Joe Poirier has been doing in the role. I hope you'll consider casting a ballot in my favour.

CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: CHARLES MACPHEE



Hello to everyone,

I can hear you asking why I might want the position on the board of Directors? In this case, why Membership? In my case while I served on the Board, we also had circumstances that were beyond anyone's control, that of the pandemic. Now while none of us could meet and be social as in previous years I still tried to be there for the membership and offer what help and communication that I could. We all got our birthday cards on time during this difficult time as a small way to show that Spearhead was alive and kicking.

As things the restrictions lifted, I was there to assist, in my own quiet way greeting new members into the fold and volunteered when I was needed. I tried to be a public face for the group at a lot of new events that I had never been to and renewed bonds with those groups.

I am always there to help and answer questions of the public about our group even if I am not a member of the board and I will always do that for the betterment of all in the group.

I would like to thank you for considering me for this position

Charles Macphee



John Thompson, Archivist
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC

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Scott Leroux, Archivist
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC

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Toronto's BDSM/Fetish Party for Gay Men

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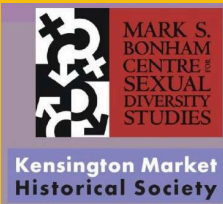
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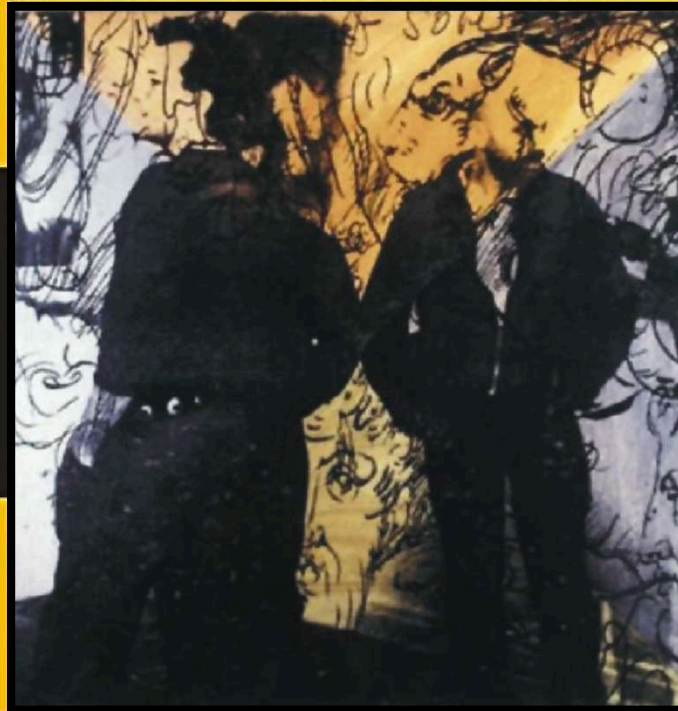




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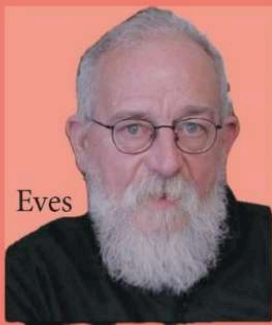


“ChromaGhosts” by Andy Fabo, 2001, acrylic/canvas, 48”x48”
(figures imaged are Tim Jocelyn and Jorge Zontal)

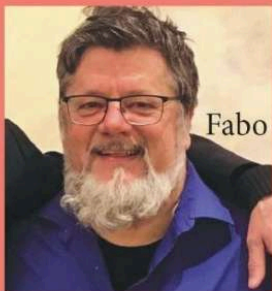


“Pivotal Art Movements of Kensington Market: CEAC and ChromaZone”

Thursday, October 10, 2024, 6:30pm
Paul Cadario Conference Centre
University College, 15 King’s College Circle



Eves



Fabo

Kensington Market Historical Society and Koffler Arts are proud to co-present talks by distinguished artists **Bruce Eves** and **Andy Fabo**. Eves was an integral member of CEAC, the Centre for Experimental Art and Communication (1976–1978), which had its roots in the Kensington Art Association (1973–1978). Fabo was one of six emerging Canadian artists who created and exhibited in Toronto as ChromaZone/Chromatique Collective (1981–1985), also situated in Kensington Market. Both speakers will discuss their personal involvement in CEAC and ChromaZone, and will highlight the significant and lasting contributions of these artist-run collectives in Toronto’s contemporary art scene.

