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The Mansion was built in 1859 and is on the National Register of Historic Places

Bearidise is a spirited retreat for Bears and admirers 21 and over who socialize at The Mansion, an 1859 Italianate home in Milesburg just off Route 80 in central Pennsylvania. Our frequent events run a minimum of 3 days, Friday through Sunday.

Bearidise is smoke and drug free and thus core attendees are well balanced gay men who can help lift their brothers up into the joy of guiltless loving living.

Bearidise is funded on a donation basis for all services, including overnights, hot breakfast to order, and food service.

The Mansion boasts indoor and outdoor swimming pools, home theater, discotheque, quality gym, large den, and back deck and yard. Around 25 people can be accommodated overnight in a festive slumber party style; additional guests may stay at two nearby motels.

Bearidise benefits are available to men who consider themselves Bears, men of mass, leathermen, or any gay men who feel left out of the gay mainstream, and any men who enjoy the company of these men. We are a diverse group with a wide range of ages, races, faiths, orientations, and sizes represented.

Bearidise is unique. We bear witness to the love we have found within; we see that love reflected in the hearts of all, but most brilliantly in those who bless us with their presence; and we will it to grow. Come.

Arthur Knight Hammer
King of the Bears

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The Mansion!

The beneficiaries of Bearidise usually meet at The Mansion, an 1859 Victorian Italianate brick home which is only one of two properties in Milesburg on the National Register of Historic Places, and one of only 7 private residences in Centre County to be so honored.

The Mansion features many amenities designed to serve the entertainment needs of men. The first two floors are primarily setup for entertainment, and the 3rd floor houses the kitchen and gym room. The basement has an indoor swimming pool and play area.

The main features of The Mansion include:

- Smoke free environment throughout
- An atmospheric discotheque
- A heavy duty "hammock" in the basement
- A huge theater with an 8' projection TV and B&W Surround Sound
- A 2500 gallon hot tub in the basement for up to 20 men
- A food service Cafe' with several tables, TV, DVD player
- A serious Hoist Fitness 4600H home gym & Schwinn Airdyne
- Stereo sound systems in the Cafe, Hot Tub Room, and Theater
- A commercial Bear-tough two person swing in the back yard
- Outdoor pool and deck
- Parking for more than 25 vehicles

- Video security system for your protection
- Central redundant fire alarm system throughout
- Browsers available running Linux for guests
- Bonfire area