



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL

FIREFIGHTERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC.

As Amended at
Laval, Quebec, Canada
Convention August 09, 2003

**MISSION STATEMENT
OF THE
RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL
FIREFIGHTERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB Inc.**

The Red Knights share the common interest of motorcycling, promoting motorcycle safety, and the brotherhood of firefighting.

They provide support to various non-profit charities across the United States and Canada.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Chairman: International Board of Directors

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIRMAN

Vice-Chairman

Secretary

One Representative from each State, Province and

Member-At-Large

STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS / STATE ASSOCIATIONS

State/Province Representative

Chapter Presidents

Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Road Captain
(Optional)

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.

ARTICLE I

NAME~CORPORATE SEAL~COLORS~UNIFORMS~HEADQUARTERS

SECTION: 1:01

NAME

The name of the Corporation (referred to as the "INTERNATIONAL") is RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB INCORPORATED.

SECTION: 1:02

SEAL

The corporate Seal of the International shall have inscribed thereon, the name of the Corporation and the date "1983". The following is an impression of the International Corporate Seal.



SECTION 1:03
EMBLEM/CREST

The Corporate EMBLEM/CREST shall be the Red Maltese Cross with a white or gold border at the preference of local chapter and the words of Red Knights Motorcycle Club. The Corporate EMBLEM/CREST shall be as depicted below.



SECTION: 1:04
COLORS

The colors of the International Seal shall consist of a Blue Circle bordered by gold. Within, shall be the Red Maltese cross with a gold border and the words of Red Knights Motorcycle Club. Any Chapter wishing to alter the official colors to be used by members in such Chapter shall submit a copy of the proposed design change to the Executive Board of Directors for approval. No Chapter shall adopt or wear colors not approved by the Executive Board of Directors.

SECTION: 1:05
UNIFORMS

That from the date of the August 2002 Convention, the official uniform of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Incorporated shall be as follows. With no exceptions except The New York City Fire Riders. Who have been previously granted the concession to wear their Fire Riders Colors with a small Red Knights Crest showing dual membership in both the Fire Riders and the Red Knights. This however does not extend to other Chapters of the Fire Riders Located outside of New York City. The uniform (Vest or Club Jacket) currently worn by Chapters preceding this date will be allowed for current existing members in good standing that have prior approval by the Executive. All new members joining an existing chapter or all new chapters forming after this date of August 2002 shall comply with the uniform standards set out in these by-laws.

SECTION: 1:05A
COLOR

The International color for Club Uniform Shirt Shall be White or Blue at discretion of each Chapter with the recommendation of White being the color of choice by the International.

SECTION: 1:05B
INSIGNIA PLACEMENT

CHAPTER JACKET

The color of the club jacket shall be at the discretion of the local chapter.

The design on the back of the jacket must first be submitted to the International for approval.

CLUB VEST

The club vest color shall be at the discretion of the member.

(with RED being the recommended color of choice of the International)

If a chapter chooses to write into their by-laws, that only RED can be worn then it will be left up to the chapter to enforce that rule.

Cresting on the back shall consist of only:

The Official International Emblem as shown in **Section 1:03**.

- (1) A top rocker showing membership status as listed in **Section 2:01** may be also worn.
Or another option that is available is a top rocker that says Red Knight
- (2) A bottom rocker showing Chapter Identification as defined in **Section 4:01** may also be worn.
- (3) The front of the vest may have nametags and or rank insignias of the individual wearing the vest.
- (4) All other markings are to be in good taste and consistent with the image of the Red Knights

CLUB UNIFORM SHIRT

The official uniform shirt for the club shall be White or Blue in color at the discretion of each chapter with the recommendation of White being the color of choice by the International.

The cresting for the uniform shirt shall be:

- (a) Shoulder of the Left sleeve shall have the Official International Emblem as shown in **Section 1:03**. The patch shall be centered on the left sleeve with the top center of the patch being $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch from the shoulder seam. Spacing for additional rockers top or bottom of the patch shall maintain the same $\frac{1}{4}$ inch spacing.
- (b) Shoulder of the left sleeve shall have the chapter rocker under the Official International Emblem
- (c) Shoulder of the right sleeve shall have the National flag of the country of the chapters' origin.
- (d) The front of the shirt may have nametags and rank insignias of the individual wearing it.
- (e) All other markings are to be in good taste and consistent with the image of the Red Knights

SECTION: 1:06

ANTHEM

The Anthem shall be The National Anthems of those countries represented. The host countries' anthem shall be the first anthem played.

SECTION: 1:07

MOTTO

Loyal to our duty

SECTION: 1:08

HEADQUARTERS

The International Headquarters shall be established at Boylston, Mass. The mailing address is:
P.O. Box 712, Boylston, MA 01505.

SECTION: 1:09

OFFICIAL CLUB MASCOT

The Corporate mascot shall be the Dalmatian Dog.

SECTION: 1:10

EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO NAME AND MARKS

The International and its authorized Chapters shall have the exclusive right to use the name "Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc.", "Red Knights" and any affiliation thereof. The Corporation shall retain the exclusive and sole right to use or to allow or refuse the use of all emblems, seals, badges or other items incorporating the words "Red Knights" or any of the Corporation's Registered marks.

No member, Chapter, or other subdivision of the Corporation shall use the Corporate name or any of its marks in any business pursuit or in any other activity which violates the Constitution, by-laws, or guidelines set forth by the International Board of Directors or the Executive Board of Directors.

All items offered for sale by any member, Chapter or other subdivision of the Corporation bearing the Corporate name or the name "Red Knights" or any registered trade mark of the Corporation shall be submitted and approved by the Executive Board of Directors utilizing the trade marking license agreement form which the Board of Directors has adopted. Unauthorized use of the corporate name, emblems or marks shall be cause for procedures, removal, or suspension of the offending members, Chapter, or other subdivision of the Corporation.

The executive Board of Directors may penalize violators of this section with a fine not exceeding \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) in the first incident; Not exceeding \$250.00 two-Hundred Fifty Dollars) in the second incident; and revocation of the Chapters Charter in the third incident.