This talk is presented in honour of National Coming Out Day (Friday, October 11, 2024) as both artists have been producing unabashedly gay-themed art from their earliest days.

Speakers Bruce Eves & Andy Fabo



Members Ross, Bruce Eves and Randy



T.I.C.O.T. CORONATION XXXVIII

Congratulations to Emperor 37 of the Imperial Court of Toronto, Okimawiw Kevin, the Upper House and the membership on a successful Reign!

The Imperial Court Of Toronto celebrated Coronation 38: The Crowns That Care Gala at the Marriott Eaton Centre in downtown Toronto on Saturday October 12, 2024.

Thank you for supporting the Reign 37 charities of choice:

Anishnawbe Health Toronto -2-Spirited & Trans Program

Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto - 2-Spirited & Trans Program.

Tsi Tyónnheht Onkwawén:na - Language and culture preservation.

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ICP 37 Robert J,
Emperor 37
Okimawiw Kevin &
ICP 37 Christine



Empress 35 Rachelle V,
Emperor 32 Randy,
Emperor 35 David V

T.I.C.O.T. celebrated
Coronation 38: The
Crowns That Care Gala at
the Marriott Eaton Centre
on October 12, 2024.



Thank you to the
SPEARHEAD volunteers
that stepped up to help
T.I.C.O.T. at the
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Charles, Xavier, Conrad, Daniel,
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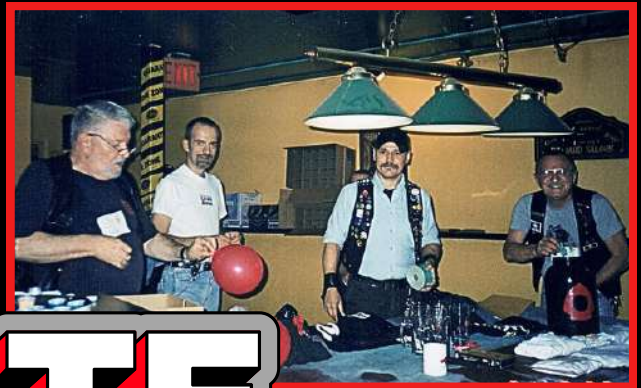


H.M.I.S.M
Emperor 38
Robert J.

