

BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL

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MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC.



NEW JERSEY CHAPTER II

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ARTICLE 1

NAME

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be the

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Here after referred to as "the Club".

Section 2: This Chapter is an affiliated Chapter member of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc., which is a non-profit corporation headquartered in Bangor/Brewer, Maine area, hereinafter referred to as the "International". This Chapter will have its own By-Laws, however, in no case will anything be done in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the parent corporation, the "International".

ARTICLE 2

OBJECTIVES

- Section 1:** The purpose of this Club shall be to provide a fraternal and social motorcycle club for law enforcement personnel, associated professionals, and to uplifting the image of motorcycling.
- Section 2:** To bring about and foster a spirit of unity, camaraderie, and clean sportsmanship among its membership.
- Section 3:** To educate the public in the observance of the law, and in the traffic regulations governing the safe operation of motorcycles and other motor vehicles.
- Section 4:** To promote legitimate sporting events, such as Club rides, poker runs, motorcycle competitions, etc.
- Section 5:** To educate the public in regards to the objectives of the Club, and solicit their support for clean sporting events.
- Section 6:** To assist members who may have met with accidents or experienced trouble with their motorcycles wherever possible.
- Section 7:** To operate entirely independent of any policy influence from manufacturers dealers, or others who might bias the operation of the Club.
- Section 8:** To give all excess funds collected through the Club, to worthy and charitable institutions, save that which is needed to cover the running of the Club.
- Section 9:** To acquire and hold for the use of the membership, such property as a club house, furniture, trophies, and trailer, be it purchased or donated.

ARTICLE 3

MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1:** Membership shall be open to all full and part-time law enforcement personnel, persons connected with law enforcement, and persons interested in uplifting the image and sport of motorcycling.
- Section 1-1:** Anyone joining the Club shall enjoy membership until such time as he or she, no longer wishes to retain membership and quits, transfers to another Chapter with permission from the Club, falls so far behind in dues that he or she is expelled, is dismissed from he or she's department on proven charges, is no longer employed as a part-time officer, or in the case of an Honorary, is not renewed after his or her yearly review, and if a member is expelled from the Club.
- Section 1-2:** If a member is laid-off from his or her department because of disbandment of the department, budgetary cuts, or through no fault of his own, or should he retire from his job honorably, he or she will be carried, for a period not to exceed one year, at the same membership status that he or she was carried at before his or her separation from the department.
- Section 2:** There shall be five (5) classifications of membership: Regular, Associate, Honorary, Life, and Special Honorary.
- Section 2-1: Regular Members:** All Regular members must be persons who are full time (32 hours per week minimum) employees of a governmental law enforcement agency or department. Such employment must be the primary source of employment of all Regular members. All Regular members must have arrest authority.

Persons receiving disability income or job reclassification due to injuries received while engaged in law enforcement employment or who are receiving retirement income for full-time employment, as herein defined, by a governmental law enforcement agency or department are eligible for Regular membership although they are not presently employed by such law enforcement agency or department.

Persons who have served twenty (20) years or more and have been a Blue Knight for one (1) year or more, who have taken a retirement option and has taken a separation from his law enforcement employment, under honorable circumstances, and will at some time receive retirement income for full-time employment, as herein defined, by a government law enforcement agency or department are eligible for Regular membership although they are not presently employed by such a law enforcement agency or department. The person must provide letters of proof of honorary separation from all departments.

Persons who are presently Regular members for one (1) year or more and have served fifteen (15) years or more with a law enforcement agency or department who have for any honorable circumstances, taken a separation from his agency or department are eligible for Associate membership although they may not be employed by any law enforcement agency or department. The person must provide letters of proof of honorable separation from all departments.

Each Regular member must be properly licensed to drive a motorcycle by the state or province in which he resides and must own a motorcycle, excepting, however, that person who otherwise qualify as Regular members but do not own motorcycles, may become members if they have plans to own a motorcycle and do in fact require ownership rights in a motorcycle within six (6) months of their acceptance as members.