ARTICLE II

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

SECTION: 2:01

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION AND TENURE

The eight membership classes are:

- (1) Charter Member
- (2) Active Member
- (3) Associate Member
- (4) Social Member
- (5) Special Honorary Member
- (6) Member-at-Large
- (7) Life Member
- (8) Compassionate Honorary Member

Life membership may be granted by the International Board or the executive of a Chapter to a member in good standing that has been a continuous member for 25 or more years. Or to a member that due to a disability, declining health or age no longer has a motorcycle license or the ability to ride a motorcycle.

Such membership cost shall be paid annual by the organizational level proposing the member for life membership

Any member-At-Large wishing to transfer membership to a designated chapter may do so upon the expiration of his/her membership status. The member-At-Large shall notify the chairman of that committee of his/her transfer. Dues Structure for The Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club passed at the (telephone) conference call meeting on October 27, 1993 by the International board.

Per approval of the members in attendance at the 2001 convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This Board moved to raise all Active Member and Associate member dues to \$7.00 per member. All Social member (spouse, offspring, boy or girl friend) and special Honorary member dues \$4.00 per member.

Member-At-Large dues are \$15.00 per year for the active member and \$10.00 per year for a social member,, with a one time application fee of \$10.00. All dues are due on January 1 and must be paid by March 31st of each year. The membership dues will be pro-rated for applications received after August 1st at the rate of 25% reduction for the third quarter and 50% reduction for the fourth quarter of the year.

New Chapter Dues shall remain at \$25.00 Application fee and \$8.00 per member. All dues are due on January 1 and must be paid by March 31st of each year. The membership dues will be pro-rated for applications received after August 1st at the rate of 25% reduction for the third quarter and 50% reduction for the fourth quarter of the year. All dollar amounts stated herein shall be in U.S. Currency.

The amount charged for any chapter application or M.A.L fee and dues for applications from outside the continental North America, shall because of the restricted amount of service and participation that the chapter or member may be able to have with the parent group be the amount payable at the same rate at the North American applications but shall be pro-rated to the currency of their own country payable in US funds.

The exception to this rule shall be countries whose currency is equal to or higher than the US dollar. These countries shall pay the same rate as the North American chapters and M.A.Ls.

SECTION: 2:OIA
MEMBERSHIPS-AT-LARGE

Person's who qualify for membership in the Active membership category (ref: Article 4:04 of the International Constitution and by-laws), may be granted Member-at-Large status by the International Executive Board of Directors. Limitation of membership shall be at the discretion of the International Executive Board. All Memberships-at-Large will be governed by the International Executive Board of Directors.

SECTION: 2:OIB
MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE

The International Executive Board shall appoint a member of that board to oversee all membership-at-large. All communications and dues will go through that designated board member.

SECTION: 2:OIC
MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE

Membership At Large shall be entitled to one vote at International Meetings, to be cast by the membership at large representative elected by the members at large at a meeting to be held by them, the evening before the annual general meeting.

SECTION: 2:02
ANNUAL MEETING

The Red Knights International Convention will be held on the 3rd Saturday of August unless special permission is granted by the Executive Board of Directors. The Annual meeting of the International Board of Directors shall be held one (1) day prior to the International Convention at the Convention site as designated by the Executive Board commencing with the calendar year 1988 for hearing and acting upon the reports of the elective officers and transacting such other business as has properly come before the meeting. The place and time of such first meeting may, however, be fixed by consent of a majority of the Directors.

SECTION: 2:03
SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called by vote of the International Board of Directors or upon the written petition of at least ten percent (10%) of the Board of Directors. Upon such vote or petition, the President shall call a special meeting of the International Board of Directors at such time and place as he shall deem appropriate and the Secretary shall give due notice of the special meeting in the same manner as for the Annual meeting. Only such business as is clearly set forth in the notice for the special meeting shall be transacted at such meeting. The rules governing quorum at the Annual meeting shall also govern Special meetings.

SECTION: 2:04
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice of the time and place of the Annual meetings or any Special meetings shall be served either personally or by mail, not less than thirty (30) days before the meeting, upon each Chartered Chapter of the International at its address of record, by the International Secretary, The Secretary's statement that such notice was mailed shall be deemed to be due notice of the meeting. The date for the following Annual meeting shall be decided on and all Chapters notified no later than November 1st of the previous year.

SECTION: 2:05

QUORUM FOR MEETING

At any Annual meeting or Special meeting the International Board of Directors, the presence of ten (10%) of the International Directors shall constitute a quorum for all purposes. In the absence of a quorum or when a quorum is present a meeting may be adjourned from time to time by vote of a majority of the members present.

At any Annual, Special, or Monthly meeting of the Executive Board of Directors, the presence of three Officers shall constitute a quorum for all purposes. In the absence of a quorum or when a quorum is present, a meeting may be adjourned from time to time by vote of a majority of the members present.

At any Annual or Special meeting of the International Corporation, the presence of ten percent (10%) of the Chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum for all purposes.

SECTION: 2:05A

SECRETARY FOR MEETINGS

No Annual, Special or Monthly meeting of the Executive Board of Directors or of the International Board of Directors shall be held unless a secretary is present or appointed to take minutes of that meeting.

SECTION: 2:06

MAJORITY VOTE

At all meetings of the Corporation at which there is a quorum present, except as otherwise provided in these by-laws or the Articles of Incorporation, a majority of the votes cast on any matter before the meeting shall control. Any matters before the meeting concerning by-law changes will require two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote for passage

SECTION 2:07

PROCEDURE

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of any meeting unless inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or these by-laws.

SECTION 2:08

PROHIBITION OF PROXY VOTING

There shall be NO voting by proxy at any Annual or Special meeting of the members of the Red Knights organization.

SECTION 2:09

VOTING AT ALL INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

All chartered Chapters in good standing will have **ONE** equal vote on each motion on the agenda at any International meeting.

ARTICLE III

INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENT

SECTION: 3:01

NUMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD

The number of members of the Executive Board of Directors shall be five (5) Active members; President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of the International Board of Directors.

