

Constitution

Of The

Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club, Chapter 36

ARTICLE I

Name and Authority

The name of this organization shall be the **Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club, Chapter 36** and hereafter referred to as the **GKMMC**. They shall have the authority to operate on Patrick AFB only with the consent of the installation commander. Operation depends on compliance with the requirements and conditions of this charter, Air Force instructions, installation instructions, state laws and associated by-laws and all applicable directives and policies.

The GKMMC is affiliated with the Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club of McGuire AFB, New Jersey, Chapter 1, and shall be recognized as The Green Knights, Chapter 36. The logo and "The Green Knights" name is a legal trademark of Mr. Adam F. Buehler, a government employee stationed at McGuire AFB, New Jersey.

ARTICLE II

Purpose, Goals and Objectives

PURPOSE: To establish and maintain a spirit of comradeship and esprit de corps that will enhance the prestige of all motorcycle riders, encourage on-going rider education and skills development, and reduce the potential of motorcycle mishaps. Set an example for all personnel according to the standards, traditions and customs of the United States Armed Forces. To operate and conduct itself in a manner that provides equal opportunity and treatment for all motorcyclists.

GOALS:

1. The GKMMC will seek to improve morale, promote rider awareness and skills improvement. The GKMMC will seek to enhance the base and local community relationship through community service efforts and events by unifying and combining the unique and individual talents of the GKMMC members.

2. Each member is encouraged to actively participate, to support the objectives of the GKMMC by setting a positive example and to promote the safety and welfare of all members.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Provide each member with the collective knowledge, experience and influence of the GKMMC positively affecting motorcycling on and off the installation.

2. Improve rider skills through mentorship for new riders and continuing education for all riders.

3. Establish an effective means of communication with all members to exchange ideas and keep attuned to changes in attitudes and behaviors of installation riders.

4. Promote the positive status of motorcycle riders of all services in the United States Armed Forces.

5. Promote and support safety recognition programs.

6. Introduce new riders to the GKMMC and familiarize them with the goals and objectives of the GKMMC.

7. Promote social gatherings upon the base as well as with local community leaders.

8. Plan for and promote the use of designated driver and other effective DWI prevention programs with all GKMMC sponsored, organized or attended events where alcoholic beverages will be consumed.

9. Provide a forum wherein any policy, program or problem of interest to the members in general and wing leadership in particular may be discussed freely.

10. Assist in maintaining a high state of group morale and esprit de corps, while encouraging the highest standards of safety, bearing and behavior.

11. Improve the morale and welfare of the GKMMC members and their family members.

12. Invite guest speakers to talk about topics of interest to the members, with emphasis on safety, rider skills and community/family enhancement.

ARTICLE III

Qualification of Members and Dues (Dues not recommended)

SECTION A: Membership in the GKMMC shall be strictly voluntary and without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or handicap. Membership will not be granted to any prospect or member of a known or unknown outlaw motorcycle club. Active members must have a motorcycle endorsement on their license and maintain insurance as required by law. All active duty military members and civilian employees (as required by DoD and service instructions) will have a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Basic Rider Course or Experienced Rider Course completion card. All members must be aware that they are jointly and severally liable for the obligations of the GKMMC. Membership shall consist of five categories as defined below:

1. **Active Member (Green Knight)** Any individual who resides in the military system is eligible for membership. A Green Knight will have full voting privileges, discounts and eligibility to run for President, Vice-President and Sergeant at Arms.

2. **Associate Member (Squire):** Any individual that does not operate a motorcycle, but rides as a passenger. A Squire must be sponsored by a Green Knight in good standing with the GKMMC. A Squire will abide by and be subject to all laws presented in the By-Laws of the GKMMC. A Squire will not have the privilege to vote or run for President, Vice-President or Sergeant at Arms. No Green Knight may sponsor more than two Squires.

3. **New Rider Member (Apprentice):** Any new member who has less than 6 months riding experience upon applying for active membership or is intending to purchase a motorcycle in conjunction with joining the GKMMC. A mentor should be selected from the general membership to observe and advise the new rider for a period of six months. The mentor is selected by an agreed upon decision of the President, Vice President and Sergeant at Arms. After completion of the six month period, with mentor concurrence, the individual becomes an active member. If the mentor feels the Apprentice has not lived up to the principles or rules of the club a majority vote at a membership meeting is necessary for the individual to remain a member of the club.

