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HELLO FELLOW KINKSTERS,

Wow! We made it thru last year. This year promises to be one full of excitement. Our membership has grown and formed a nice family. Good luck to you in the New Year. May it be full of kinky fun with your 1740 family.

Sub-Space

The original author of this story is not clear, but I have seen it credited to Joyce Meyer.

A couple vacationing in Europe went strolling down a little street and saw a quaint little gift shop with a beautiful teacup in the window. The lady collected teacups and she wanted this one for her collection, so she went inside to buy the teacup, and as the story goes the teacup spoke and said:

"I want you to know that I have not always looked like this. It took the process of pain to bring me to this point. You see, there was a time when I was just clay and the Master came and he pounded me and he squeezed me and he kneaded me and I screamed: "STOP THAT!". But he just smiled and said, "Not yet".

Then he took me and put me on the shelf and I went round and round and round and round... and while I was spinning and getting dizzier and dizzier I screamed again and I said, "Please get me off this thing... please get me off!!!" And the Master was looking at me and he was smiling, as he said, "Not yet".

Then he took me and walked toward the oven and shut the door and turned up the heat and I could see him through the window of the oven and it was getting hotter and hotter and I thought, "He's going to burn me to death!".

And I started pounding on the inside of the oven and I said, "Master, let me out, let me out, let me out!", and I could see that he was smiling as he said "Not yet". Then he opened the door and I was fresh and free and he took me out of the oven and he put me on the table and then he got some paint and a paintbrush.

He started dabbing me and making swirls all over me and I started to gag and I said: "Master, stop it... stop it... stop it please... you're making me gag". He just smiled as he said "not yet".

Then very gently he picked me up again and he started walking toward the oven and I said, "Master, NO!! Not again, pleeeeease!!". He opened the oven door and he slipped me inside and he shut the door and this time he turned the heat up twice as hot as before and I thought, "He's going to kill me!!", and I looked through the window of the oven and I started to pound on it, saying, "Master... Master, please let me out... please let me out... let me out!".

I could see that he was smiling but I also noticed a tear trickle down his cheek as I watched him mouth the words, "Not yet!"

Just as I thought I was about to die, the door opened and he reached in ever so gently and took me out, fresh and free and he went and placed me on a high shelf and he said: "There, I have created what I intended. Would you like to see yourself?" I said, "Yes". He handed me a mirror and I looked and I looked again and I said, "That's not me, I'm just a lump of clay".

He said, "Yes, that IS you, but it took the process of pain to bring you to this place. You see, had I not worked you when you were clay, then you would have dried up.

If I had not subjected you to the stress of the wheel you would have crumbled. If I had not put you into the heat of the oven you would have cracked. If I had not painted you there would be no color in your life. But, it was the second oven that gave you the strength to endure. Now you are everything I intended you to be - from the beginning." And I, the teacup, heard myself saying something I never thought I would hear myself saying, "Master, forgive me, I did not trust you. I thought you were going to harm me, I did not know you had a glorious future and a hope for me. I was too shortsighted, but I want to thank you.

I want to thank you for the suffering. I want to thank you for the process of pain. Here I am! I give you myself - fill me; pour from me, use me as you see fit. I really want to be a vessel that brings you glory within my life."

Fix-it Fetish

Greetings from the Fix-it Fetish

It's the holiday season and as such, most everyone is centered on Christmas and New Years Eve/Day. The same is true for the majority of us at 1740. There is not much taking place at your dungeon and social club this month in terms of major additions or major work projects. As with many of you, we are taking the time to enjoy our families and loved ones at this time of year.

As soon as Christmas has passed, you can be assured that most of your board members will be hard at work preparing for the New Years Eve play party. It will certainly be an event not to be missed.

One particular item of note is the 1740 wish list which has been created with our members in mind. The wish list is a list put together by the board members so that any contributions any of you might wish to make can now be towards specific items. Rather than finding those treasures we all run across from time to time, and thinking that these treasures would be perfect for the dungeon, we now have

specific items which the board has put on the Wish List. These items are listed in order of necessity so anyone wishing to contribute can know what is deemed most important.

The best of wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy kinky new year from all of us at the Fix-it Fetish.