SECTION: 3.02

NUMBER: INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The International Board of Directors shall be composed of one (1) representative from each State or Province, One (1) Representative from the Membership-At-Large, One (1) Chairman, One (1) Vice-Chairman, and One (1) Secretary shall be elected from within the Board.

SECTION: 3:03

QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION

Only Active members of the International Red Knights Organization who have previously served on their local Executive Board may serve on the Executive Board of Directors.

SECTION: 3:04

ADVISORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Any person who has an emeritus title conferred upon him by the Board of Directors may serve the Board in an advisory capacity and may attend meetings of the board if so requested, but shall have no power to vote.

SECTION: 3:05

RESIGNATION

A Director may resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the Executive Board of Directors.

SECTION: 3:06

VACANCY

Any vacancy in the International Executive Board and Board of Directors occurring during the year may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by a majority vote of the Directors then serving, even though less than a quorum, at any meeting of the Board. Any Director so elected shall hold office until the next succeeding Annual meeting of the members of the International or until the election and qualification of his successor. The Boards Secretary will notify all Chartered Chapters of the vacancy forty five (45) days in advance so any interested person may submit their name for voting.

SECTION: 3:07

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Executive Board and the International Board of Directors shall be called by the President or Vice President at the discretion of either and must be called by either of them whenever a majority of directors shall so request or upon the written petition of at least ten per cent (10%) of the International Board of Directors.

SECTION: 3:08

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice of all Executive Board meetings, *and/or* International Board of Directors meetings except as otherwise provided in these by-laws, must be given by mailing such notice at least fifteen (15) days or by telegraphing the same at least ten (10) days before the meeting to the usual business or residence address of each Director. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held with adequate notice at such time and place as shall be determined by the Board.

SECTION: 3:09

PRESIDING OFFICERS

At all meetings of the Executive Board or the International Board of Directors, The President/Chairman or Vice-President/Vice-Chairman or in their absence the Secretary shall preside. The presiding officer at the Annual International Convention shall be the President, or Vice-President or the Executive Board Secretary.

SECTION: 3:10

QUORUM

At all meetings of the International Board of Directors the presence of ten (10%) of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The vote of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall control.

SECTION: 3:11

UNANIMOUS ACTION OF DIRECTORS WITHOUT A MEETING

Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Directors or of a committee of Directors may be taken without a meeting if all of the directors or all of the members of a committee, as the case may be, sign a written consent setting forth the action taken or to be taken at any time before or after the intended effective date of such action. Such consent shall be filed with the minutes of Directors meetings and shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote.

SECTION: 3:12

DUTIES AND POWERS

(A) The Executive Board of Directors shall supervise and be responsible for all affairs and property of the International and in no event shall any person or other entity dealing with the Directors or Officers of the International be obligated to inquire into the authority of the Directors and Officers to enter into and consummate any contract transaction or other action.

(B) The International Board of Directors and/or the Executive Board of Directors shall have the power to inspect with just cause all records, books and account of the International, or any subsidiary Board of Directors or Chapters. It shall be the obligation of all subsidiaries and subdivisions of the International to make their records reasonably available to the Board of Directors, such obligation shall include, but not be limited to furnishing copies of requested records to the Board of Directors at the International Headquarters.

(C) The International Board of Directors shall be empowered to accept or reject all applications for Chapter Charter. They shall also have the power to expel or suspend any member for causes subject to **Section 3:27**.

SECTION: 3:12
DUTIES AND POWERS

(D) The Board may employ personnel or advisors necessary to conduct business of the International and shall be empowered to authorize the payment of reasonable compensation for their services. By formal action the Board may delegate specific authority to such person or to committees to act on behalf of the Corporation.

(E) The International Executive Board of Directors may grant to any group of seven (7) or more persons, and who qualify as Active members, a Charter for the formation of a Chapter of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club. A minimum of seven (7) persons qualifying as Active members is required before a Charter will be issued to such a group.

Charter Membership below the level of five (5) may be granted at the discretion of the International Executive Board. Each new Chapter may adopt any legal form of Organization, but must adopt by-laws consistent with the by-laws of the International. Chapter by-laws shall not be effective until approved by the Executive Board of Directors as being in General conformity with the purposes of the International.

- (1). Grandfather all existing Chapters.
- (2). Chapters that fall below a minimum of 5 members may be granted a continuance of their Charter at the discretion of the Executive Board of Directors.

(F) The International Board shall have the power to accept on behalf of the International any contributions, appropriations or grants-in-aid from whatever source and in any form.

(G) The Executive Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Executive Board membership require the Chapter that does not conform to the Constitution and by-laws of the Corporation, to surrender its Charter and all funds and property to the International Corporation. Any monies and the value of any property so received shall be given to a Charitable Organization in the name of the Corporation. From the date of a subsidiary entity's receipt of a written demand for surrender of its Charter made by the International Executive Board of Directors, the entity to which such demand is directed shall immediately cease using the Corporate name.

(H) All Corporate powers shall be and are hereby vested in and shall be exercised by the Executive Board of Directors. The Board may, by general resolution delegate to committees or to Officers of the Corporation, such powers as they may see fit.

SECTION: 3:13
COMPENSATION

Directors shall not receive any stated salary for their services as such, unless noted and approved at any Annual meeting.

SECTION 3:13A
PER DEIM FOR ATTENDANCE AT FALL MEETING:

As passed by the Convention floor July 13, 1996.

Vote of 18 Chapters Yes 1 Chapter No Resolution passed

“Executive have the discretionary ability to expend up to \$100.00 per member in attendance at one meeting per year, This includes any committee members that are required to conduct the business at hand. As long as the financial resources are adequate. Americade and Annual meeting excluded.”