4. **Honorary Member:** A member the club "adopts: as one of their own. Honorary membership may be extended to any person who obtains majority vote of the active members present at any membership meeting except as mentioned below. They

are not a true member but will be permitted to wear the colors set forth by the GKMMC. Such membership shall be restricted to individuals who have taken positive actions that support the GKMMC's purpose, principles and objectives. Said members will not have privileges but will have the complete protection of the club and its members.

5. Inactive Member: Any individual mentioned above who has not attended a monthly meeting or ride within six months (unless deployed or extended illness). An inactive member is not authorized to vote nor make any motions. However, an inactive member may present information that may be critical to the GKMMC during debates if approved by the President. Individuals will be issued a 30-day delinquency notice prior to being placed on the inactive member roster.

SECTION B: Active participation and support of projects, activities and functions of the GKMMC are encouraged and are the responsibility of every member.

SECTION C: Membership may be denied or withdrawn from active, honorary or inactive members under the conditions prescribed by the officers of the GKMMC in accordance with Article III, sections A and D of this charter and Article I of the by-laws (See Road Captains). Membership may terminate at the written request of the member.

SECTION D: Any member convicted of a DUI/DWI will be suspended from active membership status in the GKMMC, instantly placed in an inactive member status and a formal investigation will be performed by the Sergeant at Arms. Pending the investigation a vote will be taken. Both sides will be allowed to present their sides. Suspension of active membership will be based upon actual loss of base privileges as deemed appropriate by command authorities based on legal authority.

Dues (optional)

The Green Knights is a non-profit club that asks for no dues from its members. GKMMC International recommends no fees or dues to its members. Funds can be raised by fund raisers, selling shirts/coins/Colors (patches). No fees will be assessed until voted upon by members and By-Laws amended accordingly.

Recommend Approval



Vice President

Recommend Approval



Sergeant At Arms

By my hand this document is approved as official

Danny W. Budick

President

1st Ind, 45 MSG/CC

MEMORANDUM FOR GREEN KNIGHTS MILITARY MOTORCYCLE CLUB,
CHAPTER 36

Approved/Disapproved

Pat H. Donley

PATRICK H. DONLEY
Colonel, USAF
Commander

BY-LAWS

The following By-Laws are set forth for the normal operation and administration of the GKMMC and will be directed on and a guide for the GKMMC officers and members.

ARTICLE I

OFFIERS AND THEIR DUTIES, MEMBER DUTIES AND LAWS, AND ELECTIONS

SECTION A: (Elected Officers) The following GKMMC officers will be elected in accordance with the charter of the GKMMC to serve a period of one year. The position of President must be held by an active duty member or DoD civilian employee to maintain continuity with the installation's leadership and assure direct association with the installation's workforce. There are no restrictions for other elected officers. Officer positions are as follow:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Sergeant-At-Arms
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Safety Director
7. Ride Director
8. Road Captains (4 each)

The GKMMC officers' election, removal, powers and responsibilities shall be governed according to the rules contained in "The New Robert's Rules of Order" except when it is inconsistent with this charter and associated by-laws.

SECTION B: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

1. The duties are as follow:
 - a. Manage the GKMMC according to its Charter, By-Laws and "The New Roberts Rules of Order."
 - b. Ensure the standardization of rituals is maintained.

- c. Guide and strengthen newly elected officers and initiate them to the duties levied upon them by their duly appointed positions.
- d. Preside at all membership and special meetings.
- e. Set dates for membership, special and executive committee meetings.
- f. Appoint committee members on a voluntary basis except Nominating Committee.
- g. Appoint members to fill elected officer positions if there are three months or less remaining on present term when the elected officer is unable to complete the current term. A special meeting will be scheduled for a temporary election for the vacant position when more than three months are remaining on their term.
- h. Appoint points of contact (POCs).
- i. Act as GKMMC spokesperson.
- j. Chair Executive Committee.
- k. Authorize expenditures not to exceed \$50 per purchase between scheduled meetings of the membership with the concurrence of the Treasurer.
- l. Establish special committees and appoint committee chairpersons as required.
- m. Distribute a tentative agenda for the next membership meeting.
- n. Appoint officers to the following non-elected positions as he/she sees fit.

(1) MENTOR(S)

(a) Will observe and assist New Rider Members

(b) A mentor is defined as "a trusted counselor or guide". Mentoring therefore is a relationship in which a person with greater experience and wisdom guides another person.

(c) The mentor will use available training and promotional resources to encourage safe responsible riding techniques and skills.

