

LEATHER 101 - Resource List

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CHICAGO AND MDWEST CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS



Argonauts of Wisconsin (www.argonautsll.org): Members come from all over Wisconsin. The club is a member of the Mid-America Conference of Clubs (MACC) and the Leather-Links.Net Information Network. (Green Bay, Wisconsin)

Atons of Minneapolis (www.atons.net): A gay men's leather/levi club in the Twin Cities. (Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota)



Black Guard of Minneapolis (www.blackguardmpls.com): Provides event information for the leather community of the Twin Cities, as well as information about businesses, entertainment, and social organizations supportive of the leather community. (Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota)

BLUF Chicago (www.blufchicago.com) : A club for men who enjoy wearing leather breeches and leather uniforms. The website provides information on club activities and, more in general, celebrates the image of men in breeches, leather and uniform. (Chicago, Illinois)



Chicago Hellfire Club (www.hellfire13.org): A brotherhood of men who share interests in Gay S/m safe sex. The Club provides education and opportunities for participation in safe, sane, and consensual S/m sex among consenting adult men and fosters communication among such individuals. (Chicago, Illinois)

Chicago Leather Club (www.chicagoleatherclub.org): Represents and promotes the leather/levi/BDSM/fetish community and the lifestyle with dignity and respect. (Chicago, Illinois)



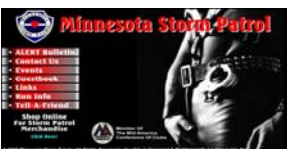
Gateway MC (www.gatewaymc.org): Promotes brotherhood among its members and members of the levi/leather community by engaging in a variety of activities. (St. Louis, Missouri)

The Knights of Leather (www.knightsofleather.com): A private, pansexual leather, bdsm social organization. (Minneapolis, Minnesota)



M.A.F.I.A./Mid America Fists In Action (www.mafiaff.org): A private membership organization dedicated to promotion of and instruction in the art of handball or fisting. Worldwide membership open to gay men 21 years of age or older who have demonstrated an interest and proficiency at handballing, either as a top, bottom, or both.

Mid-America Conference of Clubs (www.midamericaconferenceofclubs.org): An organization devoted to the promotion and coordination of the leather clubs in the central part of the United States.



Minnesota Storm Patrol (www.mnstorm.com): A non-profit levi/leather organization, open to and welcomes all genders, races, ethnic backgrounds, and all sexual orientations. (Minneapolis, Minnesota)

NIMBUS Michigan (www.nimbusmi.org): A part of Michigan's leather history for over 30 years, the Club's basic ideology is "Strength Through Brotherhood." (Grand Rapids, Michigan)



Trident Windy City (www.tridentwindycity.com): A levi/leather social club made up of men and women from the Chicagoland area. (Chicago, Illinois)



Windy City Boys Troop (www.windycityboystroop.com): A club for self-identified leatherboys that defines “boy” as broadly as possible to be inclusive and not being based on sex, experience, religion, fetish, race, appearance or gender. (Chicago, Illinois)

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS



The Leather Archives and Museum (www.leatherarchives.org). Dedicated to the compilation, preservation and maintenance of leather lifestyle and related lifestyles [including but not limited to the gay and lesbian communities], history, archives and memorabilia for historical, educational and research purposes. (“Located in Chicago and Serving the World”)

The National Coalition for Sexual Freedom (www.ncsfreedom.org): A national organization committed to creating a political, legal, and social environment in the United States that advances equal rights of consenting adults who practice forms of alternative sexual expression. NCSF is primarily focused on the rights of consenting adults in the SM-leather-fetish, swing, and polyamory communities.



National Leather Association International (www.nla-i.com): Maintains national/international communication, information, education and support network for all members of the Leather/BDSM/Fetish community.

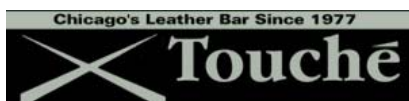
CHICAGO LEATHER BARS

Cell Block Chicago, www.cellblock-chicago.com, 3702 North Halsted, Chicago, Illinois 60613, 773.665.8064. Home of *Cell Block Leatherman* contest.



Chicago Eagle, www.chicagoeagle.com, opening soon on Clark Street in Uptown. Home of *International Mr. Leather*.

Jackhammer, www.jackhammer-chicago.com, 6406 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60626, 773.743.5772.



Touché, www.touchechicago.com, 6412 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60626, 773.465.7400. Home of *Mr. Chicago Leather* contest.

CHICAGO GAY MALE BATHHOUSES

Man's Country Chicago (www.manscountrychicago.com): Celebrating its 36th anniversary in 2009, “legendary” describes its reputation. Acquired by Chuck Renslow and Dom Orejudos in 1972, the building underwent a major renovation. During construction the remains of a speakeasy and gambling casino were discovered. Moveable walls hid shelves once lined with slot-machines, and card rooms contained back staircases allowing patrons quick access to other parts of the building. The huge steam room started out as a vault. The “Music Hall” on the second floor has hosted a variety of live shows featuring, among others, Wayland Flowers and Madam, Charles Pierce, and Sally Rand. From 1987 through 1992 the room served as the *Bistro Too* dance floor, during which time many divas came back to perform on the stage, as did Boy George, the Village People and Divine (sadly, Divine’s last live show before his death).



Steamworks Chicago (www.steamworksonline.com): For 30 years has provided men 18 years and older with a clean, comfortable, and stylish place to meet other men, relax, workout, and play 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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