SECTION: 3:14
INDEMNITY

The International shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify each of the Directors and Officers of the International against all liabilities and expenses, including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments in compromise or as fines and penalties, and legal fees reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or deposition of any action, suit or other proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, in which he may be involved or with which he may be threatened while in office or thereafter, by reason of his being or having been such a Director or Officer, except with respect of any matter as to which he shall have been adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his action was in the best interest of the Corporation: provided, however, that as to any matter disposed of by a compromise payment by such Director or Officer, pursuant to a consent degree or otherwise, no indemnification either for said payment or for any other expenses shall be provided unless such compromise shall be approved as in the best interests of the International after notice that it involved such indemnification, by a disinterested majority of the members then entitled to vote; or (b) by a majority of the disinterested Directors then in office, provided there has been obtained an opinion in writing of independent legal counsel to the effect that such Director or Officer appears to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his action was in the best interest of the International. To the extent that a Director, Officer, or Agent of the International has been successful on the merits in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding in connection with or by reason of his being or having been a Director or Officer he shall be indemnified against expenses including attorneys fees actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith. The right of indemnification hereby provided shall not be exclusive of or affect any other rights to which any Director or Officer may be entitled. As used in this paragraph, the terms "Director" and "Officer" include their respective heirs, executors and administrators, and an "interested" Director or Officer is one against whom in such capacity the proceedings in question or another proceeding on the same or similar grounds is then pending. Nothing contained in this article shall affect a rights to indemnification to which International personnel, other than Directors and Officers may be entitled by contract or otherwise under law. By action of its Board of Directors, notwithstanding, any interest of the Directors in the action, the International may purchase and maintain insurance, in such amounts as the Board of Directors deems appropriate on behalf of any person who is or was serving at the request of the International as a Director or Officer of another organization, against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the International would have the power or would be required to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this article.

SECTION: 3:15

NUMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Officers of the Executive Board of Directors shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Chairman of the International Board of Directors.

No one person except the Chairman of the International Board of Directors, may hold more than a single office. The duties of the Officers if not specifically enumerated in these by-laws, shall be the duties specified by law of similar Officers in similar non-profit Corporations.

SECTION: 3:16

ELECTION, TERM OF OFFICE, QUALIFICATIONS

(A) INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Officers of the International Board of Directors shall be elected biennially at the Election meeting of the Board to be held one (1) day prior to the Annual Corporation meeting. The Chairperson and Secretary shall be elected every even year and the Vice-Chairperson shall be elected every odd year. They shall serve in their offices until the close of business of the meeting at which their successors are elected.

(B) EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Officers of the Executive Board of Directors shall be elected biennially at the Annual Corporation meeting. The President and Treasurer shall be elected on every odd year and the Vice-President and Secretary shall be elected on every even year. All Officers shall serve in their offices until the close of business of the meeting at which their successors are elected.

(C) DELAY OF ELECTIONS

If the election of Officers shall be delayed for any reason, an election shall be held as soon thereafter as convenient and each Officer then holding an elective office shall continue to hold their office until their successor shall be duly elected.

SECTION: 3:17 PRESIDENT
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Subject to the authority of the Executive Board, the President shall be the General Executive head of the Corporation. With the following additional duties and responsibilities.

He/she shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation, the Executive Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

He/she shall fulfill all the duties set by the Constitution and By-laws of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc.

- (1) He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all other committees except the nominating committee. Within the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc.
- (2) He/she shall be the co-signer with the Treasurer of all notes, checks, deeds, leases, mortgages and other legal documents given on behalf of the International. And shall if required by the International Board of Directors, have the power to call meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall make a report of the work of the Corporate Officers and Board of Directors at each Annual Meeting of the International.
- (3) He/she shall keep records of problems and advice given to all Chapters to maintain consistency within the Red Knights Structure.
- (4) He/she shall be available to all members of the Executive and Board of Directors, and to be Accountable to any decisions made, when advising Chapters or Members, and to be ultimately responsible for the operations of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc.
- (5) He/she shall promote and ensure that people who inquire about the Red Knights are given up to date information.
- (6) Any expenses He/she may acquire shall be authorized by the Executive Board prior to the action requiring the expense, except the cost of reports, mailing and phone costs relating to Red Knights business. Such expenses shall have receipts sent to the International Treasurer prior to being paid.

SECTION 3:18
CHAIRMAN:INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

He shall have the power to call a meeting(s) of the International Board of Directors and shall make a report of the work of the Corporate Officers and Board of Directors at each Annual Meeting of the International. He shall accept all gifts and donations on behalf of the Red Knights Organization. He shall preside at all meetings of the International Board of Directors and shall be an Ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating committee. With the following additional duties and responsibilities.

- (1) He shall be the Quartermaster for the International and shall be responsible for the keeping of accurate records and maintaining the accounts, money and inventory stock owned by the International. He shall on request provide the International Treasurer with a detail report of all money and stock in his care. He shall also make a report to the membership at the Annual Meeting each year.
- (2) He/she shall conduct Board of Directors meetings, carry out any duties as required by the Constitution and By-laws and call such meetings as per the Constitution and By-laws, maintain records of problems within the Red Knights Chapters, report such problems in writing to the President and Executive Board.
- (3) He/she shall work with the Secretary of the Board of Directors in setting up an agenda for the Board of Directors meeting at the Annual Convention.
- (4) He/she shall promote and ensure that people who inquire about the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc. are given up to date information.
- (5) He/she when called upon by Chapters, Members or Members-at-Large shall answer to that call, If the problem is such that it requires immediate action then he/she shall call on the President to inform him/her of the problem and be advised on what to do.
- (6) Any expenses he/she may acquire shall be authorized by the Executive Board prior to the actions requiring the expense, except the cost of reports, mailing and phone costs relating to Red Knights business. Such expenses shall have receipts sent to the International Treasurer prior to being paid.

SECTION: 3:19

VICE-PRESIDENT EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the request of the President of the Executive Board or in the event of his absence or disability. The Vice-President shall perform the duties and possess and exercise the powers of the President and to the extent authorized by law. The Vice-President shall have such other powers as the Executive Board of Directors may determine and shall perform the duties of the President until such time as the Executive Board of Directors declares a vacancy and elects a qualified replacement to serve as President. He shall also have the following additional duties and responsibilities.