Our Electoral Process

by Sir Darren

One more article about the elections and we'll be done for another year. At the beginning of the year, the board met for the annual election of board members according to the then-current bylaws. The process did not allow for the input of non-board members. As a result, there was a great deal of clamoring for a new election, a change of bylaws, etc. The board took that input very seriously. We have worked diligently over the course of 2010 to create an electoral process which allows for the members to be nominated and elected to the board in a fair manner. On January 17th, we will put our new process to the test!

One vital part of that test requires that members who can possibly make themselves available be present to cast their ballots. With this date being a Federal holiday, we are in hopes that a great number of our beloved members will be present! During the process, candidates will be given an opportunity (with a time limit) to speak to the members. Ballots will be cast to elect members to the board. The new board will then meet to assess skill-sets, desires, etc, for POSITIONS on the board: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Board Member.

If you have attended events at the clubhouse with any regularity this year, you have seen first-hand that being a board member is work! The reasons are quite simple: we have a company to run and a community to serve. To be a great leader, you must first be a servant. I am not talking about a bottom, slave, submissive – type of servant. I am talking about community service. The leather community calls it “bottoming to your community” or “collared to the community”. Both are accurate descriptions.

The glory, or reward if you prefer, comes not from fame and fortune but from the excitement, energy, and success of the club. We have a successful board thanks to current and past board members. I ask of you: please take a moment to thank them for their work. I know I deeply appreciate their work, time, effort, blood, sweat, and tears.

So, let's look forward to a new year with a new board in a few short weeks. Show pride in your club by showing up and voting.

The 90/10 Rule of Thumb

In the GLBT, Leather, BDSM, Gay Rodeo, Bears communities, and MCC congregations, 10% of the people do 90% of the work. The remaining 90% of the people do 5% of the work, and the final 5% remains undone. The 90% either complain about the 5% not done, they step up and take care of it, or they admit that the remaining work is not that important. Are you part of the 10% or the 90%?

RULES – I HATE RULES!

But they are important! They level the playing field so that we ALL know what is expected of us and how we should act/ behave/ treat one another. They keep us out of trouble when followed. As a member, it is my responsibility to me, my fellow club members, and my community to follow the rules of our club.

We are doing pretty damn well with many of the rules of 1740. However, we must be diligent in how we act, play, and talk. Keep in mind the differences between Members Night and the other nights. A finger in the hole may sound HOT during playtime at the Munch, but it is not appropriate. Overt display of genitalia is NOT the way we play during Demo Night. COVERT is the rule of thumb ¾ of the time. This means exercise a GREAT DEAL of discretion when playing. Remember that if you are a 'seasoned' member, you are setting the example for newer members and visitors when you play.

It is my sincere hope that Freaky Friday will become our 2nd private monthly event by spring 2011. That will happen if attendance and membership increase appropriately and Members Night is highly attended with consistently.

Now, get out there and play!

ARTICLE IV

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The governance of the Corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Directors shall be elected by members in good standing at the Annual Meeting of the Members subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Article

Section 3. The annual Meeting of the Members for the purpose of voting on the Board of Directors shall be the 3rd Monday of January of each year.

Section 4. Eligibility to Vote. No member shall be eligible to vote unless said member has been a member in good standing for at least 6 months and further shall have attended at least two events in the 4 months immediately preceding the election. No member facing current disciplinary proceedings shall be allowed to vote. Votes will be by secret ballot. Votes must be made in person and no proxy voting or cumulative voting shall be permitted.

Section 5. Eligibility for election as a Director. No person who has not been a member in good standing for at least 6 months year immediately preceding the election shall be eligible for election unless they have previously served as a director.

Section 6. Number of Directors. Pursuant to the Bylaws the Board of Directors shall consist of not less than five nor more than 9 persons. Prior to each election the Board of Directors will make a recommendation of the number of directors currently desired taking into account practical and business considerations. Such recommendation shall be binding unless rejected by 60% of the members attending the election. Upon rejection the members by majority vote shall determine the number of directors to be elected.

Section 7. Term of Director. Directors shall be elected for a term of two years. If a director shall be unable to complete his term, the President shall nominate a person subject to a majority vote of the Board of Directors to fill such position until the next meeting of the Members at which time if an unexpired term remains open they shall vote to fill such

unexpired term.