Any Regular member who because of an injury or medical or physical condition is unable to continue riding a motorcycle, may retain his/her membership as a Regular member.

ARTICLE 3

MEMBERSHIP (Continued)

Section 2-2: Associate Members: All Associate members must be persons who are employed on a part-time basis (less than 32 hours per week, minimum 10 hours per year) by a governmental law enforcement agency or department and receiving monetary compensation for such employment. All Associate members must have arrest authority. Any Associate member on May 24, 1983 shall have the right to continue as an Associate member if he meets all other requirements.

Persons who have been employed on a part-time (less than 32 hours per week, minimum 10 hours per year) by a government agency or department for fifteen (15) years or more and have been a Blue Knight for five (5) years or more, who have taken an honorable separation from his/her law enforcement agency or department (reasons - health, retirement, age, or injury) are eligible for Associate membership although they may not be employed by any law enforcement agency or department, and are not receiving retirement compensation. They must provide letters of proof of honorable separation.

A person may also qualify for Associate membership as per Article 6, Section 1, Paragraph 4 of the International Constitution.

Each Associate member must be properly licensed to drive a motorcycle by the state or province in which he/she resides and must own a motorcycle, excepting, however, that person who otherwise qualify as an Associate members but do not own a motorcycle, may become members if they have plans to own a motorcycle and they do in fact acquire ownership rights in a motorcycle within six (6) months of their acceptance as members.

Any Associate member who because of an injury or medical or physical condition is unable to continue riding a motorcycle, may retain his/her membership as an Associate member.

ARTICLE 3

MEMBERSHIP (Continued)

Section 2-3: Honorary Members: Persons who have contributed substantially to the promotion of the Club, motorcycle safety and enjoyment, or to the Development of the sport of motorcycling may be designated Honorary member of the Club, by virtue of his/her contributions to the Club or the sport of motorcycling. Honorary membership will be granted by the Club Board on a one year basis. The Club Board of Directors may appoint a committee to evaluate Honorary membership grants and renewals.

The Honorary membership in this Chapter may not exceed more than ten percent (10%) of the previous year's membership of Regular, Associate and Life members in the Club.

Said Honorary will be limited in his/her privileges within the Club, and will have voting power within the International organization and the Club.

There will be a list of applications for Honorary membership maintained by the Club Secretary, which shall contain the names and applications in chronological order of prospective honoraria's. The board, upon notice that there is a vacancy, will review each prospective member and shall accept a member from that list. Should it turn out that a prospective member no longer wishes to be considered for membership, his/her application shall be removed from the list and destroyed.

Section 2-4: Life Members: Life members must be selected under the provisions of the By-Laws of International.

Section 2-5: Special Honorary Members: Special Honorary memberships may be granted to an ordained member of a recognized religious order for the position of Chapter chaplain. This is limited to one (1) per Chapter and will not effect the Chapter's ten (10) percent Honorary limit.

Section 2-6: Monetary Compensation: Monetary compensation for qualification as an Associate member is the payment of salary or other moneys direct to a part-time law enforcement officer (less than 32 hours per week and 10 hours a year) by any governmental law enforcement agency or department or being covered by workmen's (industrial) compensation by the agency or department of which employed should they be injured while on official duty.

ARTICLE 3

MEMBERSHIP (Continued)

