

KNIGHTS ON BIKES



KNIGHTS ON BIKES INTERNATIONAL

By Laws and Policies

Under the

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



KNIGHTS ON BIKES

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“In God We Trust and Ride”

“In Service to One, In Service to All”

“Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism”

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The officers that have been appointed or voted into office have been so for their Leadership and should be respected. Should you feel you would do a better job, next time there is a vote then run for office. Do not undermine the current Leadership.

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ARTICLE ONE (I) – IDENTITY and BY-LAWS

SECTION 1: The Official Name shall be stated and or be recognized as the Knights on Bikes, and or “K on B”.

SECTION 1.1: We operate as a program under the Knights of Columbus - Supreme and or State Leadership,

SECTION 1.2: The Knights on Bikes By-Laws are developed in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Constitution, the Supreme and State Boards,

SECTION 2: The logo for the Knights on Bikes shall be acknowledged and implemented as shown in this instrument.

SECTION 2.1 The Logo shall not be amended or altered, except in conjunction with the proper Diocese Name.

SECTION 3: The By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Membership at the “K on B” International Assembly / Rally / Convention,

SECTION 3.1: Resolutions - Amendments of the By-Laws

1. Throughout the year each Diocese may submit Resolutions to its State/Province,
2. The State/Provincial Presidents along with the National President and Vice-President shall consider which will be forwarded to the International Assembly,

SECTION 4: **Who We Are: Our RECONIGNTION:**

1. AT NO TIME WILL BE CONSIDERED A MOTORCYCLE CLUB (MC), MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION, or A GANG.
2. WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THAT RIDE MOTORCYCLES (2-wheeled or 3-Wheeled Trike configuration),
 - i. ANYONE CAN RIDE WITH US WITH PERMISSION OF THE: Ride / Event Coordinator, ROAD CAPTAIN, DIOCESE, STATE / PROVINCIAL, NATIONAL PRESIDENT. If any member objects to a rider, he should advise the Leader,
 - ii. WE IN-TURN CAN RIDE WITH ANYONE OR ANY GROUP THAT DOES NOT OBJECT,
3. WE ARE RECOGNIZED WORLDWIDE BY OUR VEST,

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ARTICLE TWO (II) - PURPOSE

SECTION 1: The purposes of the Knights on Bikes are:

- i. To show our catholic faith, and to enjoy camaraderie of with our fellow brother Knights of Columbus, and as motorcycle riders.
- ii. To assist the Catholic Church, any Knight, any individuals, charity and the communities in which we live by our charitable work and leadership.
- iii. To promote the spiritual needs of our Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and encourage, increase, and strengthen our faith, fellowship and service.

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ARTICLE THREE (III) – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: First and foremost, we are Members of the Knights of Columbus, in good standing as per the Knights of Columbus Constitutions and the Councils' Membership Role,

- i. and shall maintain that mission and goal, of the Knights of Columbus,
- ii. shall honor and practice our spiritual belief,
- iii. this organization shall not conflict with our religious or civil duties,

SECTION 1.1: Membership is Diocese Based, therefore the “K on B” crest will show which Diocese you are in,

SECTION 1.2: Only NATIONAL – STATE DIOCESE as recognized by the Jurisdictional Conference of Catholic Bishops shall be OFFICIALLY recognized under and by the “Knights on Bikes”,

SECTION 2: All members of Knights on Bikes must, or shall be, and maintain their KofC Membership:

- i. as a “MEMBER in GOOD STANDING” as per the KofC Constitution,
- ii. be a Member in good standing in his Council with all dues current,
- iii. be active within his council, and or Diocese,
- iv. maintain and notify the Diocese or National President of any contact information changes,

SECTION 3: Any new members:

1. shall be active within his Knights of Columbus Council.
2. attend rides and, or events being held by the “K on B” or the Knights of Columbus,
2. The new members' sponsor will be responsible for encouraging the new member to attend and become active with his local council, and “K on B” events,
3. Shall have a Six Month, Candidacy Period, and
 - i. WILL NOT be, or considered to be, or referred to as “a Prospect”,
 - ii. They will be considered a candidate or 1st Degree Knight, and NOT a Member of the “K on B”,
 - iii. After Candidacy Period, the New Member shall be voted In or Out by the Members of the Diocese, State,
 - iv. The National President, may wave the “Candidacy Period” for those in his jurisdiction,