Section 8. Classes of Directors. Directors shall be upon their initial election or appointment be assigned as either a Class 1 or Class 2 director. Directors of class one shall be subject to election in odd numbered years and Directors in class two shall be subject to election in even numbered years.

Section 9. Nominations. The Board may, at its discretion, nominate a slate of candidates or individual candidates that they feel will be beneficial to the Corporation. In addition, any member may nominate any person who is eligible to run for office, including themselves. The period for nominations shall be from November 15 through January 1. In addition nominations may be taken from the floor. A list of all candidates nominated prior to the January 1 cutoff, shall be published on the website at least two weeks before the election. Any person desiring to submit a brief biography or campaign position may do so and it will be published on the website provided it is not inflammatory or disparaging of any other person. All candidates may make a statement at the Members meeting not to exceed five minutes.

Section 10. Election. Election will be by secret ballot. You will list a name for the number of directors positions open. You may not list more names than the number of positions open or such ballot shall be void. You may not list the same name more than once or the ballot will be void. You may list fewer names than the number of positions open. The top vote getters will be elected to the number of positions open. In the event there is an election for an unexpired term, it will be by separate ballot. In the event of a tie there will be a runoff election immediately. If such runoff shall end in a tie the winner shall be selected by lot.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number and Membership. The Board of Directors is to be comprised of number not less than five (5) nor more than nine (9). An odd number is desirable but not required.

Section 2. A Director shall be regarded as qualified when written acceptance of Directorship is received, or when they take actions consistent with their acceptance.

Section 3. Meetings. The Board of Directors shall hold meetings at time and place decided by the President of the Board of Directors. Meetings shall be open to all members except for executive sessions during which matters such as legal/administrative proceedings, membership applications, personnel matters, disciplinary proceedings and other sensitive matters shall be discussed. Members shall be allowed to address the Board pursuant to Rules adopted by the President. Despite any notice requirements below, such meeting shall be legal and regular without regard of notice to members, provided notice of said meeting is published on the website at least 48 hours before said meeting. In addition the board may meet in emergency session without notice, and their interim action shall be binding provided it is ratified by the majority of the Board at the next regular meeting.

Section 4. Notice of Meeting.

- a). Any notice required to be given by these Bylaws is sufficient if it is communicated by telephone, fax, or email.
- (b). Notice to Board. A notice setting the time and place of Board meetings shall be made at the previous Board

meeting and a reminder shall be communicated to each Director at least two (2) days before the meeting.

(c). Notice to Members. Upon the setting of the date of the next meeting Members will be notified as soon as possible of the date of the meeting by posting the same on the website. In the event the date or time of the meeting is changed members shall receive notice at least two (2) day before the previously scheduled meeting.

Section 5. Waiver of Notice. Any Director may waive any notice thereof required by law or these Bylaws. Waiver must be in writing and filed with the Secretary and entered into the record of the meeting. Notice shall be deemed to have been waived by any Director who does not, before or at the meeting's commencement, protest lack of proper notice.

Section 6. Quorum. Three of the Directors constitutes a quorum at any meeting.

Section 7. Successor Directors. If a Director or director elect dies, resigns or is otherwise removed, the current President shall appoint a successor. If the President dies, resigns, or is otherwise removed, the current Board of Directors shall fill the position.

Section 8. Resignation. A Director may resign by giving written notice. Unless requested, formal acceptance is not necessary.

Section 9. Removal. Any Director may be removed for cause by a majority vote of Directors at any meeting, the notice or waiver specifying such action is to be considered.

Section 10. Conduct of Meetings. Meeting shall be conducted pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order, current edition, however, unless a point of Order is made, meeting shall be conducted as informally as possible, pursuant to an agenda provided by the Presiding Officer.

Section 11. Action in Writing in Lieu of Meeting. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of Directors by virtue of any provision of the laws of Kansas, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws may be taken without a meeting, if authorized in writing and signed by a majority of the Directors, provided all Directors are given a chance to so act.

