

## **Prospective Member Questionnaire**

The following questions are intended to assist the club in learning more about the prospective member.

1. Why do you want to join the Brotherhood?

2. What is your personal experience with the Leather and /or the BDSM lifestyle?

3. What exposure have you had to the Leather/BDSM community

4. Based on your own background, what would you say are your strengths or benefits specific to leather BD-SM-Ds?

5. What is your most memorable Leather/BD-SM-Ds experience?

6. What are you hoping to get from The Brotherhood?

7. Are you familiar with some of the common protocols that are often physically demonstrated or displayed by members of the Leather/BDSM-Ds communities?

8. Have you ever been to a sex/fuck party? If so what was it like for you?

9. Have you ever been to a BDSM play party? If so what was it like for you?

10. Is there anything you want or need from us during your pledge period to make this process more helpful to you?

11. Do you have questions for us?

12. What would you like as your self determined voluntary induction, (if any) to The Brotherhood after your six-month pledge period has elapsed?



The Brotherhood is a group of gay men who live in the Leather lifestyle. The group was started for social, play and other activities.

We are a group that fosters fellowship with Gay Men, by Gay Men and for Gay Men. We support the ideals of "Better Together," but also recognize that there is a need for such a Brotherhood that encourages the Leather Men's lifestyle.

The Brotherhood encourages Safe, Sane and Consensual Play, but recognizes that everyone has varying definitions of play.

Our Brotherhood endeavors to bring together Leather Men for public events such as BBQ's, Potlucks, Motor Cycle Runs, bar events and more.

The Brotherhood is also a networking entity that encourage its membership to hold private events such as BDSM Play Parties, Fuck Parties, Holiday Parties and mentoring for the curious.

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# THE BROTHERHOOD SAN JOSE

## MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

### **HOW DOES ONE BECOME A MEMBER?**

To become a member of The Brotherhood, you must know a current member and have a member be willing to sponsor you as a prospective member for a period of 6 months.

### **SPONSORS RESPONSIBILITIES**

- The sponsor is expected to review the questions on the membership brochure with the “prospective member” to ascertain their level of experience and interest with the Leather BDSM lifestyle.
- A sponsoring member is responsible for his prospective member and will be held accountable for his attitude, availability and actions in The Brotherhood group settings during the 6 months pledging period.
- Sponsoring member must accompany prospective member to at least 2 Meetings, or other Club sponsored event during the pledging period.
- Sponsoring member must introduce the prospective member and fees for the General Meeting for approval of becoming a

## Prospective Member

### **Voting**

- An active member must sponsor all prospective members.

- Prospective members while at monthly meetings may speak to issues but may not vote on issues, failure to comply will result in removal from the meeting.

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- Prospective members will provide their sponsor the prospective member's questionnaire and go over it with them before they are presented as a Prospective Member.
- Prospective members are expected to demonstrate an active life in The Brotherhood and pursue connections with those most active; this is intended to form a stronger brotherhood membership as we grow and not simply a larger membership.
- Prospective members will pay a \$5 non-refundable fee and will be awarded a identity tag. This tag will be worn at all events and will identify the prospective members as such at all events.
- Prospective members will be voted on at the end of their 6-month term. Members will be notified when a Prospective members will be voted on to become a member. Only Members who attend the monthly meeting will voting. A prospective member must have 66% acceptance in the brotherhood to become a member.
- Prospective members must attend at least one monthly meeting prior to attending any brotherhood-sponsored events.
- All prospective members will undergo an interview by the membership committee so as to determine their self determined voluntary induction, if any, after their six-month pledge period has elapsed
- Prospective members will undergo a 6-month

- Prospective members will be escorted out during voting process.
- If a member votes NO to a prospective members becoming a member they must give a reason for their NO vote. Only members who are present at the meeting may vote and NO votes under any circumstances will be accepted late or by proxy.
- If a prospective member is witnessed demonstrating dishonor to other members or significantly abusing drugs and/or alcohol they will be denied the opportunity to re-pledge. The sponsoring member and all other members will be instructed to never bring that man back into a brotherhood event.
- Prospective members may make a 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt at membership if they are declined through the first 6-month trial period. The complete action will be carried out as though they were never a prospective member in the 1<sup>st</sup> attempt.
- The Brotherhood is intended to be a group of men who honor each other and promote solidarity and unification in the leather BDSM community. We do not want those who are inclined towards public defamation of character or slander to become part of our organization. We desire to build trust and communication within our membership. These qualities will set us on a clear course to assist in the definition of community and be integral in showing our strengths through our unity.



## Membership Application

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Scene Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell#(optional) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Sexual Preference**

Top

Versatile

Bottom

Yes, I have a play space and could host Brotherhood events

Yes, I have a play space and could host other events

Yes, I own a motorcycle and would attend club runs

No, I do not own a motorcycle, but would attend club runs

Please check all events you would be likely to attend

BBQ's

Play Parties

Educational

Beer Busts

Charity Fundraisers

Holiday Parties

BDSM Parties

Camping Trips

Inter Club Events

CA, USA & INTL Leather Events

Monthly Social Events

Planning Meetings

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