Congratulations to Robert
Jeyes for becoming
Emperor 38 of the
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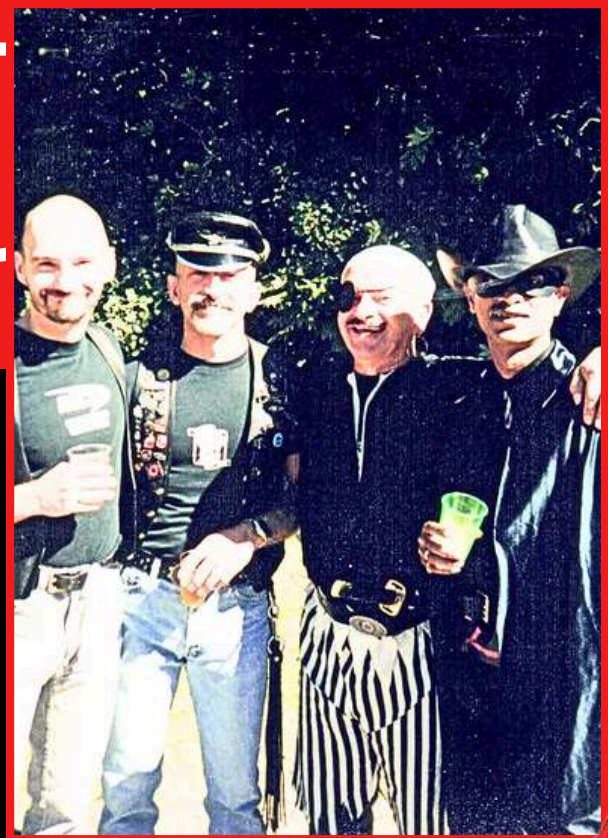
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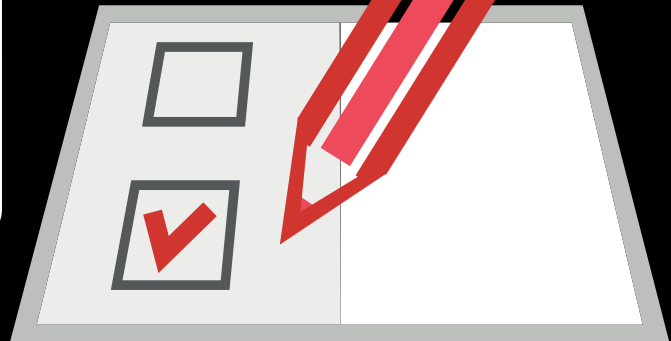
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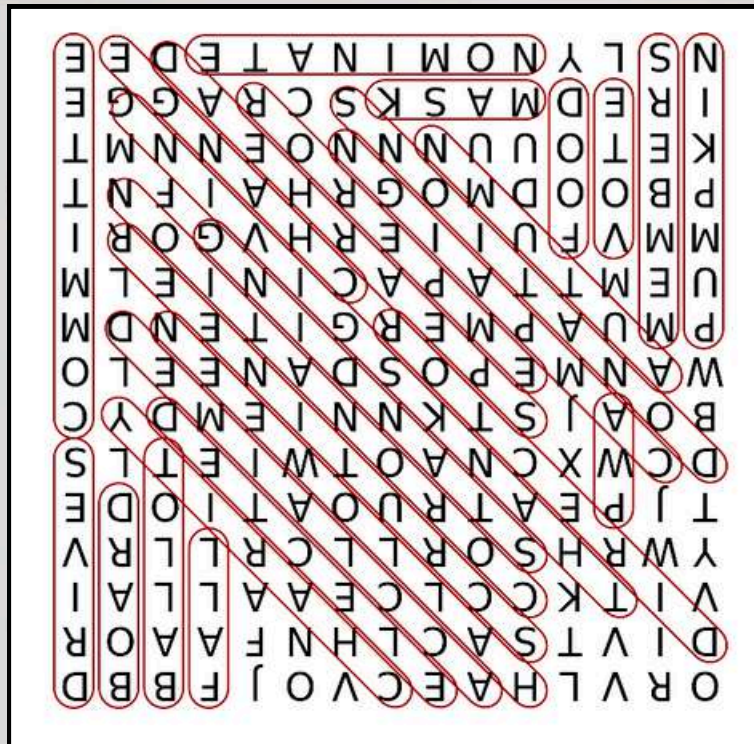
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NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

#OrangeShirtDay



Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations. All Canadians are encouraged to wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.

The inspiration for Orange Shirt Day came from residential school survivor Phyllis Jack Webstad, who recounted her first day of residential schooling at six years old, when she was stripped of her clothes, including the new orange shirt her grandmother bought her, which was never returned. The orange shirt now symbolizes how the residential school system took away the indigenous identities of its students