SECTION 4: All present, and or current “K on B” Members that ride and wishes to be an active member, will register by filing an application, and then may purchase these crests, from the Designated National Supplier with the understanding and acceptance that the following are the property of the Knights on Bikes and must be returned {without reimbursement} upon written request to the Diocese or National President,

1. Diocese Crest,
2. Gold Cross,

SECTION 4.1: Any Member of the Knights of Columbus and, or Knights on Bikes may purchase these crests, at any time,

1. Large KofC Crest,
2. Small KofC Crest,
3. State or Provincial Flag Crest,
4. National Flag Crest,

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ARTICLE THREE (III) – MEMBERSHIP - Continued

SECTION 5: Members must own and ride, a highway rated motorcycle as per their local authority:

1. In the event you are unable to ride (for any reasons except for disciplinary reasons) you still must attend “K on B” gatherings in area to be considered an active “K on B” member,
2. If you no longer own a bike or intend on owning one within 6 months, or have been released for disciplinary reasons, you will still be a Worthy Knight of Columbus Member, but will be dropped from the “K on B” roster and must return the stated property of the “K on B”,

SECTION 6: All membership forms and information must be forwarded to their National “K on B” to be entered in their Data Bank.

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ARTICLE FOUR (IV) – K on B Members Vest and Usage and Formal Attire

SECTION 1: The Base Material of the Knights on Bikes Vest will be as follows:

1. Black Leather,
2. or Black denim cloth.
3. or Black Textile,

SECTION 2: Official Location and or Placement of all and any Crests on Knights on Bikes Vest shall be;

- i. Gold Cross – On Back between the shoulder blades,
- ii. Large KofC Crest - {not smaller than 10 inches} be centered from lower part of cross and the bottom of the vest,
- iii. Small KofC Crest - {4 inch} front left chest side,
- iv. National Flag - Left Side above the Small KofC Emblem,
 - a. Military Veteran may add the word “VET” above or according to their Nations protocol for display,
 - b. If a resident of any other country, his National Flag crest SHALL be situated according to the Nations protocol,
- v. “K on B” Member Diocese Crest - front right chest,
- vi. State or Provincial Flag – Above the Diocese Crest and in line with the National Flag,
- vii. Fourth Degree Emblem – Front and below the KofC Emblem,
- viii. Any Former or Past or Official Recognized KofC Position Crest - front and below Diocese Crest,
- ix. Any other suitable or appropriate crest may be affixed to the FRONT of the vest at any location other than what is described above.
- x. There shall be NO ADDITIONAL CRESTS, LOGO, etc. shown on the BACK of the VEST,

SECTION 2.1: any questions or concerns about any “Crests / Logos / Ensigns / Pins, etc. should be forwarded to the National President, prior to placement,

SECTION 2.2: any “Crests / Logos / Ensigns / Pins etc. found to be detrimental shall be removed,

SECTION 2.3: May be worn or shown by any Member of the Knights on Bikes while he is a Member in Good Standing with the ‘K on B’, and his Council and the Knights of Columbus,

SECTION 2.4: No one will be required to wear the vest at all times even when riding, either alone or in groups. Shall be used at your own discretion, and but should be used while participating in ‘K on B’ rides or functions. (unless otherwise instructed by SP, or if weather is over 90 degrees),

SECTION 2.5: The Vest may also be worn to any church Mass or KofC functions, even if you are not riding at said time.