- (1) He/she shall report to the President and carry out any duties as required by the Constitution and By-laws, and fulfill any request the President requires of the Vice-President, He/she will carry out the duties of the President during any absence.
- (2) He/she shall be responsible for the Membership-At-Large and send all relevant reports and updates to the Executive and Board of Directors.
- (3) He/she shall promote and ensure that people who inquire about the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle club Inc. are given up to date information.
- (4) He/she if requested shall give out applications for both Members-At-Large.
- (5) When called upon by Chapters, Members or Members-at-Large He/she shall answer to that call, if the problem is such that it requires immediate action then he/she shall call on the President to inform him/her of the problem and be advised on what to do.
- (6) Any expenses he/she may acquire shall be authorized by the Executive Board prior to the action requiring the expense, except the cost of reports, mailing and phone costs relating to Red Knights business. Such expenses shall have receipts sent to the International Treasurer prior to being paid.

SECTION 3:20

VICE-CHAIRMAN: INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the request of the Chairman of the Board of Directors or in the event of his absence or disability. The Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties and possess and exercise the powers of the Chairman and to the extent authorized by law. The Vice-Chairman shall have such powers as the International Board of Directors may determine and shall perform the duties of the Chairman until such time as the International Board of Directors declares a vacancy and elects a qualified replacement to serve as Chairman. He/she shall also have the following additional duties and responsibilities.

- (1) He/she shall report to the Chairman of the Board of Directors. Carry out all duties as required by the Constitution and By-laws. And carry out any duties the Chairman requires of the Vice-Chairman,
- (2) He/she shall promote and ensure that people who inquire about the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc. are given up to date information.
- (4) He/she when called upon by Chapters, Members or Members-at-Large Shall answer to that, If the problem is such that it requires immediate action then He/she shall call on the President to inform him/her of the problem and be advised on what to do.
- (5) Any expenses he/she may acquire shall be authorized by the Executive Board prior to the action requiring the expense, except the cost of reports, mailing and phone costs relating to Red Knights business. Such expenses shall have receipts sent to the International Treasurer prior to being paid.

SECTION: 3:21 TREASURER
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Treasurer of the Executive Board shall have custody of all funds and property of the International Corporation., subject to such regulations as may be imposed by the Executive Board of Directors.

He/she may be required to give, through the Corporation, bonding for the faithful, performance of his/her duties, in such sum and with such sureties as the Executive Board of Directors may require.

He/she shall receive all International funds. Including all annual dues from membership, depositing the same in the name of the International in such Bank or Trust Company as may be designed by the Executive Board of Directors. And keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements when necessary or proper. He/she shall co-sign with the President on behalf of the Executive Board, cheques, notes and other obligations given on behalf of the International. He/she shall enter regularly, on the books of the International to be kept by him/her for or on account of the Executive Board and shall exhibit such books at all reasonable times to the Executive Board of Directors. He/she shall make a full report of the financial status of the Executive Board at each Annual Meeting. And upon request, at any meeting of the Executive Board of Directors. He/she shall, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of the Treasurer, subject to the control of the Executive Board of Directors. All records of the Treasurer will be audited no later than thirty (30) days prior to the International Meeting.

He/she shall also have the following additional duties and responsibilities.

- (1) He/she is responsible to keep and maintain the accounts and monies of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc. as per the Constitution and By-laws, and to report all transactions by means of reports to the Executive Board on a quarterly bases.
- (2) He/she shall set up and maintain a master roster of all Chapters and members in the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc. Such master roster shall be forwarded to the International Secretary and the rest of the Executive as updates require to keep their records current to the master roster.
- (3) He/she shall promote and ensure that people who inquire about the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc. Are given up to date information.
- (4) He/she when called upon by Chapters, Members or Members-at-Large shall answer to that call, if the problem is such that it requires immediate action then He/she shall call on the President to inform him/her of the problem and be advised on what to do.
- (5) Any expenses he/she may acquire shall be authorized by the Executive Board prior to the action requiring the expense, except the cost of reports, mailing and phone costs relating to Red Knights business. Such expenses shall have receipts sent to the International Treasurer prior to being paid.
- (6) He/she shall file on time the Annual Report required by the Letters of Incorporation granted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- (7) He/she shall file all required documents with the United States IRS that are required to be filed under the directions of our non-profit status. He/she is also responsible to ensure that the IRS has the current Treasurers Name, and Address on file so that all required forms can be mailed to the proper person.

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SECTION: 3:22

SECRETARY: EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Executive Secretary shall have charge of such books, documents and papers as the Executive Board of Directors shall determine and shall have custody of the Corporate seal. He/she shall attend all the meetings of the Executive Board. He/she shall keep and maintain minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board.

He/she shall also have the following additional duties and responsibilities

1. Give adequate notice of meetings to the following:
 1. All Chartered Chapter Presidents
 2. Executive Board of Directors
 3. International Board of Directors
 4. State/Provincial Representatives
2. The secretary shall carry out any duties as required by the Constitution and By-laws. And record all meetings of the Executive Board, Annual meetings and Special meetings that may be called as per the Constitution and By-laws of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc, and report such minutes as required at the Executive and Annual meetings.
3. He/she shall work with the President to set up the agenda for the Executive meetings and Annual meetings
4. He/she shall keep an updated record of:
 1. Roster of all Chapters and Members-at-Large.
 2. Help-A-Knight Directory
 3. Email addresses of Red Knight Members
 4. Constitution and By-laws of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc.
5. He/she shall provide new Chapters with start up kits which will include:
 1. Constitution and By-laws
 2. Membership Cards
 3. Catalog of Red Knights Regalia
 4. The latest International Newsletter
 5. Letter outlining suggested activities for Chapters
 6. A list of names, Addresses, Phone Numbers and Email Addresses of the members of the Executive and Board of Directors, as well as all state and Provincial representatives.
6. He/she shall produce a semi-annual newsletter to be sent to the Presidents of all Chapters following the Americade Executive meeting and prior to the meeting of the Executive in the spring. (This may be done with the assistance of other members of the Executive Board.)
7. He/she shall be responsible to ensure that all materials, supplies, and equipment needed to conduct business at the Annual Convention or any meeting of the Executive Board such as listed below be available:
 - Flags
 - Recordings of National Anthems
 - International Banners
 - Minutes of past meeting
 - Blank ballots in the event of an Election being held

SECTION: 3:22

SECRETARY: EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

8. He/she shall promote and ensure that people who inquire about the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc. Are given up to date information.
9. He/she if requested shall give out applications for both Chapters and Membership-at-Large.
10. He/she when called upon by Chapters, Members or Members-at-Large shall answer to that call, if the problem is such that it requires immediate action then He/she shall call on the President to inform him/her of the problem and be advised on what to do.
11. Any expenses he/she may acquire shall be authorized by the Executive Board prior to the action requiring the expense, except the cost of reports, mailing and phone costs relating to Red Knights business. Such expenses shall have receipts sent to the International Treasurer prior to being paid.