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2024

- Fri Oct 18** **SPEARHEAD ELECTIONS BEGIN** - www.spearheadtoronto.com
- Sat Oct 19** **T.K.K. PUP ROMP - 3PM-7PM** - Black Eagle, 457 Church St, www.blackeagletoronto.com
- Thurs Oct 24** **BAD DOG - 9PM** - Puppy Play Event, Black Eagle, 457 Church St, www.blackeagletoronto.com
- Sat Oct 26** **B.L.U.F.(BREECHES LEATHER UNIFORM FANCLUB) TORONTO SOCIAL- 6PM-8:30PM**
- Black Eagle, 457 Church St., www.blackeagletoronto.com
- Sun Oct 27** **TICOT DRAG BRUNCH - 12:30PM-2PM** - The Well Toronto, 487 Church St., www.ticot.ca
- Sun Oct 27** **ROUGH HOUSE - 1PM - 6PM** - Spa Excess, 105 Carlton, www.spaexcess.com

NOVEMBER 2024

- Fri Nov 1** **SPEARHEAD ELECTIONS CLOSE** - www.spearheadtoronto.com
- Sat Nov 2** **PUPS & P.A.L.S.(PUPS ANTHROS LITTLES SOCIETY) SOCIAL- 7:30PM-10:30PM**
- Buddies In Bad Times, 12 Alexander Street, www.buddiesinbadtimes.com
- Tues Nov 5** **L.E.D.G.E. (LEATHER EATS DINNER GROUP EVENTS) - 6PM-9PM**
- Every first Tuesday of the month, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/leathereats/>
- Sat Nov 9** **SPEARHEAD AGM - 1PM-4PM** - The 519, www.spearheadtoronto.com
- Sun Nov 10** **TICOT BINGO - 3:30PM-6PM** - Flash on Church - 463 Church Street, www.ticot.ca
- Thurs Nov 14** **G.L.U.E.(GEAR LEATHER UNITED EVENT) - 7PM**
- 2nd Thurs of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St., [Gear/Leather United Event](#)
- Sat Nov 16** **T.K.K. PUP ROMP - 3PM-7PM** - Black Eagle, 457 Church St, www.blackeagletoronto.com
- Nov 23-24** **SPEARHEAD'S TOYS FOR TOTS - Various Times /Locations** - www.spearheadtoronto.com
- Sun Nov 24** **ROUGH HOUSE - 1PM - 6PM** - Spa Excess, 105 Carlton, www.spaexcess.com
- Sun Nov 24** **TICOT DRAG BRUNCH - 12PM-3PM** - The Well Toronto, 487 Church St., www.ticot.ca
- Thurs Nov 28** **BAD DOG - 9PM** - Puppy Play Event, Black Eagle, 457 Church St, www.blackeagletoronto.com
- Sat Nov 30** **B.L.U.F.(BREECHES LEATHER UNIFORM FANCLUB) TORONTO SOCIAL- 6PM-8:30PM**
- Last Saturday of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St., www.blackeagletoronto.com

DECEMBER 2024

- Sat Dec 1** **PUPS & P.A.L.S.(PUPS ANTHROS LITTLES SOCIETY) SOCIAL- 7:30PM-10:30PM**
- Buddies In Bad Times, 12 Alexander Street, www.buddiesinbadtimes.com
- Tues Dec 3** **L.E.D.G.E. (LEATHER EATS DINNER GROUP EVENTS) - 6PM-9PM**
- Every first Tuesday of the month, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/leathereats/>
- Mon Dec 9** **PHALIA DEADLINE FOR NOV/DEC 2024 EDITION**, publications@spearheadtoronto.com
- Thurs Dec 12** **G.L.U.E.(GEAR LEATHER UNITED EVENT) - 7PM**
- 2nd Thurs of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St., [Gear/Leather United Event](#)



