



# Vikings M.C.

At

**The Boston Eagle**



The Boston Eagle at 520 Tremont Street, Boston

*"From O'er the sea in ships they came VIKINGS - bold, brave and daring"*



A leather club from New York City known as the Cycle MC came to Boston for a visit in February of 1969. They held a bar night The Shed on Huntington Avenue in Boston, and that visit was the spark that made the Boston local guys think why not form a club of our own. On March 1<sup>st</sup> 1969 at 2PM a number of the local men met in a basement apartment in Boston's South End and started the formation of Vikings MC. Vikings MC went on to be active force in the Boston Leather Community for over the next 25 years.

Vikings MC held two biannual events. The anniversary event was known as BO2. It also had a much longer name that commemorated the date of the first event that Vikings MC did in February of 1969. BO2 was for February, 2269 was for the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of the month, and 1969 the year the club was founded. The name of the event changed with the year the event was held BO2 – 2269. This was also made to look like a Boston exchange phone number. At the start of the club they held their anniversary at The Shed and also had diner beforehand at The Lobster Claw restaurant next door. The Shed Bar was across the street from Symphony Hall.

The other event was known as Leif Erikson. This event was held on Labor Day Weekend. A tradition at this event was a harbor cruise around Boston Harbor. Vikings MC was also a founding member of Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council in April of 1969. The Vikings club patch was designed by George Suprenant who was elected the club's first president, taking on the name "Odin". This started the tradition of Presidents of the club taking on a Viking name as well. Carl Banks was elected the club's second president. A rival for the office, Michael Cain, and others broke from the group in August of 1970 and formed Entre Nous in September of that year. Vikings MC disbanded shortly after it's 25th anniversary. Deb Riley was the president at the time of the 25th anniversary.

Vikings MC list of home bars:

The Shed

272 Huntington Ave., Boston, Massachusetts

Herbie's Ramrod Room

12 Carver Street, Boston, Massachusetts

119 Merrimac

119 Merrimac Street, Boston, Massachusetts

The Boston Eagle

520 Tremont St, Boston, Massachusetts

The History of Banner Trophy's

Back patch leather clubs had weekend long events called "runs". At the end of the weekend the host club would hand out awards. One for the person who traveled the longest distance, and other to the club that hosted the best cocktail party, and to the guy who had the most sex was awarded the pig of the run award. During this weekend the visiting clubs who participated the most, kept the spirit of the weekend were awarded the big prize of the weekend the host clubs banner. The club then took this banner back to their host bar and hung it on the wall. As time went on the awarding of these banners became such a source of tension between the clubs that a point system was developed. Some clubs were accused of playing favorites when awarding banners. This custom of banner awards continued until the mid 1990's when Long Island Ravens started handing out paper certificates instead of banners. This tradition certificates continues today. Some banners that were awarded to a club had nothing to do with being a prize at a run, but were given to another club out of brotherhood.

List of Vikings MC trophy banners:

SMC LA (Spartans MC – Ladies Auxiliary, later known as Lost Angels)

Spartans MC

69 Club

VanguardsMC

Cycle MC

MC Kemo

South Pacific MC

Roo MC

Thunderbolts MC

Entre Nous

Boston Ducks

American Social Men's Club (aSMc)

Philadelphians MC

Centaur's MC

Excelsior MC

Wheels MC

Trident INTL – Boston

Voyagers

Lanyards

Nine Plus

Harbor Masters

Spearhead

Ambassadors

Iron Cross

Stud MC

Druids (two of them)

Long Island Spuds

Rocky Mountaineers

In April of 1991 Vikings MC moved their home bar from from 119 Merrimac to The Boston Eagle. The Boston Eagle was originally located in The Fenway section of Boston at 88 Queensberry Street. (nickname: The Dirty Bird) This location opened in 1976. The building was sold in 1979 and the bar closed. It was reported in the September of 1979 meeting minutes of Entre Nous that the bar was closed. The building was demolished and condos were built. The bar then moved to 520 Tremont St in 1980 and was in operation until March of 2020 when COVID 19 hit. All of the contents of the bar were removed in August of 2021. The Boston Eagle was the home bar of: aSMc (American Social Men's Club), Entre Nous (Fenway location), Vikings MC, Bay State Marauders. Joe Laing who was a past president of Vikings MC lived upstairs from the bar and was given the banners as well as the posters that were on the wall. Joe contacted the Bay State Marauders to help return the banners to the clubs that were still active and to send the rest of the banners to the Leather Archives & Museum. The LA&M didn't need duplicates and passed on a number of the banners. Those banners were then split between Carter / Johnson Library in Indiana, and The History Project, Boston. The bar was also used in the movie Ted 2. The scene can be seen on YouTube here: John and Ted Bar Scene - Ted 2 (2015) Movie HD

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhRopqxNuog>



This is a list of things that were at The Boston Eagle when it closed in March of 2020. Including the banner trophy collection for Vikings MC. The collection was removed from the bar in August of 2021.

This Vikings MC banner was not the banner on the wall of The Boston Eagle. This banner was in the possession of Joe Laing (past president of Vikings MC) who lived above the bar. When the banner collection was handed of to the Bay State Marauders Joe gave this banner that was in cleaner condition, and kept The Eagle banner. This banner was sent to The History Project, Boston



Boston Ducks were founded in 1987. This club was originally started as the Boston chapter of the Vulcan Rubber Club that was founded on March of 1975. When the VRC in DC chose to close the chapters, the club was renamed Boston Ducks in 1987. It is unclear when the banner was given to Vikings MC. A date of when the Boston Ducks ended is not known. The patch on this banner is their associate patch. This banner was sent to the Leather Archives & Museum.



Iron Cross of Montreal, Canada. They were founded April of 1972. It is unclear when the banner was given to Vikings MC. But it was listed in the 1973 history of the Vikings as part of the collection. The bars they went to were: Bud's Bar, Dominion Tavern, and Joe's Beef Tavern. A date of when Iron Cross ended is not known. This banner was sent to the Leather Archives & Museum.