SECTION: 3:23**SECRETARY: INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The International Secretary shall keep a record, containing the names, alphabetically arranged of all persons who are members of the Corporation, Showing their place of residence and Chapter and such records shall be open for inspection as prescribed by law. He shall attend all meetings and maintain minutes of all International Board of Directors meetings. He shall have charge of such books, documents and papers as the International Board of Directors shall determine. He shall be responsible for the notification of all state and Provincial representatives of new Chapters or Members-at-Large coming into effect in their respected areas. With the following additional duties and responsibilities

1. He/she shall carry out any duties as required by the Constitution and By-laws, Shall take minutes at the Board of Directors meetings that may be called by the Chairman of the Board of Directors. And keep records of all Board of Directors meetings, Report the previous meeting reports at the Annual Board of Directors meeting.
2. He/she will work with the Chairman of the Board of Directors to set up the agenda for the Board of Directors meetings at the Annual Convention.
3. He/she shall promote and ensure that people who inquire about the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc. are given up to date information
4. He/she when called upon by Chapters Members or Members-at-Large shall answer to that call, If the problem is such that it requires immediate action then He/she shall call on the President to inform him/her of the problem and be advised on what to do.
5. Any expenses he/she may acquire shall be authorized by the Executive Board prior to the action requiring the expense, except the cost of reports, mailing and phone costs relating to Red Knights business. Such expenses shall have receipts sent to the International Treasurer prior to being paid.

SECTION: 3:23A

STATE AND PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

1. Promote and ensure that all enquires about the Red knights are given up to date information.
2. He/she shall check with Chapters in the State or Province they represent and shall send Semi-annual reports in writing to the Chairman of the Board of Directors.
3. When called upon by Chapters, Members or Members-at-Large in his/her State/Province. He/she shall answer to that call, if the problem is such that it requires immediate action then he/she shall call on the President to inform him/her of the problem and be advised on what to do.
4. The state/provincial representative shall from time to time check with fire departments in their State/Province. To find out if there is interest in any of they're members joining or starting a Red Knights Chapter.
5. The State/Provincial representative shall keep an updated roster of the Chapters in his her State/Province and if any changes are made, notification shall be pasted on to the Executive Secretary for updating the rosters
6. Any expenses shall be authorized by the Executive Board prior to the action requiring the expense, except the cost of reports, mailing and phone costs relating to Red Knights business. Such expenses shall have receipts sent to the Treasurer prior to being paid..

SECTION: 3:23B

NEWS LETTER EDITOR

1. He/she shall report to the President and carry out any duties as required by the Constitution and By-laws, and fulfill any request the president or Executive Board requires of a Newsletter editor.
2. Semi-annually He/she shall produce a newsletter which will be mailed to every member of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc.. this newsletter will be produced after the Annual meeting and after the Spring Executive meeting. (this may be done with the assistance of other members of the Executive Board.)
4. He/she shall promote and ensure that the information on the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc. Webb page is accurate and up to date.
5. Any expenses He/she may acquire shall be authorized by the Executive Board prior to the action requiring the expense, except the cost of reports, mailing and phone costs relating to Red Knights business. Such expenses shall have receipts sent to the International treasurer prior to being paid.

SECTION: 3:24

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be the Executive Committee of the Executive Board of Directors. This committee shall conduct International business of the Red Knights Organization; shall conduct International Business whenever the Corporation is not in session and shall have such duties and powers as may be, from time to time conferred upon it by the Corporation.

SECTION: 3:25

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

The Executive Board and the International Board of Directors may from time to time appoint such other committees as they may deem necessary or advisable for carrying out the purposes and work of the Corporation and delegate to such committee such authority and powers as it may see fit to grant within the limits of the Board's authority. The membership of such committees shall be limited to Active, Social, Associate, and Special Honorary members of the Corporation and the tenure of each committee shall be fixed by the Executive Board of Directors.

SECTION: 3:26

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At least Ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Annual Election meeting of the Corporation, the Executive Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee composed of a Chairman who will be an Active member of the Corporation, and his delegates, who shall present a list of nominations to the Executive Board of Directors to fill whatever vacancies may occur at the Annual Election meeting. The committee shall elect its own Chairman who will report the committee's findings and recommendations to the members present at the meeting, but, such report will not necessarily preclude the nomination of other qualified Active members from the floor of the meeting for vacancies on the Executive Board of Directors.

SECTION 3:26A

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

The duties and powers of the by-laws committee will be responsible for maintaining both by-laws and Rules and Regulations that governs the operations of RKMC. This committee will be responsible for reviewing and updating all changes submitted to the by-laws, including Rules and Regulations.

This committee shall have the authority to make necessary changes in spelling and punctuation that will not alter or change the intent of the by-laws or Rules and Regulations without voting approval of the International body at the annual meeting.

SECTION 3:26B

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

All chapter presidents shall be notified of any by-law or constitution changes within 30 days of the annual RK business meeting.

SECTION: 3:27

**SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL OF MEMBERS
BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Executive Board of Directors may by its own motion, suspend or remove any Chapter for cause. Such action by the Executive Board of Directors shall be effective immediately. In all cases, the Executive Board of Directors shall notify such Chapter of their suspension or removal by mailing by Certified Mail, a notice of the Board's action to the chapter's last know address. Any Chapter so removed or suspended shall be granted a reconsideration hearing before the International Board of Directors if such a hearing is requested in writing by registered mail to the International Board of Directors at International Headquarters within thirty (30) days of their receipt of the notice of suspension or removal. The Chapter suspended or removed shall have the right to submit written documentation and appear before the International Board of Directors at the Reconsideration Hearing. The International Board shall issue its final decision within sixty (60) days of the date of such hearing.