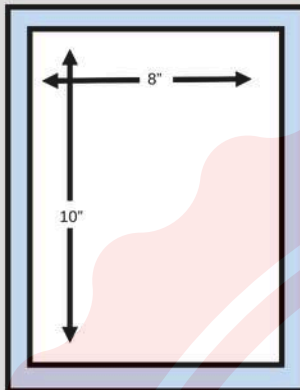
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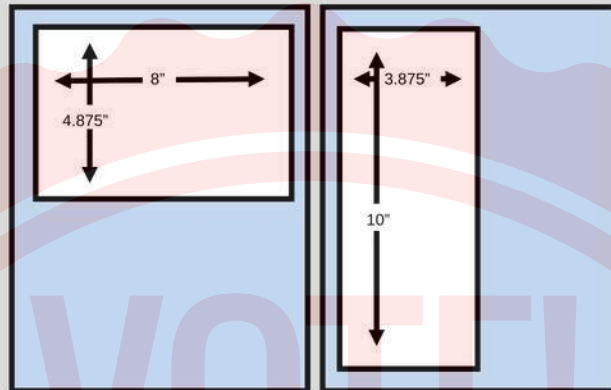
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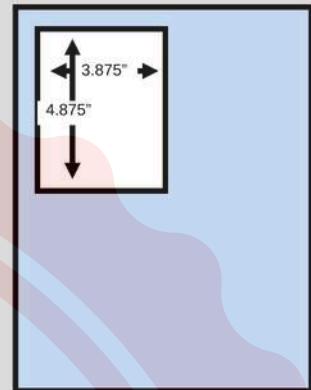
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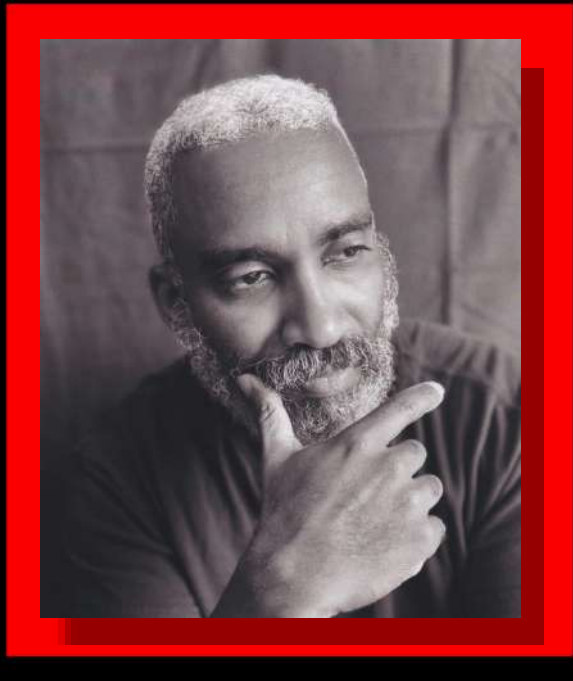
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Spearhead's Magazine is read by more than just the members of this Club. Copies of each edition are emailed to like-minded clubs across North America, a welcome reminder of the strong bonds of friendship that still exist across time zones and national borders. The last few issues are also available on our website. To make a business case to members and non-members alike, in Toronto or elsewhere, many regular and long-time advertisers support Phalia.

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THE FINAL WORD: PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Good day Phalia readers! Autumn is finally here and we are about to elect our Board of Directors for 2024/2025. Please read through each of the campaigns carefully before submitting your votes. These individuals have taken the time to give YOU some insight into their ideas for the upcoming year.

These candidates are passionate about the future and success of the Club. Their ideas have been given much thought and should be considered when choosing YOUR representatives for YOUR Club. Please vote based on which platform best suits YOU and therefore is the best direction for the Affiliation.

More Members should step up to give the Membership the opportunity to choose the best possible Board of Directors for the organization. I've decided to move on from the Publications position to pursue a role on SPEARHEAD's Board of Directors. It is time to evolve with new challenges and I hope to continue learning while helping SPEARHEAD as the next President. It is a position that I am familiar with and will do my best to represent the Club. Thank you to the current Board for continuing the legacy.

Though I am grateful for the privilege to serve in this capacity, I'm not sure if this is what the Club desires. The current Nomination process allows a Full Member in Good Standing to be considered for a position with as little as two nominations and acclaimed to that position if there are no other candidates. In my opinion before a position is "acclaimed", a "YES/NO" Election vote should be done to confirm the Club's acceptance of this individual as a representative of the Affiliation.