Nine Plus Club of NYC. This club was founded in 1968. They had an actual club house located at 12st Street & 11th Ave, NYC. The nine is for the 9 original members that founded the club. The plus was for the additional member that joined after the initial formation of the club. The "wink, wink, nod, nod" was that if you wanted to join the club, you had to be hung "nine plus". It has been said that when you became a member that you were "measured". It is unclear when the club disbanded. They were a member of the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council. This banner was sent to The History Project, Boston.



Trident International was founded in February 1973 in Montreal Canada. This club had several chapters from all over North America, including 3 in New England. Those chapters were Rhode Island, Boston, and New Hampshire. The Boston Chapter was founded in February of 1973, and the RI chapter was founded in 1980. It's not known what chapter this banner was from, but it could possibly from the Boston Chapter. This banner was sent to the Carter / Johnson Library in Indiana. The Entre Nous trophy collection at The Alley also had a Trident International banner from the New Hampshire chapter. That banner is at The History Project, Boston. It is unclear when any of the New England chapters disbanded.



American Social Men's Club of Boston, commonly known as aSMc was formed in 1975. So common that most people didn't know what the acronym represent. Others gave the club the nickname Armenian Sewing Mending Club. The club was known for it's Provincetown event Sail On Wheels. As with most back patch clubs, when the exact date of when aSMc ended is not known. This aSMc banner was one of three that survived from this club, and was sent to the Carter / Johnson Library in Indiana. The other two identical aSMc banners came from The Alley Bar in Boston. Those banners were part of Entre Nous trophy collection. One is at the Leather Archives & Museum, the other is at The History Project, Boston



Cycle MC of NYC was founded in April of 1968. Their run, starting in 1968, was called the Bass River Run. In 1969, Cycle MC started hosting "Cycle Saturdays" at the Tool Box, possibly the first east coast leather club night. They later moved to Eagle's Nest. Cycle Saturdays stopped when the Eagle's Nest closed and re-opened as the Eagle. A weekly night shared by the New York clubs on a rotating basis was created and called NYF Nights. In August 1972, the Cycle BC (Buddy Club) was created as a subsidiary of Cycle MC for members without motorcycles. In 1993, Cycle MC was dissolved and merged with Wheels MC. This banner was presented to Vikings MC prior to 1973 according to the club history written in 1973. They were a member of the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council. This banner was sent to The History Project, Boston.



South Pacific Motorcycle Club of Sydney, Australia was founded in August of 1970. This club along with another Australian club called Roo BC did a tour of North America and connected in with clubs: Rocky Mountaineers, Chicago Knights, Kemo MC, Vikings MC, Druids MC, Warlocks MC, Constantines MC, Pacific Coast MC, Blue Max MC, Satyrs MC, Recon MC, Saddlebacks MC, Barbary Coasters, San Franciscans etc. This banner was awarded at this time. Both clubs returned again in 1976 for another tour of North America. When this club ended is not known. This banner was presented to Vikings MC at Entre Nous Equinox run on March 27<sup>th</sup> 1972. This was listed in the Vikings MC Newsletter Vol III No 3. This banner was sent to The History Project, Boston



Roo Bike Club out of Sydney Australia. They were founded April of 1973. Their bar night was Tuesdays at The Barrel. A date of when Roo Bike club ended is not known. This banner was sent to the Leather Archives & Museum



The Lanyards from Toronto, Canada formed in May of 1974. Their bar nights were held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 18 East Tavern & Guest House. A date of when this club ended is not known. This banner was sent to the Leather Archives & Museum



Voyagers MC of New Bedford, Massachusetts was founded in September of 1975. Their club night was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at the Meeting Place. A date of when this club ended is not known. This banner was sent to the Leather Archives & Museum.



Sixty Nine Club (SNC) was established in 1965 and was the oldest leather-fetish social group in Europe for gay and bisexual men into wearing gear-leather, rubber, uniform, biker. They meet on the first Friday of each Month at the New Bloomsbury Set bar. They were also a founding member of Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council (AMCC). The club disbanded in the spring of 2020. This banner was presented to Vikings MC prior to 1973 according to the club history written in 1973. This banner was sent to The History Project, Boston.  
(Source: SNC Facebook Group)



Wheels MC was founded by Roy Irving and others in 1969. The club was accepted into the Atlantic Motor Coordinating Council in 1969, and incorporated in New York in 1971. The first officers were Tom McInerney, Peter Facto, Don Graber, Ken Freeman, and John Yeager. The Wheels colors were designed by member Ed Clifton. In 1979-1980, the Road Captain and Sgt. At Arms positions were eliminated. In 1993, Cycle MC was dissolved and merged with Wheels MC. This banner was presented to Vikings MC prior to 1973 according to the club history written in 1973. This banner was sent to The History Project, Boston.



Druids MC was a club based in Washington DC formed October of 1970. Their first function was a Toys for Tots party held on December 19, 1970. Their first officers elected on January 5, 1971 were Fred Dobbs, president; Pete Van Jahnke, vice president; Bryan Gardner, secretary; Gerry Wetzel, treasurer; and Billy Crawford, sergeant at arms. Druids MC moved to Atlanta and named Mrs. P's their home bar sometime before March 1976. The Boston Eagle had two Druid banners, but only one banner was handed over by the bar. This banner was sent to The History Project, Boston.



Centaur MC was founded on May 10, 1970 in Richmond, Virginia by seven men. A Washington DC chapter was briefly in existence before the chapter renamed itself Scorpions MC and went independent in 1971. Centaur MC later moved their association to Washington DC, the location of the majority of the Centaur members. Centaur events include Leather Sabbat, started in 1970. Centaur MC sponsors Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend (MAL) which includes the Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather Contest, and a bi-annual recreational Labor Day Weekend event called Olympia. Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend started as an event called Leather Cocktails. Leather Cocktails, founded in 1976. They are also a member of the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council. This banner was returned to Centaur MC.