SECTION 3: The LISTED CRESTS and or EMBLEMS in any form are the property of the KNIGHTS on BIKES, and shall be returned {without reimbursement} to the Diocese or National President upon request,

- I. The Diocese Crest,
- II. The Gold Cross,
- III. KNIGHTS ON BIKES – In God We Trust and Ride,
- IV. Knights Lady Crest,

SECTION 3.1: New Members can only obtain and use these after they have been voted in, or at the discretion, and or direction of the National President,

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ARTICLE FOUR (IV) – K on B Members Vest and Usage and Formal Attire - Continued

SECTION 4: RECOMMENDED Formal Attire for the Knights on Bikes to be as follows:

1. Full “K on B” **Formal Attire/Dress** -- White collared long sleeved dress shirt under “K on B” Vest (or of material accepted by the “K on B” National Guidelines); White-Gloves; Black pants (black-denim optional); Black Belt; & Black Boots, and an OPITIONAL Black Beret which shall be per State,
 - i. It is **recommended** the following **Formal Attire/Dress** with the similar (but not identical) guidelines for the Knights on Bikes as follows:
 - ii. The wearing of “**K on B**” **Formal Attire/Dress** is an attempt to complement the 4th degree Regalia of KofC fallouts during official fallouts and to bring attention to the “K on B” at separate events, but “K on B” **Formal Attire/Dress** is **not** limited to just 4th Degree Knights, & also serves other purposes.
 - iii. It separates us from any other motorcycle club and “sets us apart” (which is the definition of being holy: ***to be set apart for sacred purpose***). And it also allows us to evangelize without words, in that people immediately recognize us as Catholic, and as KofC, and as Members on motorcycles who do charity and works for the Catholic Church, the community, and its membership.
 - iv. The Knights on Bikes member who is wearing the **Formal Attire/Dress** may attend the function along with the 4th Degree Honor Guard is participating in, **BUT NOT AS PART** of the 4th Degree Honor Guard **during** the formal event, and only with the permission and direction of the Honour Guard Commander.
2. We also do not always wear the “**K on B**” **Formal Attire/Dress** when we ride as a group. A lot of times we ride as we are with just our vests. But can & is encouraged during events while being seen in Public community events (such as Christmas Parades).
3. Priests and deacons will wear a black long/short sleeved clerical shirt in lieu of the white shirt.
4. Since it is purely optional for the ‘K on B’ member to have the “K on B” vest, the Formal Attire/Dress is SUGGESTED & IS NOT MANDATORY and IS PURLEY OPTIONAL for our “K on B” members.
5. it is not mandated that anyone be obligated to follow the “K on B” Formal Attire rules, if he does not possess the “K on B” Formal Attire,

SECTION 5: Ladies Vests & Formal Attire/Dress Guidelines:

1. Wives of Members are encouraged to participate with the Member,
2. The Ladies “K on B” vest can be obtained and made up for the wives, the “Ladies CREST Packet” purchased from the Designated National Supplier,
3. The “Ladies Crest” Crest shall be organized and placed in the same manner, as the Membership Crest Packet obtained and installed by the member himself.
 - i. with the Large circular crest on the back in lieu of the large “Emblem of the Order,”
 - ii. the smaller Ladies Crest in lieu of the member’s Diocesan Crest,
 - iii. **At NO TIME Shall the “Emblem of the Order” be placed on the Ladies Vest,**

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ARTICLE FIVE (V) – Chain of Command

Section 1: The following shall be the Chain of Command for the Knights on Bikes:

1. The Founders of the Knights on Bikes Organization will always be held in high regards,
2. The National President, will be the command for his Nation, followed by:
 - i. National Vice-President,
3. State President (SP),
 - i. Any Assistants or Chairman the SP determines necessary to appoint to a position for the short term which can include, but limited to the follow,
 - a. Assistant-Director – State Vice-President (SVP),
 - b. “K on B” Membership & Recruitment Coordinator,
 - c. Any position the SP deems necessary to create or appoint for the proper operations of the “K on B” within their jurisdiction,
4. Diocesan Chairman – President of Diocese (POD)
 - i. Any Diocesan Leader the POD determines necessary to appoint to a position which can include,
 - a.) Vice-Chairman of the Diocese (VPOD)
 - b.) Diocesan Ride Captain/Coordinator,
 - c.) Any position the POD deems necessary to create & appoint for the proper operation of “K on B” Diocesan Business,
5. Council Captain (CC) who is ultimately appointed to the position by the specific Councils Grand Knight who is recommended to him by the Local “K on B” State Director, or Diocesan Chairman, but the Council Captain must be a “K on B” Member in Good Standing to hold that position.

