

M/s Connections

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Welcome to Our Newest MAsT Chapters!

MAsT: Clifton, NJ

MAsT: Monterey, CA

MAsT: Rochester, NY

MAsT: Charlotte, NC



Southwest Master/slave Contest and More

In 2020, the Master/slave Contest for the Southwest Region as well as the Bootblack Contest will be at [Oklahoma Leatherfest - April 3-5, 2020](#).

Northeast Region

The Northeast Regional MAsT meetings have happened. [Click here to read the minutes.](#)



From Brandon at MAsT: Monterey

My name is Brandon I am the Founding Director of MAsT: Monterey. I have started a new Discord Server so that the MAsT community would have a place to exchange ideas and learn from each other. It is a small chatroom for now but I hope to grow it as my chapter in Monterey continues to grow in the MAsT as well as the M/s community, for an invitation please email mastmonterey@gmail.com.



Where in the World We Are

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Member's Spotlight this Fall: Master Icedog and slave ravyn

How many years have you been in a power exchange relationship?

slave ravyn: Master and this slave have been together for 13 years. The power exchange has been present since very early (possibly even right from the beginning). However, at that time, these aspects were not defined.

Master IceDog: (continuing) When we look back at those years, we did not have the definitions nor even have the labels of power exchange in the start of the relationship.

How long have you been a MAsT member? What are your role(s) in MAsT?

Master IceDog: I am the director of MAsT: Raleigh, and the Assistant Regional Representative for the SouthEast. My slave is part of the leadership team for MAsT: Raleigh. We have been members of MAsT since we founded MAsT: Raleigh in 2016.

What benefits have you found being a member of MAsT?

slave ravyn: Being a part of MAsT has helped us to connect with others who think, believe, and feel similar to us. It is powerful, beneficial, and beautiful to be around other like-minded individuals, as well as to witness their journeys while sharing ours.

What are some of the highlights in your power exchange journey?

slave ravyn: The first real act of surrender that this slave recalls happened one evening at the beginning of our relationship before this slave was collared to Master or had even thought about that while out with friends supposedly going to a fetish night at a club. However, upon arriving, it was apparently Country Night at the club. Master, this slave and our friends made the best of it, and found other places to go while all dressed up. The first was a piercing studio after Master said to this slave, "Let's get your belly button pierced." Without hesitation, this slave agreed.

Master IceDog: When my slave was ready to identify as 'slave', I was not ready to identify as a 'Master'. Understanding the historical significance and wanting to respect the 'Covered Master', this was not a decision that I took lightly. I did a lot of soul searching and seeking out the advice of others. I searched the interwebs, and read a lot of books. In the end, what mattered was the following advice: 'When you own a slave, you are her Master and her Owner.' Using that title on fetlife is one thing. What it means to me is something that I still think about on a daily basis. For me to be comfortable using the terms as freely as I do, I had to fully understand what it meant to me and live by those principles - me and my household. Answering the question for myself, and going through that process was a huge step in my journey.

What's a low moment in your power exchange journey and how did you recover or what did you learn from it?

Master IceDog: The mindfulness that is incorporated into our daily protocols, along with the dynamic itself are designed to help us avoid low moments between each other. Low moments for us have been with vanilla family and how we struggle with situations that are beyond my control. Sometimes I have to weigh the pros and cons regarding some hard decisions that will impact my slave regarding bio family, and sometimes that crosses lines that non-PE relationships might set. But it's always for the good of my slave. I expect she will follow it, trust that she will, and in the end if there was any uncertainty, in time it will become clear.

slave ravyn: Master and this slave have been able to use the protocols that Master has put in place in order to recognize and appreciate that even in the lowest moments, these are merely moments. The bigger picture, the dynamic, and our relationship are key. That is where Master and this slave choose to focus in order to move through and past these frustrations and aggravations.

What's an interesting fact about you that most people don't know?

Master IceDog: Board games and game nights are extremely enjoyable.

slave ravyn: Having run for a title and being leaders in our community, it feels like there is nothing people do not know about Master and this slave. However, one thing that may not be common knowledge is that there are chickens on the property, all hens, and all with the same name.

Do you have any advice for people new to power exchange relationships or new chapter directors?

Master IceDog:

1. To thine own self be true. Most relationships have a much better chance at success if each person is comfortable in their own skin. Thus, you need to know yourself before you know what you would like in a Power Exchange dynamic.
2. Take your time. There is no need to rush. New relationship energy can be risky for how intense a dynamic might be.
3. Find a Mentor or trusted friend network. Both sides of the slash need 'our people' to help guide us or self check from time to time. Knowing and trusting your support network is important in finding the red flags before you do.

As for Chapter Directors:

1. Have a team. We can't do it all ourselves. Build up the people who might someday replace you, even if you happen to be out of town and miss a meeting.
2. This isn't about you. Being the Chapter Director means you are in service to the community and those who choose to spend their time at the meeting. Sure you do a lot of the leg work, but without the community, you do not have a Chapter.

slave ravyn: Trust yourself. Trust your gut. Be open and willing to explore as long as it feels right. As Master says, slow is ok. If this is going to work, you will have plenty of time together. So, no need to rush things.

Regarding new chapters, it can be exciting and scary to be "in charge" of bringing something potentially wonderful and beneficial to others. Be prepared for all of the goodness - the learning, the sharing, the growth for yourself and those who participate. Also, be prepared for negativity, for criticism, for those who do not understand what it is that we do and why. Remember that there are others around who are willing to provide support. You are not alone. (No need to reinvent the wheel or go at it alone.)

What's your favorite quote and why?

Master IceDog: 'I guess it comes down to a simple choice, really. Get busy living or get busy dying.' (The Shawshank Redemption). Mainly because it helps me to remember to enjoy every day to the fullest, and to remember that we have the choice to make today a better day.

slave ravyn: "Be grateful, and have faith." (Oola Guys) It is short, easy to remember, and helps this slave stay focused on gratitude and faith in the path that she has chosen.

Anything else you'd like to add?

Master IceDog: I am humbled that we were invited to do this for MAsT. I hope that our words have helped or touched someone to help them in their journey. Please reach out if there is something you'd like to ask me privately, about me, my slave, or our dynamic.



Master David & slave brynn

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Master Michael & slave rebekah

[2019 Southwest Master & slave Titleholders](#)



Master Rook & slave rook

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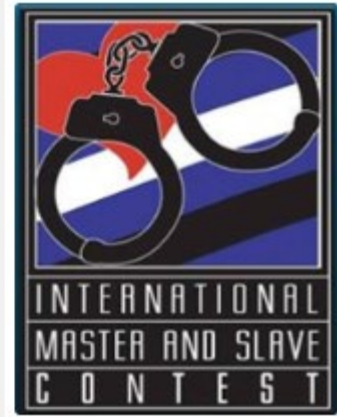
Master Luke & His victor

[2019 Southeast Master & slave Titleholders](#)



Sir Edgar and slave raven

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Northeast: [Master Dante](#) and [Lady Ningal](#)

Northwest: [slave candice](#) and [slave evelyn](#)

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