Excelsior M.C. was founded in May of 1975 by four courageous characters - Terry McNulty, David Talbot, Rich Dicurci and Wally Wallace. The four guys spent a leather weekend on Fire Island sponsored by Cycle M.C. with participants from around the world. Partnering with Empire City M.C. a draft constitution was established and the group name would soon be focused on the New York State motto, "Excelsior," which means "ever upward". Excelsior puts on a yearly run the weekend before Memorial Day Weekend on Fire Island called Lust for Life. The club is still active. This banner was sent to the Leather Archives & Museum. They are also a member of the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council. (Source: Excelsior MC website)



The core group that became Philadelphians MC (aka The Philadelphians) started meeting in April 1974. The club was officially founded and by-laws were adopted in October 1974 with nineteen charter members. They had their first public event in February 1975. Philadelphians MC's first home bar was The Post. In 1977 they moved to The 247 Bar, then to The Bike Stop in 1982. This banner was returned to the Philadelphians. They are also a member of the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council.



The Spartan Motorcycle Club of Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, DC, Inc. was founded on April 3, 1968 by 15 motorcyclists. It was and remains a club for motorcycle owner/operators only and it continues to take an active role in the leather-levi club scene. Spartans MC broke with tradition of wearing the club patch on an overlay and designed their colors to be worn on the back of a leather vest. This banner was presented to Vikings MC prior to 1973 according to the club history written in 1973 (source: Spartan MC website & LA&M website)



SMC Lost Angels was a Washington DC based club founded in 1968, the second oldest at the time of their disbandment in 1995. The club was originally known as the Spartan Motorcycle Club Ladies' Auxiliary, "according to club folklore". The name was shorted to SMC Lost Angels and finally Lost Angels. Their original by-laws forbade motorcycle ownership. The Lost Angels dress uniform was the same as Cycle MC of New York: black pants, red shirt, and a black leather vest. The club was a founding organization of the Capitol Area Board and Brother Help Thyself. This banner was presented to Vikings MC prior to 1973 (source: LA&M Website)



Stud MC of New Haven, Connecticut was founded in December of 1978. Their home bar was Partners. It is not known when this banner was presented to Vikings MC. No date is known when the club disbanded. This banner was sent to the Leather Archives & Museum.





Entre Nous was founded in September 1970 by Michael Cain and other former members of Vikings MC. In its first constitution Entre Nous describes its purpose as "the social and mutual interests in Leather, Denim, or Rubber and an active pursuit of charitable causes." 15 members are noted in the meeting minutes on December 28, 1970. Entre Nous was a member of the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council. The club produced two annual runs, Equinox every spring and their anniversary event, Provincetown Pilgrimage, in the fall. Entre Nous also co-produced The Boston Massacre with Vikings MC. Entre Nous's home bars over the years included 1270, the Eagle, Herbie's Ramrod Room and 119 Merrimac (reopened as The Alley Bar). At 119 Merrimac, Entre Nous displayed a large collection of club banners and trophies that were later lost. Club banners gifted to Entre Nous included: MC Kemo, Atlantis MC, Globe Montreal, The Vanguard's, The Thunderbolts, Cycle MC, Spearhead, MC Faucon, Tridents Ubiquitous, Vikings MC, Bucks MC, Harbormasters, Quagmire, Iron Cross Montreal, Wheels MC, Stud MC, Royal Eagle, LG, Roo BC, Rochester Rams, Second City, Northern Lights MC, Panthers of Cologne, LI Spuds, The Lanyards, The Voyagers, The Nine Plus Club, New York Levi Club, and South Pacific MC. They were Boston's oldest ongoing levi/leather social and charitable group at the time of their last event in 2010.



The Spearhead affiliation was established in 1970, making it the most enduring gay organization of its kind in Canada. They were incorporated in 1993. Spearhead (also known as Spearhead Leather and Denim Social Club) is a men's club founded in 1970 and incorporated in 1993. There were twelve founding members including Harry Erb and Jack Mackness. As of July 1970 Spearhead claimed almost 100 members. They had club activities at the Parkside Tavern and on the second floor of the St. Charles Tavern. Spearhead's newsletter, Phalia, was Canada's first gay publication. Spearhead raises funds for Toys-for-Tots, HIV/AIDS, and food banks in Toronto.



Vanguard's MC was established in 1969 in Pennsylvania, and was disbanded in 1995. Sending monthly "Captain's Reports" from Vanguard's official captain, Sal C Dell'Orefice, members were routinely updated with events, socials, and news surrounding the Leather community. This banner was presented to Vikings MC prior to 1973 according to the club history written in 1973. This banner was sent to The History Project, Boston. They were a member of the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council.



MC Kemo, aka The Kemos, was a motorcycle club founded on November 28, 1970 in Montreal with 30 members and a few guests present. The term "Kemo" means Kebek Motorcycle and was the first group in the Montreal leather community. Their home bars were Neptune Tavern before midnight, and Bud's Bar after midnight. The first elected officers were Pierre Coulombe, president; Raymond Gauthier, first vice president; Raymond Lalonde, second vice president; Pat Cooke, treasurer; and Raymond Thibodeau, secretary. The club disbanded in 1982. This brotherhood banner was presented to Vikings MC on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1972 at their Leif Erikson run in West Brookfield, Massachusetts. This was reported in an article found in the *Entre Nous*, *Nouslette* volume II number 1. A picture of this banner being presented to Vikings MC can be found in the book *Band Of Bikers* by Scott Zieher published in 2010. The picture is located in the Leif Erikson section of the book. Vikings MC in turn gave a brotherhood award to MC Kemo at their Kebek 1972 event. An article on this event can be found in the *Vikings MC Longship Newsletter* Vol III No 4. The banner was sent to The History Project, Boston



The Ambassadors founded in 1977 and was active to the late 80's / early 90's and was a social club. This club was a member of The Brotherhood Alliance. This banner was not on the wall of The Boston Eagle, but was personally held by Joe Laing who was a past president of Vikings MC and lived above the bar. This banner was sent to the Leather Archives & Museum.