- Section 3:** **Applications:** Each member shall fill out an application, before joining the Club.
- Section 3-1:** Applications will provide the following information: Name, Date of Birth, Current Address, City in which he resides, State in which he resides, Zip Code, Telephone Number, giving area code first and then the number, Law Enforcement agency associated with or firm name and address, city, agency or business telephone number, rank, full or part-time, years employed by agency or business, supervisor, motorcycle make, model, number, vehicle identification number, engine displacement, registration number and state in which registered, name of someone to be contacted in case of emergency, address of that person, telephone number, area code and number, marital status, single, married, name of spouse, and sponsoring member, signature and date of meeting at which the application was submitted.
- Section 3-2:** All applications will be filled out truthfully; any deviation from the truth will mean immediate expulsion or rejection.
- Section 3-3:** On presentation of the application, the applicant will provide to the Secretary or one of the elected officers of the Club, his proof of office by way of submitting a photocopy of his badge and police identification card, or other valid and approved form of identification. The exception to this will be an Honorary member. All applicants will also submit a valid motorcycle license.
- Section 3-4 :** Candidates for Honorary membership may submit an application which will be accepted and filed in the order in which it was received by the Secretary until such time as there is an opening for an Honorary, at which time the board will contact that person.
- Section 4:** Membership in another Chapter will be prohibited; a member may not hold membership with another Chapter, while he is a member of this Chapter.
- Section 4-1:** A member of the Club may hold membership in another club, so long as that club is a law abiding club and does not conflict with the standards of the Blue Knights, all governing laws of the land and morals of the community.
- Section 4-2:** A member in good standing may transfer to another Chapter after giving written statement of his intentions and if he or she has paid his or her dues up to the time of his/her transfer.
- Section 4-3:** The privilege to join another Chapter will be revoked by the Chapter if, the member is not in good standings with the Club, he or she has charges pending, or he or she has been expelled.

ARTICLE 3

MEMBERSHIP (Continued)

- Section 5:** **Expulsion from the Club:** A member may be expelled from the Club for the following reasons:
- Section 5-1:** Non-payment of dues; a member who is behind in payment of his or her dues six (6) months or more will be expelled from the Club automatically, unless he or she contacts the Treasurer, Secretary or any other member of the board, and explains why he has been so late in payment.
- Section 5-2:** Falsification of an application; should a member falsify his or her application, it will be grounds for expulsion from the Club.
- Section 5-3:** Separation from his or her department; should a member of the Club be separated from his or her department for conduct unbecoming an officer, the board shall hear the circumstances and make a judgment based on testimony of the member and available evidence.
- Section 5-4:** Charges from within the Club; should a member be brought up on charges by another member, and found guilty, it will be grounds for expulsion.

ARTICLE 4

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

- Section 1:** **Executive Board:** Shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, three Directors, and Sgt at Arms. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the operation of the Club, both financially and clerically. The members of the Chapter may establish other positions to be held by elected Chapter members for the conduct of Chapter business. These positions may be considered part of the Executive Board but only as non-voting members.
- Section 1 (a): Elected Officers of the Club:** Shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. The powers and obligations of Chapter Officers shall be commensurate with the powers and duties of International Officers as outlined in International's by-laws with respect to Chapter business.
- Serfinn 1-1: Eligibility for Office:** It shall be required that anyone wishing to attain an elected office within the Club, be a Regular member with at least one (1) year membership within the Club, who has attended at least four (4) meetings during the current calendar year of election, and that he/she is a member in good standing.
- Section 1-1(a): Terms of Office:** Shall be one (1) year for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-At-Arms. It shall be two (2) years for Directors with the terms ending on alternate years. Directors shall be elected in a group of 2 and 1, except if the positions of Secretary and Treasurer are held as one, then it shall be in groups of 2 for reasons of continuity.
- Section 1-2: Member in Good Standing:** A person who is still a member of International whose dues are up to date and has not been declared to not qualify for membership by any body having final jurisdiction.
- Section 1-2(a): Member not in Good Standing:** A person who is a member but whose dues are not up to date, or has been suspended, or has been found to have committed an act which would give cause for his membership to be terminated, but has not had a final hearing and is still in the appeals process.
- Section 1-3: Associate Members for Office:** In the event that no Regular member can be found or is interested in an official post, it will be open at that time to any Associate member who is in good standing and has at least one (1) year with the Club, and who has attended at least four (4) meetings during the current calendar year of election, with the exception of the position of President and Vice-President which must be held by a Regular member.
- Section 1-4: Succession of Office:** Should the office of President or other officers become vacant for any reason, during the elected year of that officer, or should that officer be unable to attend a meeting, the prescribed method for filling that vacancy will be as follows:
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| President: | The office will be filled by the Vice-President, Secretary or the Senior Director. |
| Vice-President: | Will be filled by the Secretary or the Senior Director. |
| Secretary: | Will be filled by the Vice-President or the Senior Director. |
| Treasurer: | Will be filled by the Vice-President or the Senior Director. |
| Sergeant- At-Arms | Will be filled by the Vice-President, or the Senior Director. |