Section 2: The appointment of the Director/SP will be by the National President of “K on B”.

- i. The members of the local “K on B” State membership by means of ballot will submit a recommendation to the National President.

Section 3: The appointment of the Assistant Directors/POD will be by the Knights on Bikes Director/State President.

- i. The members of their local “K on B” Diocese membership by means of ballot will submit a recommendation to the Director.

Section 4: Should the need arise (such as an internal complaint) the Chain of Command needs to be followed within the Knights on Bikes when issuing or filing a complaint. Should it be decided to deviate from this Chain of Command the complaint will be considered Null and Void.

- i. If that position is not used, or is vacate the next level is used,

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ARTICLE FIVE (V) – Chain of Command - Continued

The Chain of Command when a complaint is filed will be as follows:

- a. First step- Council Captain
- b. Second step- Diocese VP
- c. Third step-Diocese President
- d. Fourth step- State VP
- e. Fifth step- State President
- f. Sixth Step- National VP for affected Time Zone
- g. Seventh and Final Step for USA will be the National President.

Once the issue reaches the National level, conversations will take place with whom the National President deems relevant to the matter, and the decision will be made should it not be settled at the lower chain of command.

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ARTICLE SIX (VI) – MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1: Use of Knights of Columbus, and or, Knights on Bikes Name and, or Symbols:

- i. Any organized ride, or function, or event, that is being planned, or held, or hosted, under the name of the Knights of Columbus, or the Knights on Bikes, shall included in that event, or function or ride the following events, or items,
 1. Mass,
 2. Blessing of the bikes,

It is recognized that not all Participates at these “K on B” or KofC Events will participate in either the Mass and or the Blessing or both,

- ii. all members of the Knights on Bikes shall conduct themselves in a manner appropriate and fitting as a Knight of Columbus member.

SECTION 2: “K on B” Members should participate in four (4) Scheduled and Organized rides/events throughout the year following the Principals of the Knights of Columbus. Preferable as a group with Council, District, Diocese, Zone, State, or Nationally:

- i. Charity
- ii. Unity
- iii. Fraternity
- iv. Patriotism

SECTION 3: The ORDERS PRINCIPLES Rides/Events can be Diocese or State or National organized or recognized as such,

SECTION 4: Therefore, each Member of each Diocese of each State can decide upon their own which rides/events to participate in, under the four (4) principles.

SECTION 5: Memorial and Honour Ceremonies of Deceased Members of Knights on Bikes in Good Standing,

- i. At least 3 Masses should be celebrated within a year after death.
- ii. 1 of the Masses should be held as a ride to the members Parish, with notice to All Members of the Date and Time and Location so that as many Members as possible can attend,

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ARTICLE SEVEN (VII) - DISCIPLINE

SECTION 1: No “K on B” Member shall be a “MEMBER” in any way or form with any known and or unknown “OUTLAW – MOTORCYCLE CLUB” which also includes but not limited to any known and or unknown:

- i. Sisters Clubs and or groups of,
- ii. Associated Clubs and or groups of,
- iii. Masonic Clubs and or groups,

SECTION 1.1: Failure to comply shall result with immediate expulsion from the “K on B”, as well as actions from the KofC Constitution - CHAPTER XVIII - MISCONDUCT AND NONFEASANCE OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS,

SECTION 2: Other Violations that require discipline may result in suspension, up to and including discharge from Knights on Bikes,