SECTION: 3:28

**SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL OF
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER**

The International Executive Board of Directors may by its own motion, suspend or remove any member of the International Executive Board for such for cause. Such action by the International Executive Board shall be effective immediately, pending further investigation. Any member suspended or removed from their position shall be notified by registered mail within 15 days. In all cases the International Executive Secretary shall notify all Chapters of the suspension or removal of the person from that position. Any person suspended or removed shall be granted a reconsideration hearing before the International Executive Board of Directors or a Special Committee appointed by the International Executive Board, if such a hearing is requested in writing, to be sent to the International Headquarters, postmarked within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice of suspension or removal. The Board member suspended or removed shall have the right to submit documentation and appear before the International Executive Board of Directors at the Reconsideration Hearing. The International Board and/or the Special Committee appointed shall issue its final decision within sixty (60) days of the date of such hearing.

SECTION 3:28A

REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION OF A MEMBER

Any chapter who removes or suspends a member for just cause – shall within (30) days notify the President of the International in writing as to the members name, address, phone number and chapter, giving full details for the removal or suspension.

SECTION 3:29

DECLARING A VACANCY IN OFFICE

A vacancy in office may be declared by the Executive Board if a member of the Executive Board or Board of Directors has an inexcused absences for three (3) or more meetings or if a member becomes inattentive to the duties of the office he/she holds.

ARTICLE IV

CHAPTERS

SECTION 4:01

All chapters must be established by the International Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws relating to the granting of Charters for the formation of chapters. A chapter so established may exercise full power and authority of Chapter business to the extent that the transaction of Chapter business is consistent with the by-laws of the International. Each Chapter may adopt by-laws for the conduct of its business. Chapter Government is responsible for the organization of Corporate activities at the Chapter level, including without limitations, the collection of International dues from its members and overseeing the requirement of its membership and compliance by its members with the overall purpose of International. Any proposed Chapter of a state or province applying for a Charter of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc. will be designated under a state or province identification with the next consecutive number as approved by the International Board of Directors.

SECTION: 4:02 **CHAPTER OFFICERS**

Chapter Officers shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Road Captain. Other positions may be established and elected as determined by the Chapter members in accordance with elections which are consistent with the by-laws of the International. Only Active members may hold the Office President and Vice-President of a chapter. The Offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be held by Adult Active/Social members provided that there are no Active members available to hold those positions. An individual person may hold both the Secretary and Treasurer's office. The powers and duties of the International Officer's as outlined in these by-laws, with respect to Chapter business.

SECTION: 4:03 **COMMITTEES**

Chapter committees may be established in accordance with procedures set out in these by-laws for the establishment of International Committees, except that such committees shall be established under the authority of Chapter Officers.

SECTION: 4:04 **ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP**

Active membership shall be available to Active and Retired firefighting personnel presently owning or having access to a motorcycle and hold a valid motorcycle license.

SECTION: 4:05
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate membership shall be offered to a person who has been proposed, in writing, for such membership and accepted in good standing and in the opinion of a majority of the Executive Board, has substantially contributed to the promotion of the Red Knights, for a minimal period of six (6) months. Final approval shall be by a majority vote of the Corporation membership at the Annual meeting. Associate membership shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the existing Active membership.

SECTION: 4:06
SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP

Social membership shall be the spouse; boyfriend (1); or girlfriend (1); Sons and Daughters of Active, Associate, or Members-At-Large. Social members of Associate or Members-At-Large may not hold office or vote.

SECTION: 4:07
SPECIAL HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Each Chapter may grant special Honorary Membership status to a member of a recognized religion for the position of Chapter Chaplain. Honorary membership may also be granted to a civic or business leader who does volunteer work for the Chapter. Honorary Membership may also be granted to the widow or widowers of an Active or Associate member. An honorary member shall not hold office or vote in the affairs of the Chapter.

SECTION: 4:08
CHARTER MEMBER

Effective September 9, 1989 the Charter Rocker shall be worn **ONLY** by an **ACTIVE** member of any Chapter. Charter members shall be restricted to **ACTIVE** members only of the **ORIGINAL** Chartering or to any **ACTIVE** member of that Chapter joining, not to exceed one (1) year from the date of the Chartering; with approval of the Chapters Board of Directors. A Charter member of any chapter who moves or transfers his membership to another chapter may retain his charter member rocker.

SECTION: 4:09
COMPASIONATE HONORARY MEMBER

This shall be given to the surviving spouse or partner of any member of a chapter be they an Active, Associate, or Honorary member.

This membership would be presented by the chapter for a tenure of it's desire, there shall be no dues payable on this category of membership to the International organization.

This will allow a surviving spouse or partner to continue to be part of the fraternal family of the chapter without placing a financial burden on the chapter.

ARTICLE V

DUES

SECTION: 5:01 INTERNATIONAL DUES

All new members shall be assessed a first year membership and initiation fee as set forth by the corporate membership at the annual meeting, payable to Treasurer of the executive Board of Directors.

It shall be the responsibility of each Chapter to collect the individual members dues and submit such funds along with an alphabetical roster of the members. Showing their current address, phone number, and email address if they have one as well as their membership status and any executive position they may hold in the local chapter to the Executive Treasurer. Annual assessment for **RENEWALS of all MEMBERSHIP** classifications as set forth by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, Shall be submitted to the Executive Treasurer no later than March 31st of each year. Members who fail to renew their membership on or before such date of each year shall be considered new members and assessed a new membership fee.

SECTION: 5:02 CHAPTER DUES

Each Chapter of the International may assess an Annual membership fee as the Chapters may deem necessary.