(2) HISTORIAN

- (a) Responsible for collecting, categorizing and preserving all material related to the club
- (b) Preserve and protect original artifacts to the best of their ability
- (c) Make copies of all original information, pictures and artifacts to be kept in a separate location in the event the originals are lost

(3) WEBMASTER

- (a) Maintains the GKMMC web site and ensures all information on the site is current

(4) PHOTOGRAPHER

- (a) Photographs GKMMC events and members participating in/at events.

VICE PRESIDENT

1. The duties are as follows:
 - a. Assume duties of the President in his/her absence.
 - b. Appoints Nominating Committee members.
 - c. Serve as member of Executive Committee.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

1. This position is equivalent to the United States Air Force First Sergeant position.
 - a. Enforce all the rules within the by-laws and ensure club members arrive on time to club events and meeting.
 - b. Empowered to question a rider's actions that may be unbecoming.
 - c. Contact other motorcycle organizations to coordinate joint rides with the President's approval.

SECRETARY

1. The duties are as follows:
 - a. Record the minutes of membership meetings and take attendance.

- b. Distribute meeting minutes within 10 calendar days (via e-mail if capability exists).
- c. Maintain a completed file of GKMMC correspondence.
- d. Issue annual election ballots.
- e. Serve as member of the Executive Committee.
- f. Provide other administrative support required by the GKMMC.
- g. Attest to the authentication of documents and any other actions by the President in the name of the GKMMC.
- h. Maintain a GKMMC e-mail folder (if capability exists).

TREASURER

1. The duties are as follows:

- a. Collect and receipt for membership (if applicable).
- b. Issue and accept membership applications/resignations.
- c. Maintain POC roster and make available to the GKMMC (via e-mail if capability exists).
- d. Maintain GKMMC checking accounts under the guidance of GKMMC International under the rules consistent of a 501 (c) (3) organization
- e. Maintain membership roster and make available to the GKMMC.
- f. Read monthly financial report at each membership meeting.
- g. Provide financial report to the GKMMC (via e-mail if capability exists)
- h. Serve as member of the Executive Committee.

SAFETY DIRECTOR

1. The duties are as follows:
 - a. Ensure all members ride and conduct them in a proper and safe manner.
 - b. Enforce the safety policies of the club through the Sergeant-At-Arms.
 - c. Give a monthly safety tip to the club members and brief riders before any club sanctioned event or ride.

RIDE DIRECTOR

1. The duties are as follows:
 - a. Create rides appropriate to all motorcycle types (cruiser, sport, standard, touring, etc.)
 - b. Research and advertise rides sponsored by other organizations that are consistent with the charter and by-laws of the GKMMC and will not be a threat to the image or safety of the members of the GKMMC.
 - c. Consult with the Safety Director and the Sergeant-At-Arms when creating and coordinating rides.

ROAD CAPTAINS

1. The duties are as follows:
 - a. Lead the GKMMC in formation riding or parades. The Road Captains will give riding instructions to all riders prior to the start of a ride.
 - b. Enforce all rules of group riding.
 - c. Road Captains shall have the unchallenged right to terminate a member's participation in a given ride if he/she feels that member is putting the GKMMC's safety or image at risk. Upon request of a Road Captain, the President may suspend the member pending the lodging of an official complaint. All members have the right to appeal before the members and will abide by the decision of the members—majority rules.

D. One Road Captain will always ride point and set the pace. Another Road Captain will always ride drag to assure the safety of the GKMMC from behind and assist members with mechanical problems.

SECTION C: MEMBERSHIP

MEMBER DUTIES AND LAWS

- a. Members will above all, uphold the basic club principles of charity, honor, truth, respect, support, loyalty and commitment. Any member wishing to join the GKMMC must abide by, embrace and practice these principles; particularly when involved with club or inter-club business. Failure could result in dismissal or suspension.
- b. When representing the club on and off the installation, all members will conduct themselves with the highest regard of the club principles. The club must not be tarnished by unrestrained behavior, disrespect of fellow citizens, or acts that generally reflect poorly on the club's image and reputation.
- c. Members will not endanger the Club or any member by participating in any illegal act or acts. If a member is arrested for illegal activities and if found guilty of the offense(s) they will be dismissed.
- d. Each member serves as a safety officer. Each member is responsible to identify and correct any condition that threatens the welfare of club members or the general public. Any willful act of unsafe riding witnessed by fellow club member(s) could result in denial of membership. Members may plead their case at the next meeting.
- e. Activities will be conducted to encourage participating by all club members and no laws will be enacted which favor or separate members by the type of motorcycle they ride.
- f. No member will ride under an impaired physical condition. It is the member's responsibility to maintain themselves within legal limits imposed by the state in which they are operating a motorcycle, the Department of Defense, the United States Air Force and Patrick AFB. Every member will make every effort to prevent another member from riding in an impaired condition.
- g. Members will always hold the club in the highest regard. A member will never angrily accost, assault or slander any other fellow club member.