Our 55th Anniversary pin should embody the values of friendship, community, goodwill and evolving spirit. A pin which represents our acceptance of all genders and sexualities in the Club. Our willingness to change from the Mr Spearhead title to the Person of Spearhead title. A representation of 55 years of evolution in which everyone is respected and welcome. 55 years of commitment to C.A.R.E. C=Community, A=Acceptance, R=Respect and E=Evolution.



Thank you to Kris J. and Connor M., the Co-chairs of Nominations and Elections, for running the Elections. Congratulations to those Members who have been acclaimed to their positions for the new Board. Good luck to those that are running in the Elections.

Thank you to everyone that submitted an item for Phalia. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated. The deadline for the next issue will be December 9, 2024. All the best!

Randy Boyd, Publications Director
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC



On behalf of myself, Randy, the Publications Director, I would like to thank the 2023/2024 Board of Directors and Executive Committee for your year of service. All the best to you in your future endeavors.



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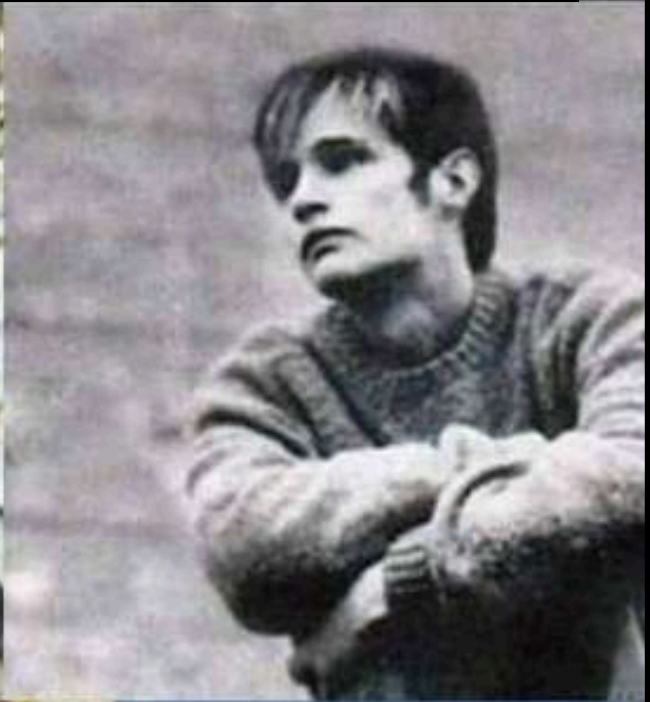
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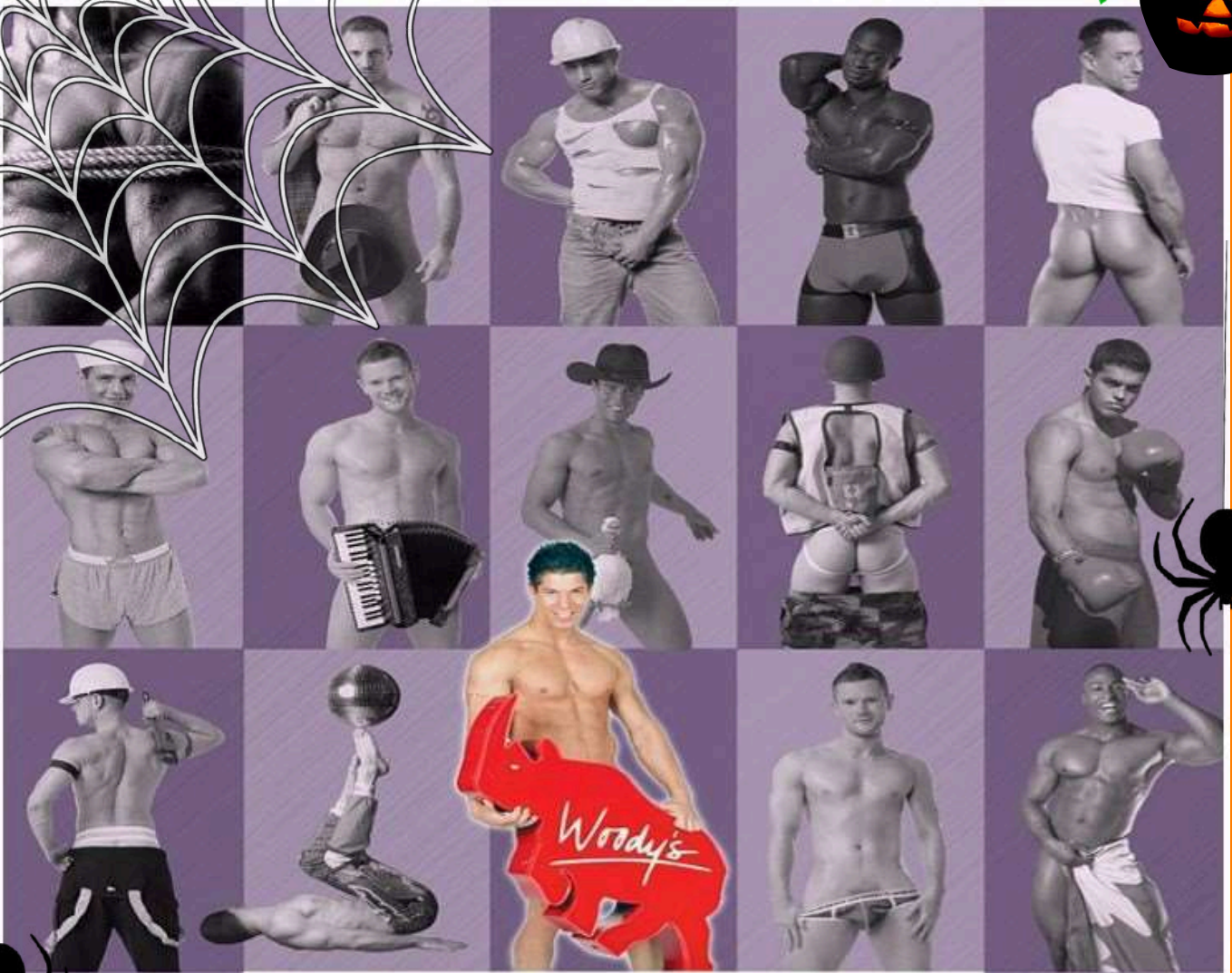
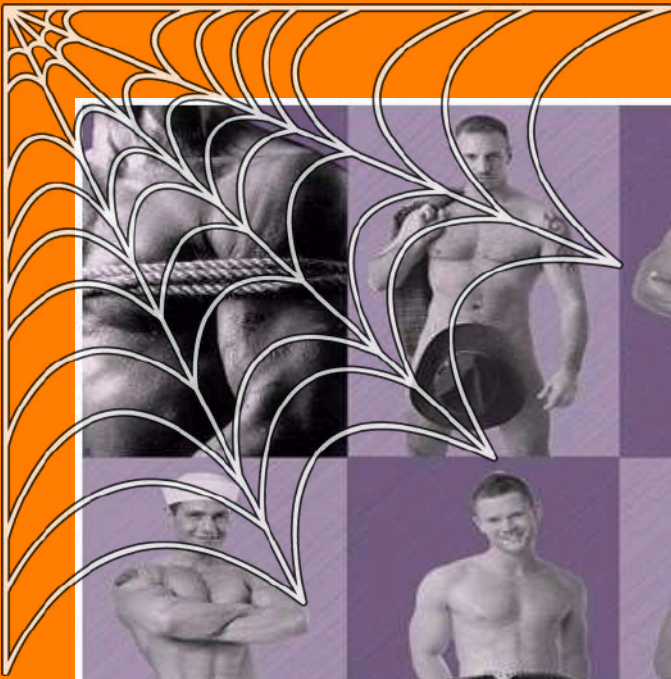
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