SECTION: 5:03 (REPEALED AUGUST 18, 2001) Vote of 19 Yes – 0 No -1 Abstain PUBLICITY ACCOUNT

There shall be an amount set up and kept separate from the general fund to maintain continuing publicity and advertising to promote the Red Knights International. This fund shall be profits from designated raffles, drawings and special projects. Release of these funds shall be at the discretion of the International Executive Board.

SECTION: 5:03A (REPEALED AUGUST 18, 2001) Vote of 19 Yes –0 No – 1 Abstain PUBLICITY ACCOUNT

Funds from the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club publicity account shall also be used to support the postage and printing of a BI-yearly newsletter. Each member shall receive this informative newsletter at the address supplied to the International by their Chapter The purpose of this newsletter is to keep all members informed and interested.

ARTICLE VI

FORMAT FOR ANNUAL MEETING

SECTION: 6:01 MEETING RULES

- A. Meeting shall be held under Robert's rules of Order unless inconsistent with the Constitution and By-laws of the Corporation.
- B. Each member speaking on a subject shall be limited to two opportunities to speak with no more than five (5) minutes each on that subject, answering questions not inclusive.
- C. Only topics on the agenda will be discussed
- C. An Independent Moderator shall be selected by the Executive Board of Directors for the purpose of controlling order.
- D.

SECTION: 6:02

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING

- A. Any topic wished to be discussed at the Annual meeting must be sent to the Executive Board of Directors no later than ninety (90) days before the annual meeting.
- B. Motions to be placed on the agenda must be sponsored by a Chapter. The meeting date and count of votes must accompany motions sent to Executive Secretary Board of Directors for it to be placed on the agenda.
- C. The agenda will be sent to all Chapters sixty (60) days prior to the meeting. This will allow each Chapter unable to attend, time to send any written statements they would like read.
- D. Any unpublished topic may be discussed under New Business and may be acted upon by the Corporation at that time.

SECTION 6:03

VOTING

- A. All Chapters in good standing will have ONE (1) equal vote on each motion presented on the floor of the meeting.
- B. Votes taken at the meeting will be final.
- C. votes taken will be taken on a roll call basis and kept on record sheets and will be forwarded to all Chapters by the Executive Secretary.
- E. All votes will be held binding on both Executive and International Board of Directors and they will enact all business of the meeting as soon as possible.

SECTION: 6:04

RECESS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Five (5) minutes recess after motion to move the question has passed for Chapter discussion before voting on the motion.
- B. Meeting may be recessed at any time by vote of majority present subject to Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VII

DISCRIMINATION

SECTION: 7:01 **GENERAL**

All references herein to the masculine Gender shall include the Feminine Gender where appropriate. The captions appearing in this instrument are for purposes of easy reference and shall not be considered a part thereof, or in any way to modify, amend or affect the provisions hereof.

No one shall be denied membership because of race, religion, color, National origin, sex, political affiliation, or disability.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

SECTION: 8:01

These by-laws may be proposed for repealment or amendment at any meeting of the Corporation or the Executive Board of Directors and voted on at the next scheduled Annual meeting by the members of the Corporation. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote is required for passage of any by-law amendments from those present and eligible to vote, providing "Adequate Notice" of the proposed action setting forth the substance thereof has been given to all voting members in writing with the call of the meeting.

On a motion made and seconded, it was voted to accept these by-laws and move forth in the proper order of business, this Nineteenth day of September, 1987

Constitution & by-laws Updated 24 August 2002
Approved by International By-laws Committee
Voted on by the Membership at the
Warwick, Rhode Island Convention August 24, 2002

This is an amended copy of the original September, 1987

Red Knights Motorcycle Club Rules And Regulations

- Section 1:** Members shall conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect credit upon themselves, their department, and the Red Knights.
- Section 2:** Members will obey all traffic laws at all times.
- Section 3:** Members shall keep their motorcycle in good safe operating condition at all times, also, when riding on the road, all motorcycles will be street legal.
- Section 4:** Members should go out of their way to assist the motorcycling public and shall endeavor at all times to improve the image of motorcyclists.
- Section 5:** When on club runs, each member shall be under the direction of the "ROAD CAPTAIN", and his/her assistant, regarding formation, traffic control and routes of travel, etc.
- Section 6:** The Executive Board and Road Captain of each Chapter shall keep a membership list, and it is their responsibility to keep it updated.
- Section 7:** Each member shall be allowed to wear the club uniform whenever he or she is riding, or at other times, but shall not do anything to discredit it. No abusive alcoholic beverages, while riding a motorcycle, and wearing any Red Knight clothing, or apparel, that will identify that person as a member of the Red Knights will be tolerated.
- Section 8:** It is requested that all Red Knight insignias shall be removed from any motorcycle, automobile, helmet, clothing, etc., prior to the sale of the same to a non-member.
- Section 9:** Upon conflict between Rules and Regulations, the Chapter having a question may submit it in writing to the President for consideration by the Executive. The ruling of the Executive shall be binding on all concerned parties.
- Section 10:** Any member wishing to grieve, complain, seek an interpretation, etc., from International, may communicate directly with International. The chain of command shall always be used. The member may meet with the Chapters Board of Directors, deliver his or her complaint, to any member of the Board. If it cannot be resolved within the Chapter, the President will convey the same to the State/Province Representative. If the situation is not resolved at this level, the State or Province Representative will convey to the International Executive Board of Directors.
- Section 11:** If available within his or her State or Province, any Active Member who wishes to obtain Red Knights Registration Plates for their motorcycles may do so providing that person conforms to Article 4:04 of the International by-laws. It is the responsibility of each Chapter President to assign RK numbers to its Members and to forward this list to the State Or Province Representative for final International authorization.

Section 12: These Rules and Regulations may be amended at a meeting by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Chapters present, and eligible to vote, provided notice of the proposed action, setting forth the substance, therefore, has been given to all Members, by the President, directing the Secretary to send out notices of the proposed action.

The following listed sections of the by-laws were amended or added in accordance with Section 12 on the dates indicated.

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- SECTION: 3:17** (Revised: August 19, 2000) **President: Executive Board of Directors**
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- SECTION: 3:18** (Revised 19 August 1995) **Chairman: International Board of Directors**
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