Harbor Masters of Portland, Maine banner. The first conversations to start the club was in June of 1982. first official meeting was in November, the first Sunday, the 7th 1982 in John Prestons's apartment. The five founding members were John Preston (author of *Mr. Benson*), Thomas St. John, Tom Corbet, Butch Fenton, and Ralph Cusack. Cycles was the home bar until 1986. Harbor Masters then moved its home bar to The Underground until 1989. From 1989 until the present day, the Harbor Masters home bar has been Blackstones. The name of the Anniversary celebration is called Sail Away. This banner was sent to the Leather Archives & Museum.



The Eagle's Nest was opened in the site of a former longshoreman's bar called the Eagle Open Kitchen 142 11<sup>th</sup> Ave at 21st St. & 11th Ave (1931 - 1970). It was owned by Jack Modica, Frank and Don (both members of Empire City MC). The Eagle's Nest was the inspiration for dozens of other leather bars which took after the Eagle name and spread it throughout the United States and abroad. Modica retired and The Eagle's Nest closed March 5, 2000. The Eagle NYC, which is considered a successor to The Eagle's Nest, was opened on on October 5, 2001 at 554 W 28th Street by owners Derek Danton and Robert Berk. This was sent to the Carter / Johnson Library in Indiana.



List of banners that were part of Vikings MC collection that were not giving back to the Vikings MC when the bar closed

Long Island Spuds was founded in May of 1973. They were a member of the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council. Their club nights were held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at C'est Bon on Long Island, New York. It is unclear when the club disbanded.



(This is a picture of the Long Island Spuds MC banner hanging at The Boston Eagle that was not turned over with the rest of the banner collection)



(This is a picture of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Druids banner that hung at The Boston Eagle that was not turned over with the rest of the banner collection)

The Rocky Mountaineers of Denver, Colorado (RMMC) was founded in 1968. They sponsored and participated in several runs throughout the year, including a large annual event called the Golden Fleece Run (GFR) that started in 1973. The Rocky Mountaineers selected a home bar for the first time in 1979, the Foxhole Bar. The Rocky Mountaineers leased a parcel of land near Denver for their events. As of 1984 the Rocky Mountaineers had raised \$20,000 to purchase a property for the Golden Fleece run and for use by the gay community. The banner at The Boston Eagle had an actual eagle feather attached to it. This club disbanded in 2015.



(this is a picture of the Rocky Mountaineers banner that was at The Boston Eagle that wasn't turned over with the rest of the banner collection)

Other banners were at The Boston Eagle that were not part of the Vikings MC trophy collection:

The Bay State Marauders was founded on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2003 at 2PM with 6 original members. Their first home bar was The Boston Ramrod on Boylston Street in The Fenway. In 2005 and 2006 the Marauders alternated bar nights every other month between The Boston Ramrod and The Alley Bar. In 2007 they went back to just having The Boston Ramrod until 2013 when the bar put notice to the leather community to come and get the banners and other leather related things or they would be thrown out. The Marauders then moved their bar night to The Boston Eagle, and was there until the bar closed in March of 2020. Their bar night is now located at Cathedral Station. The Marauders joined Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council in 2014. This club is still active. This banner was returned to the club.



MGM Assn. from Lewiston, Maine  
The full name of this club is possibly Maine Gay Men. No other information on this club at this time



Mikes Men was founded by Michael (Mike or later Mik) Miller. He was also the founder of American Brotherhood Weekend. This banner wasn't given with the rest of the banners when the bar closed. The club was active from the late 1980's to early 1990's. (This picture is of the banner that hung at The Boston Eagle)



BULL (Boston Unified Leather Legion) was also founded by Mik Miller and was active from the late 1980's to early 1990's. This banner wasn't given with the rest of the banners when the bar closed. This free standing patch was the same size / demetions that was on the banner at The Boston Eagle and has been donated to the LA&M.



## Mik Millers associate patch banner



Patches listed clockwise:

### Philadelphians M.C

In April of 1974 a small group of men in Philadelphia began meeting on a regular basis to “bind together ... in a brotherhood of fraternal fellowship.” By October the group had grown to 19, and these original 19 men became the Charter Members of a new back-patch leather club, the Philadelphians M.C., Incorporated. (source: Philadelphians website)

### Seacoast Riders, Maine

No information

### BULL (Boston Unified Leather Legion)

active late 1980's – early 1990's

### Mike's Men

active late 1980's – early 1990's

### T – Bears of Boston

This was a woman's group that was active from 1985 to 1995. They had a farewell dinner in 1995 when the Boston club disbanded.

### Boston Ducks

Boston Ducks were founded in 1987. This club was originally started as the Boston chapter of the Vulcan Rubber Club that was founded on March of 1975. When the VRC in DC chose to close the chapters, the club was renamed Boston Ducks in 1987. A date of when the Boston Ducks ended is not known.

### Vikings MC

Cycle MC of NYC did an event at The Shed Bar in Boston in February of 1969. This gave the local guys the idea to start their own club. The first event was on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1969. The first meeting was on March 1<sup>st</sup> 1969 at 2PM. The club went on for another 25+ years and ended in the mid to late 1990's. One of the founding clubs of AMCC.

### Iron Cross of Montreal

Founded in April of 1972. The bars they went to were: Bud's Bar, Dominion Tavern, and Joe's Beef Tavern. A date of when Iron Cross ended is not known.

### Trident International

Main organization was founded in February 1973. New England had three chapters, Boston, New Hampshire, And Rhode Island. The Rhode Island chapter was founded in 1980. The other two chapters I don't have a date for. This patch I don't know what chapter it represents.

### Harbor Masters of Maine

The Harbor Masters of Maine were founded in 1982 and incorporated in 1984 as the Harbor Masters of Portland, Maine, Inc. The club's anniversary run is called Sail Away and takes place in November. Since 1992 the home bar of the Harbor Masters has been Blackstones.

Author John Preston of Mr. Benson fame was the 1<sup>st</sup> president of the club.

### National Leather Association

Founded in May of 1986 by Steve Maidhof

### Enforcers RI

Providence, Rhode Island founded 1994. The club ended in 2002 or 2003 and reformed as Enforcers NE and ended around 2008

### American Uniform Assn

The American Uniform Association (AUA) was an organization for gay men interested in uniforms. It was founded in 1977. The AUA's newsletter was called Bullsheets and was published until at least 1999.