- h. Any member that endangers the club, other riders, civilians or another club by riding in an unsafe manner will be automatically dismissed from the club. At the next GKMMC meeting the individual may plead their case before the main body.
- i. If any member asks for assistance every member is expected to do everything within their power to provide aid.
- j. Members will do their best to protect all members of this club. If a member provokes an incident members will do their best to resolve the matter in a peaceful manner and deal with the offending member as quickly as possible. The Sergeant-At-Arms will perform a full investigation and determine if the member will be terminated from the club, sanctions placed upon, or absolved of blame.
- k. Members will embrace and encourage an atmosphere of skill improvement, responsible riding and riding enjoyment and will discourage aggressive, competitive and potentially destructive riding behaviors.

SECTION D: ELECTIONS, VOTING AND OFFICER REMOVAL

ELECTIONS

Election of GKMMC officers shall be done annually during the August general membership meeting. The GKMMC Vice President, at the December membership meeting, will appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least three members. The committee will deliver to the July regular membership a "Candidate Affidavit of Eligibility and Solicitation of Office" proposal. Members seeking to serve as officers of the GKMMC will have until the July regular membership meeting to return to the Nomination Committee a completed affidavit. The committee will submit a slate of candidates and accept nominations from the floor at the August membership meeting. Floor nominations will not be accepted unless the candidate is present and verbally accepts or has provided an affidavit to the Nomination Committee. Nominees must have enough retainability to complete the term for which they are being nominated. If a member of the Nominating Committee becomes a candidate, that member shall be removed from the committee and a new member shall be appointed.

VOTING

Voting for the election of officers will be by secret ballot. Voting on all other GKMMC business will be by a show of hands with the majority ruling or as stated below. Ballots for the annual election will be provided to all members in good standing. Any member with outstanding debt to the club may obtain a ballot prior to the election by

paying their outstanding balances. For those active members unable to attend the August general membership meeting, absentee ballots may be obtained from the GKMMC secretary. Members of the nominating committee will tabulate ballots. The candidate for each position with the most votes wins.

OFFICER REMOVAL

GKMMC officers may be removed from office for cause with due process, as necessary, by request of the two-thirds of the active membership in the form of a signed petition.

ARTICLE II COLORS

COLORS (large patch only)

- a. Colors are the property of the GKMMC
- b. Trademark use has been granted to all GKMMC chapters and its members.
- c. Non-members do not have the permission to wear colors unless the GKMMC has given exclusive permission and is willing to take responsibility for the member.
- d. Active members are highly encouraged to wear their colors to all GKMMC events, rides and meetings.
- e. If a member is officially representing the club they will be required to wear their colors.
- f. The colors will be worn on the back of the outer most garments; not displayed on the front. The front area is encouraged to display individual patches.
- g. Additional patches may be purchased by members (in good standing) thru the Green Knights Motorcycle Club.
- h. When a member leaves the chapter they may petition to retain their colors. A written letter must be submitted to one of the chapter's officers within 30 days of leaving. Colors are property of the GKMMC at all times.

ARTICLE III MEETING OF THE GKMMC

SECTION A: (General Membership Meeting) Shall be held once a year, in August, for the purpose of electing new officers, disseminating other business and inviting new

riders to join. To convene a general membership meeting, a quorum of one-fourth (1/4) or more of the active membership is necessary. Motions/solutions and revisions/amendments will carry a simple majority of positive votes except when the issue involves a request for complete written financial reports. In this exceptional case a two-thirds (2/3) majority of positive votes is required.

SECTION B: (Regular Membership Meeting) Shall be held once a month as so stated in the by-laws for the purpose of conducting business that may be brought before the GKMMC, listening to guest speakers, etc. To convene a regular membership meeting, a quorum of one-fourth (1/4) percent or more of the active membership is necessary. Motions/resolutions and revisions/amendments will carry a simple majority of positive votes except when the issue involves a request for complete written financial reports. In this exceptional case a two-thirds (2/3) majority of positive votes is required.