1. Misuse of any media in any form of inappropriate language, inappropriate photos/pictures, slanderous remarks against any Member Brother of the Knights of Columbus,
2. “K on B” Facebook pages or websites is for Knights on Bikes business only,
3. Malicious acts that may cause any harm to any member or family member,
4. Any acts that would bring embarrassment or slander upon the Knights of Columbus or Knights on Bikes,
5. Inappropriate public display unbecoming of a Knights of Columbus or Knights on Bikes Member,
6. Any attempts to cause problems for “K on B” in any other Jurisdictions, Diocese, States or Countries is strictly prohibited and will result in discharge,
7. Physical threats to a member will result in discharge,
8. All reports of misconduct will be investigated to the best of our ability and settled as timely as possible,
9. Suspensions will be not less than three (3) months then reviewed by State and Diocesan President for readmittance,
10. All discharge cases will be brought to the National Officers with the National President making the final ruling under consideration of National VP and State President.

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ARTICLE EIGHT (VIII) – ELECTIONS of JURISDICTIONAL OFFICERS

SECTION 1: All Elected “terms of Office” shall be for Two {2} Years,

SECTION 1.1: Elections shall be conducted and completed prior to the “K on B” International Rally,

SECTION 2: All “REGISTERED” or listed Members shall be entitled to vote, in accordance to their:

- a. Nation,
- b. State,
- c. Diocese,
- d. Local Area or Council District,

SECTION 3: The Elections shall be “CALLED” by the National President,

SECTION 3.1: The ELECTION PATTERN shall be;

- National President,
- National Vice Presidents, {as required}
- State President,
- State Vice Presidents, {as required}
- Diocese President,
- Diocese Vice Presidents, {as required}
- Local Area or Council District Director, {as required}

SECTION 3.2: The National President in conjunction with the National Vice-Presidents shall “CONDUCT” and oversee “ALL” Elections,

SECTION 3.3: Once the “STATE” Level Officers are “Elected”, they will assist with the Diocese and Local Elections,

SECTION 3.4: Once the “DIOCESE” Level Officers are “Elected”, they will assist with the Local or Council Elections,

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ARTICLE NINE (IX) – NOMENCLATURE

SECTION 1: The “K on B” shall provide translations of the appropriate words and terms,
i. The languages shall follow the Knights of Columbus,

SECTION 2: The following is the “Official” accepted and only allowed English / French Translation:

- Knights of Columbus > Chevaliers de Colomb
- KofC > CdeC
- Knights on Bikes > Chevalier à Moto
- KonB > KonB {Diocese Crest}
- In God we Trust and Ride > En Dieu, Nous Croyons et Roulons
- President of > Président de
- State > E’tat
- Diocese > Diocèse

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ARTICLE TEN (X) – BOARD of DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: The Official and Recognised Executive Board of the Knights on Bikes shall be,

- i. the elected International and National Presidents,
- ii. the elected or appointed International and National Vice Presidents,

SECTION 1.1: The “K on B” Executive Board may produce and issue “STANDARDS and PROCEDURES and or GUIDELINES and or POLICIES” as needed to ensure the integrity, of the “K on B”,

SECTION 1.2: Any such “STANDARDS and PROCEDURES and or GUIDELINES, and or POLICIES” shall apply as directed or indicated,

SECTION 1.3: Any such “STANDARDS and PROCEDURES and or GUIDELINES and or POLICIES” may be implemented into the By-Laws, till passed at the next “Official International Rally”,

SECTION 2: The “K on B” Executive Board may amend the By-Laws for clarity purposes, providing it doesn’t change the intent of same,

SECTION 2.1: The “K on B” Executive Board may render interpretations and or decisions on the By-Laws, “STANDARDS and PROCEDURES and or GUIDELINES and or POLICIES”, for Directions and the Governances the “K on B”,

SECTION 2.2: These Guidelines may be amended by a majority vote and acceptance of the Founding “K on B” National Charter Members, and “K on B” State Officers that are in Good Standing,

SECTION 3: The “Founders” shall always have voting rights at any Board and, or any jurisdictional meeting,

SECTION 4: Additional authority and rights, at “K on B” meetings:

- i. The National President at any jurisdictional meeting within that Nation,
- ii. the State President at any jurisdictional meeting within that State,
- iii. the Diocese President any Council or Local meeting within that Diocese,

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ENDORSEMENT

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