### Leather Knights of Boston

Started in the early 1990's

### New England Bears

Founded in 1991 by Bill Sanderson, The club put on the bear contests: Mr. Bear New England, Mr. Cub New England, and Mr. Grizzly New England. They used to meet at The Boston Ramrod, and 119. The NEB also hosted and ran the Bear Hibernation event weekend in Provincetown in February. The club ended in the mid 2000's.

### Leather & Lace

active late 1980's – early 1990's

### Boston Riders:

A band of gay cyclists formed to create Boston's first gay men's motorcycle club. The effort included people like Bob Graham, J.J. Smith, Don Homer, Jeff Zirpolo, Laurent Perrin (here from Switzerland with his BMW), George Souza, and others. Membership was about 10 men. There were no formalized road rules. Traveling with this band was fun, but it was every woman for herself. The formation of the club started late in July and by fall had waned. Bob Graham was elected as the first Riders M.C. Captain. By 1985, the band had dispersed. This group chose the name of Riders M.C. and all rides originated from the Ramrod. (Source: Boston Riders Website) *Even tho they list themselves as the 1<sup>st</sup> bike club, they weren't. That would be Boston Bike Club that was founded in the fall of 1969, went for 2 years and renamed the club Titan MC.* Boston Riders were also the founders of the Mr. Boston Leather Contest in 1989.

### Entre Nous

Was an offshoot of Vikings MC, founded in September of 1970 and ended in 2010. They put on two events a year. Provincetown Pilgrimage in the fall, and Equinox in the spring. Their home bars were The 1270, Herbies Ramrod Room, The Boston Eagle, 119 Merrimac, and The Alley. *See page 9 for a larger bio for Entre Nous.*

### Leather Force 2000

This was an AIDS awareness event 1989 - 1993

The Boston Eagle had a number of posters on the wall:

Mr. New England Drummer 1992



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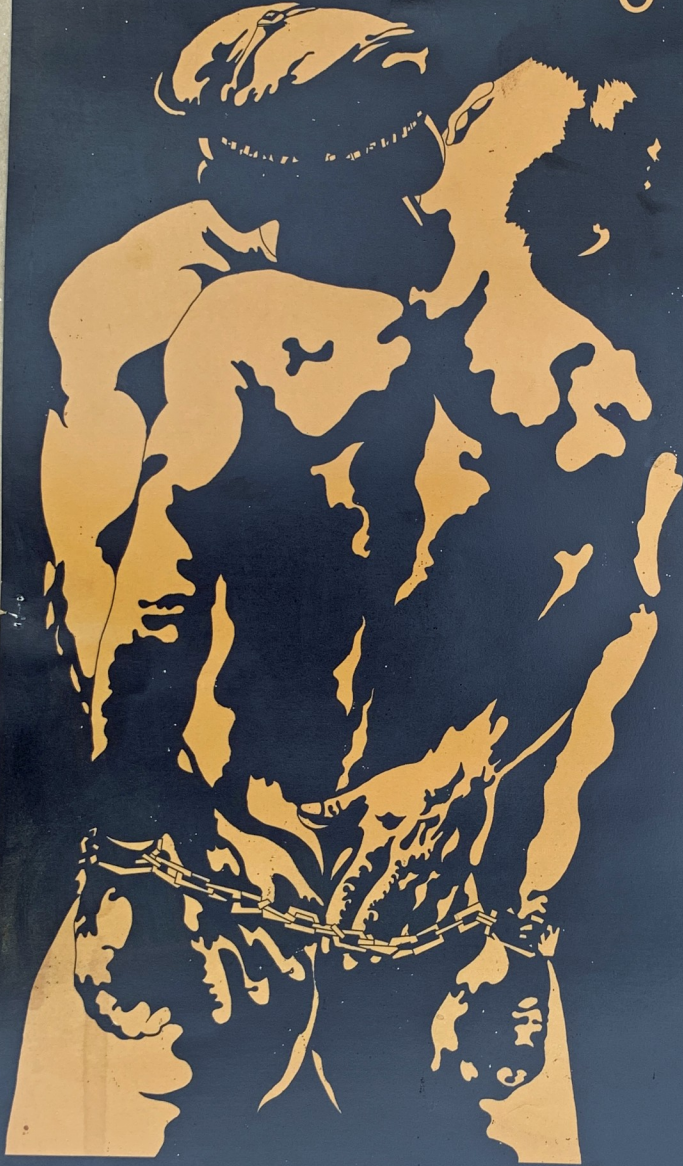
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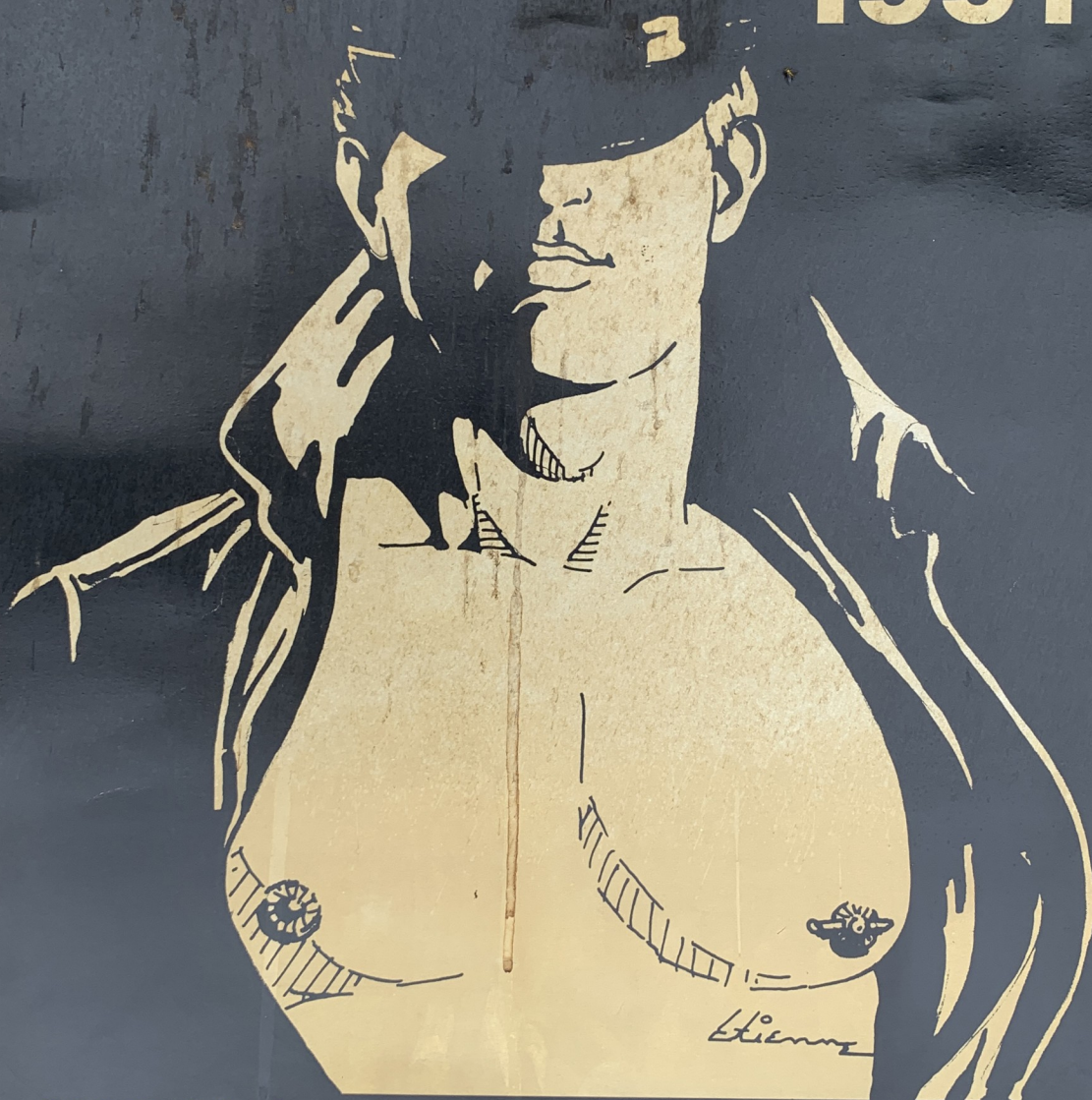
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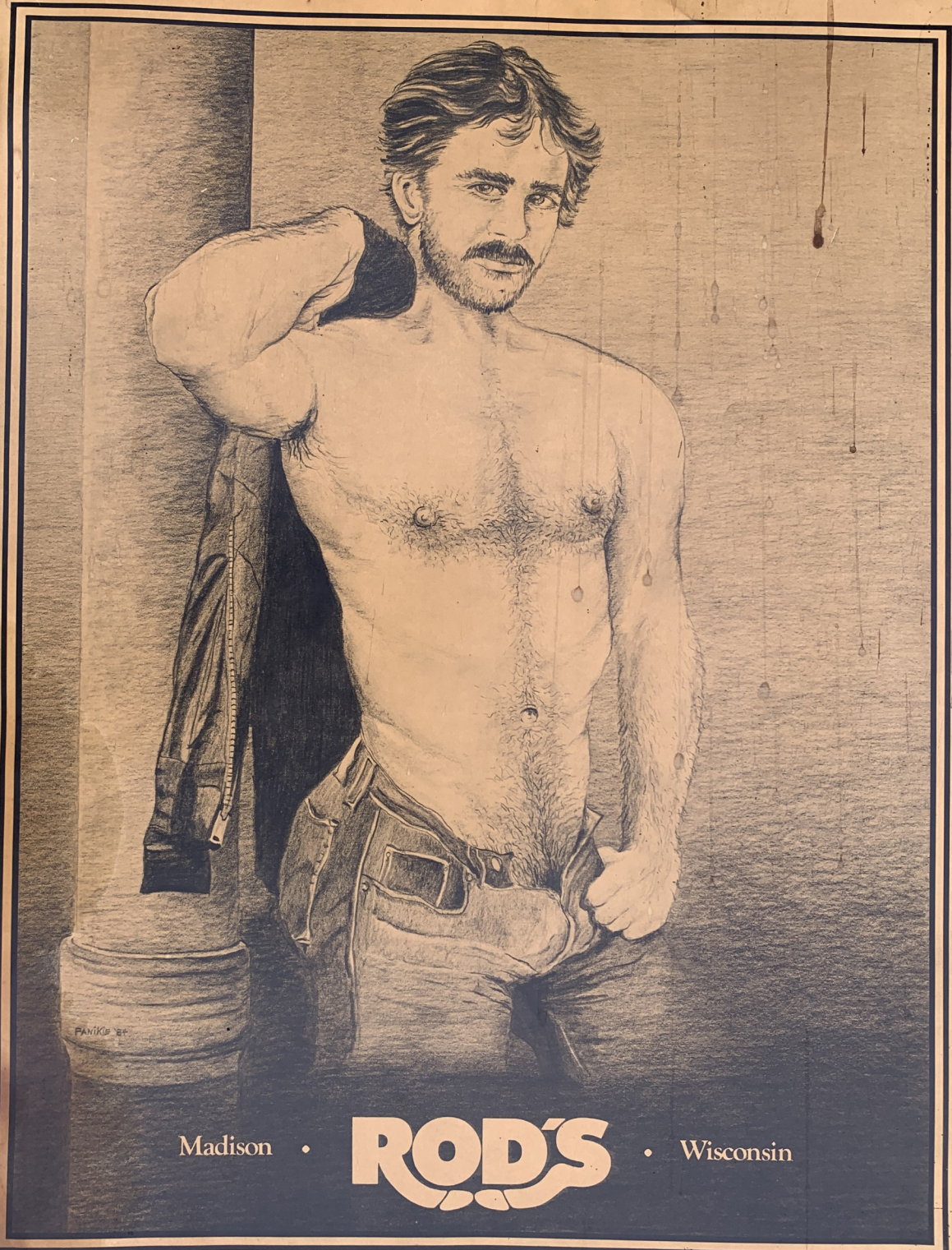
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# Leather David's From FeBe's Bar

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## The Boston Eagle

The Boston Eagle also had two Leather David's that were designed for FeBe's bar in San Francisco (July 25 1966 – December 31 1986) located at 1501 Folsom Street

The Leather David was commissioned by Jack Haines in 1966 for his new leather bar, FeBe's, at the corner of Folsom and 11th streets in San Francisco. This became the known sculpture of Michelangelo's David as a leatherman,

Caffee said that the FeBe's sculpture was actually the third version of the work. The first was a precursor that Bill Tellman created for The Detour, a short-lived leather bar at 888 McAllister St. in San Francisco; that version was a plaster David with a leatherman's costume in sewn naugahyde fabric.

