



## ALPHABET MAFIA GO BRRR: THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY, 1950

Long before Janis Ian coined the phrase “Too gay to function,” a too gay function was established: the Mattachine Society. This secret society formed initially to create a space for gay communists to talk about queer Marx stuff without being outed and fired from their jobs, but Mattachine soon became a nation-wide organization and a catalyst for the homophile movement, working closely with other activists around the country. Delegates in this committee will be encouraged to think about the means and goals of queer activism and how different modes of activism intersect with each other. The Mattachine members must innovate on how to expand their efforts in the letter of the law, in everyday households, and in any other ways they see fit. How does a closeted secret society go from local politics to national politics to international politics and beyond? Will the Mattachine Society be able to reconcile their internal differences as they expand and as the scope of queer rights movements change? How in the hell do we even write a gay agenda?!?@?!? .... Welcome to Mattachine!!

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