Section 12. Duties and Responsibilities. The Board of Directors shall:

- a) Preserve the Corporation's legal and corporate existence;
- b) Establish policy and direct its execution;
- c) Interpret the Corporation's goals, methods and objectives to its target population and the community at large;
- d) Create and oversee committees;
- e) Ensure the Corporation has adequate funds and other resources;
- f) Adopt, Amend, and Repeal By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of the Corporation shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may time to time designate by majority vote. Any person may serve in more than one office simultaneously except that no person may simultaneously serve as both President and Secretary. The officers shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities as provided by law and custom as well as those specified in these by-laws. Officers shall be selected by a majority vote of the board. No person may serve for

more than two years in any given office except upon the unanimous vote of the Board

Section 2. President. The President has general charge of Corporation's affairs, presides at meetings, appoints new officers in the event an officer resigns appoints members to the Board of Directors except where otherwise provided; and has the power to sign checks drawn on the account of the Corporation. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. Vice-President. The Vice-President performs duties of the President at latter's request, in their absence or inability to perform.

Section 4. (Repealed).

Section 5. Secretary. The Secretary keeps minutes of meetings of the Directors meetings, and issues all notices. The Secretary also maintains and is the official custodian of all corporation records.

The Secretary is responsible for all Corporate correspondence, letters, and requests. The Secretary shall receive the resignation of officers, and transmit same to the President.

Section 6. Treasurer. The Treasurer collects, receives deposits, invests and disburses the Corporation's funds, and renders financial statements and such other fiscal reports and accounts that the Board may require. The Treasurer has the power to sign checks drawn on the account of the Corporation.

Section 7. Removal of Officers or Delegation of Their Powers.

- a. Any officer is subject to removal, if, at any time, in the judgment of a majority the Directors at a special called meeting, if such action is in the best interest of the Corporation.
- b. In the absence of any officer, the Board may, without removal of said officer, delegate his or her powers and duties to any other officer or suitable person, subject to limitations of the Bylaws and to the extent permitted by law.
- c. If any board member is arrested for violation of any felony, that board member may be suspended at the time of arrest and may remain suspended pending further investigation. The investigation by the board of directors shall take place within 30 days of being notified of the arrest and action shall be taken by the remaining board of directors within 15 days. After investigation is presented to the remaining board of directors, the board member may be re-instated or terminated by majority vote of the remaining board members. Decision to re-instated or terminate may be tabled pending any final legal actions by the court holding legal jurisdiction.

Section 8. Resignation. Any officer may resign by giving written notice to the Secretary. In the event the Secretary wishes to resign, said written notice shall be served upon the President. The resignation shall be effective at the time specified therein. Unless otherwise specified, formal acceptance is not necessary.

Section 9. Vacancies. Officer vacancies due to death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause, are to be appointed by the President from the current Board Members. Such appointment shall be on an interim basis until the Board as a whole can nominate and vote to fill such vacancy at the next regularly scheduled meeting. In the event there is a vacancy in the Presidency, the Vice President shall fulfill the functions of the President until on an interim basis until the Board as a whole can nominate

and vote to fill such vacancy at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 10. Compensation and Expenses. No Officer or Director may receive compensation of any kind for services conducted on behalf of the Corporation. This section is not to preclude Officers or Directors to be directly reimbursed by the Corporation for personal expenses incurred on behalf of the Corporation, upon proper presentation of a receipt for said expense to the Treasurer and subject to the majority vote of the Board.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Board may form Committees as needed. Any Board member shall also be an exofficio member of every Committee and the President shall appoint at least one Board member to act as official liaison and member of each committee.

ARTICLE VIII INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, OTHERS, INSURANCE, SUITS

Each person who is or was a Director, officer or employee of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a Director, officer or employee of another corporation (including the heirs, executors, administrators or estate of such person), shall be indemnified by the Corporation as of right to the full extent permitted or authorized by the laws of the State of Kansas, as now in effect and as hereafter amended, against any liability, judgment, fine, amount paid in settlement, cost and expense (including attorney's fees) asserted or threatened against or incurred by such person in his or her capacity or arising out of his or her status as a Director, officer or employee of such other corporation with which he or she is then serving at the request of this Corporation. The indemnification provided by this Bylaw or under agreement, vote of members or otherwise, shall not limit in any way any right the Corporation may have to make different or further indemnification with respect to the same or different persons or classes of persons.

Editor's Note: The bylaws are an elastic document, and the contents have likely changed in some form since this issue of Whipping Post was published.