Author, porn writer and tattoo artist Samuel Steward (aka Phil Sparrow and Phil Andros) then commissioned Caffee to produce an entirely sculpted version – which Caffee said took a full year of work and represented David in a leather version of an SFPD motorcycle cop uniform.

The third version, produced for FeBe's, showed David dressed in the motorcycle leathers popular with San Francisco leathermen in the mid-1960s. Caffee said me that the third version exists in several states, as the molds used for casting the plaster would eventually break. For each new set of molds, he would introduce small variations in the details of the sculpture.

Caffee said that when Jack Haines had first told him the bar would be named FeBe's, he had thought the name was Phoebe's – and had looked up the origin and found an association with Phoebus Apollo. He therefore thinks of the sculpture not as David, but as a modern version of the Greek sun god.

He modified a small plaster reproduction of Michelangelo's David, making him into a classic 1960s gay biker: "I broke off the raised left arm and lowered it so his thumb could go in his pants pocket, giving him cruiser body language. The biker uniform was constructed of layers of wet plaster. . . . The folds and details of the clothing were carved, undercutting deeply so that the jacket would hang away from his body, exposing his well-developed chest. The pants were button Levis, worn over the boots, and he sported a bulging crotch you couldn't miss. . . . Finally I carved a chain and bike run buttons on his Muir cap."

This leather David became one of the best-known symbols of San Francisco leather. The image of the Febe's David appeared on pins, posters, calendars, and matchbooks. It was known and disseminated around the world. The statue itself was reproduced in several formats. Two-foot-tall plaster casts were made and sold by the hundreds. They were sold in a white or gold finish. The David's at The Boston Eagle were originally in the gold finish, but repainted black at some point. If you had looked closely at the David's you could see the gold paint where the black paint had chipped and flaked. The Boston Ramrod at 1254 Boylston Street also had a Leather David. This was colorized version and disappeared from the bar in the early 2000's. Another Leather David was also at Playland Cafe located on Essex Street in The Combat Zone section of Boston. This bar was opened from 1937 to 1998. This David's finish was in white.

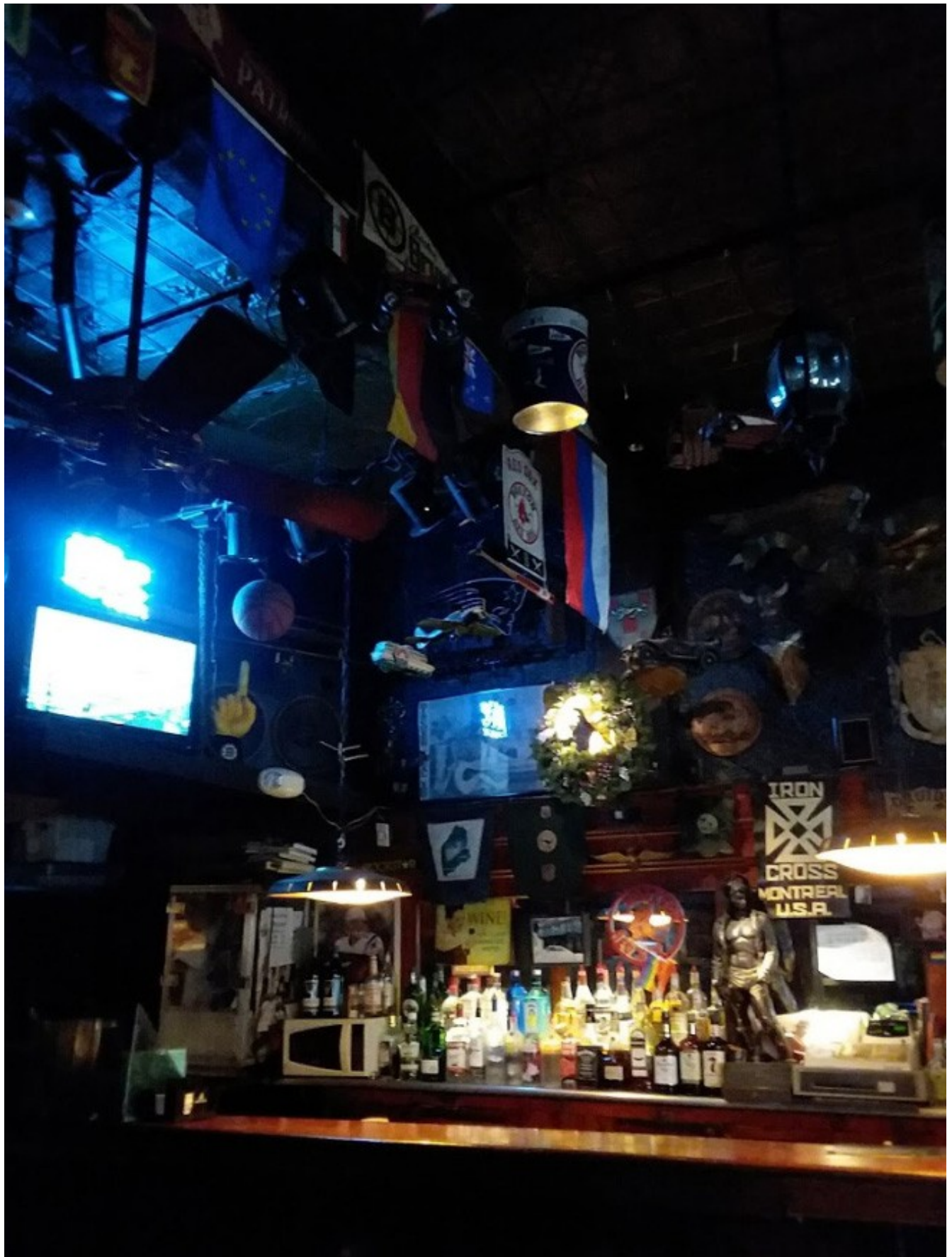
In the below picture is one of the Leather Davids that was on the right side of the bar