ARTICLE IV REVISIONS, ADOPTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND REVIEW

SECTION A: (Revisions/Adoptions) The adoption and or revision of this charter and associated by-laws require the approval of a majority of positive votes of the active members present at any meeting, provided a two-week oral or written notice is given the GKMMC. Any revision to this charter and associated by-laws will not conflict with any installation or higher headquarters directives. This charter and associated by-laws will not take effect until reviewed by the first acting and or subsequent elected positions of the President, Vice President, Sergeant-At-Arms, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION B: (Amendments) This charter and associated by-laws may be amended or abolished in whole or in part by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of positive votes of the active members present at any meeting, provided a two-week oral or written notice is given to the GKMMC. Any amendments to this charter and associated by-laws will not conflict with any installation or higher headquarters directives. This charter and associated by-laws shall be automatically amended to conform with all directives from the installation or higher headquarters without submission to the GKMMC. All amendments will not take effect until reviewed by the first acting and/or subsequent elected positions of the President, Vice President, Sergeant-At-Arms, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION C: (Review) An appointed Parliamentarian Committee shall review this charter and associated by-laws annually to ensure completeness, applicability and compliance with current Air Force directives and policies.


**ARTICLE V
DISSOLUTION**

The GKMMC may be dissolved by request of two-thirds (2/3) or more of the active membership in the form of a signed petition. Upon dissolution all GKMMC funds and properties in excess of liabilities and expenses of dissolution shall be donated to any military/civilian organization as decided on by a simple majority of positive votes of the active members present.

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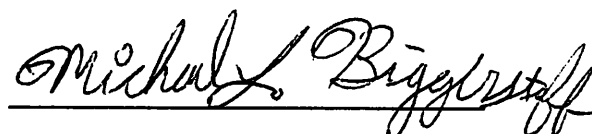
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Recommend Approval



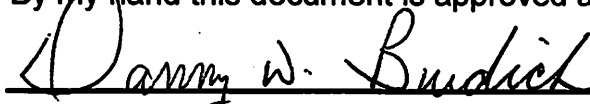
Vice President

Recommend Approval



Sergeant At Arms

By my hand this document is approved as official



President

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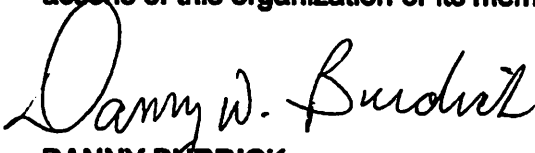

PATRICK H. DONLEY
Colonel, USAF
Commander

MEMORANDUM FOR 45 FSS/FSR

FROM: Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club, Chapter 36

SUBJECT: Insurance Waiver

- 1. IAW AFI 34-223, we request a waiver be granted from purchasing liability insurance. No activities are planned at this time that requires insurance. Motorcycle Insurance covering the liability of the operator that meets minimum requirements of the State of Florida is required for participation in Green Knights activities. Riders will sign a waiver that requires insurance before participating in any event. Waivers are on file with the Green Knights President.**
- 2. In the event our private organization schedules a special activity with inherent risks involved we will purchase adequate insurance coverage. The insurance will protect against bodily injury and property damage claims or legal suits which could result from actions of this organization or its members.**


DANNY BURDICK
President

1st Ind, 45 MSG/CC

**MEMORANDUM FOR GREEN KNIGHTS MILITARY MOTORCYCLE CLUB,
CHAPTER 36**

If approved, be advised that the Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club may still require liability insurance for specific events that involve a greater risk of injury or damage.

For 
PATRICK H. DONLEY
Colonel, USAF
Commander

MEMO FOR RECORD

14 May 2014

SUBJECT: GKMMC Chapter 36 comments of Legal Review

1. Chapter 36 of the Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club (GKMMC) has accepted the recommendations provided in the Staff Judge Advocate review of the By Laws dated 13 May which was prepared as legal guidance for a final decision by 45 MSG/CC.
2. As of this date the position of Treasurer is not filled, no funds are available and no outstanding debt has been assessed against GKMMC Chapter 36. Should a need arise where a financial account be necessary the decision would be put to a vote by the general membership. In the event of the dissolution of Chapter 36 of GKMMC, any remaining funds would be donated to a charitable organization voted on by remaining members. Further guidance is available in Article 3 and Article 5 of the By Laws.
3. Should any outstanding debt be levied against GKMMC Chapter 36 upon dissolution of the Chapter these debts shall become the responsibility of any remaining officer of the Chapter. The burden of this debt shall be shared by all remaining members. A receipt acknowledging the debt has been satisfied shall be provided to the remaining Chapter Officer.



MICHAEL L. BIGGERSTAFF
Sergeant at Arms, GKMMC Chapter 36