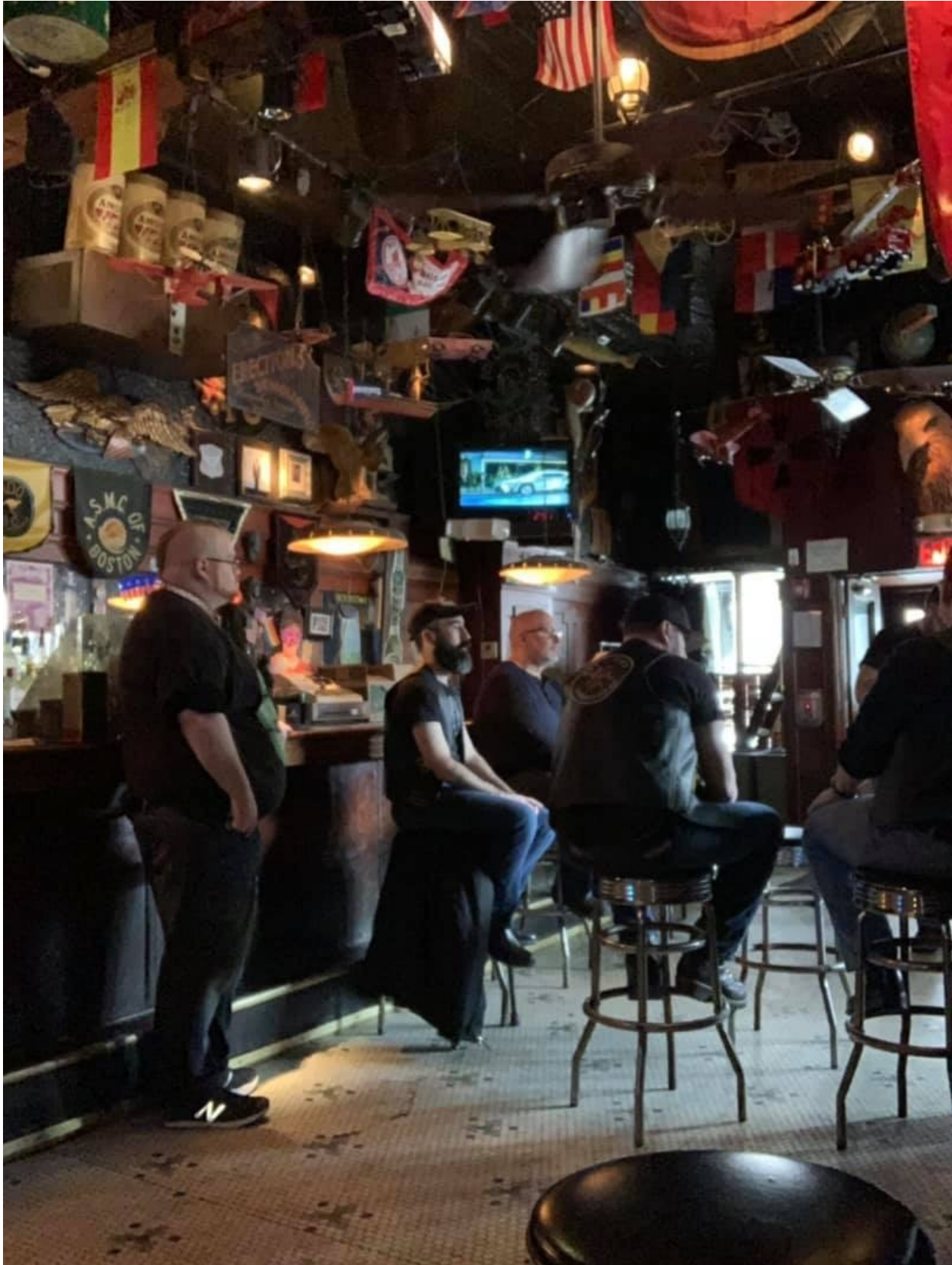
The other Leather David that was on the left side of the bar can be seen in the below photo on the left







Bay State Marauders meeting at The Boston Eagle October 10<sup>th</sup> 2019





From left to right: Russell Sweeney, Jay Menick, George Hicks

Bay State Marauders Meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2018



From Left to right: Rob Stanhope, Scott Boucher, David Innis, Steve Sheeky, Russell Sweeney, Roy Almeida, Thom Cerruto, Josh Stonefield, Brain Mitchell, Jonathan Urbach

The Bay State Marauders in front of The Boston Eagle for their March 2019 meeting



Members from left to right: Jeff Leftwich, Jonathan Urbach, Kevin Henderson, Scott Boucher, Russell Sweeney, Trevor Akerley, Eric Polli, Michael Tyler, Rob Claffie, Brian Mitchell, Jay Menick, Scott Erickson, Joe Balestraci, George Hicks, Josh Stonefield

Just a regular day at The Boston Eagle.....



The below picture is from the 1940's of Tremont Street. The Boston Eagle location can be seen in the right side of the picture and was called Record Cafeteria. The Record American Newspaper offices were down the street from this location.





This is a picture of the infamous bathroom at The Boston Eagle. The nickname of the bar was The Dirty Bird partly because of this bathroom. It was never cleaned and many times you could smell the bathroom from 20 feet away. The running joke with the Bay State Marauders was inviting people to come to their bar night, if all of your shots were up to date.