ARTICLE 4

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB (Continued)

- Section 1-5:** **Appointment of Other Position:** The positions of Road Captain, Road Lieutenant, Quartermaster, etc., shall be made by the President and approved by the Executive Board.
- Section 1-6:** **Directors:** Should a vacancy occur with the office of Director, the Executive Board will appoint a member to the office of Director for the unexpired term.
- Section 1-7:** In the event that a Officer of the Club is found to be guilty by the Judiciary Committee of a charge, that Officer will become ineligible to run for or hold office in this Club for a period of at least one (1) year but not more than three (3) years, as determined by the Judiciary Committee.

ARTICLE 4

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB (Continued)

- Section 2:** **PRESIDENT:** Shall be the ranking officer of the Club,
- Section 2-1:** He shall open all meetings at the appointed hour, with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for departed members,
- Section 2-2:** He will announce the order of all business to be brought before the assembled members,
- Section 2-3:** He shall recognize members who are entitled to the floor,
- Section 2-4:** He shall state and put to the vote all questions that legitimately come before the Club as motions, or that otherwise arise in the course of proceedings and announce the results of each vote, or if a motion is made that is not in order, to rule it out of order,
- Section 2-5:** He shall protect the membership from obviously frivolous or dilatory motions, by refusing to recognize such actions,
- Section 2-6:** He shall enforce the rules relating to debate, order, and decorum within the assembly,
- Section 2-7:** He shall expedite business in every way compatible with the rights of the membership,
- Section 2-8:** He shall decide all questions of order, subject to appeal, unless, when doubt, he prefers to submit such a question himself to the Club for decision,
- Section 2-9:** He shall respond to the inquiries of members relating to parliamentary procedure or factual information bearing on the business of the Club,
- Section 2-10:** He shall authenticate by his signature, when necessary, all acts, orders, and proceedings of the Club,
- Section 2-11:** He shall speak on behalf of the Club at all Board of Governors meetings unless, he is unable to attend, in which case the rules of succession shall prevail, if that can not be done, a member may be delegated by the board,
- Section 2-12:** He shall be ex-officio chairman of all committees, with the exception of the ballot committee,
- Section 2-13:** He shall be empowered to table all motions for sufficiently good reasons at all meetings,
- Section 2-14:** He shall represent the Club at all times,
- Section 2-15:** He shall have the power to call Executive Board meetings,
- Section 2-16:** He shall serve as mediator at judicial meetings,
- Section 2-17:** He shall act as Road Captain, if no road personnel are available for a run.

ARTICLE 4

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB (Continued)

- Section 3:** **VICE PRESIDENT:** Shall be the second ranking officer of the Club,
- Section 3-1:** He shall in absence of the President, serve in his stead,
- Section 3-2:** He shall have the same rights and privileges as the President,
- Section 3-3:** He shall assist the President at all times
- Section 3-4:** He shall be responsible for the Road Captain and Road Lieutenant.

ARTICLE 4

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB (Continued)

- Section 4:** **SECRETARY:** Shall be the recording officer and shall be custodian of all Club records, corporate charter, corporate seal, Chapter charter, Chapter records , A.M.A. Charter and all other Club correspondence with the exception of the records held by the Club Treasurer,
- Section 4-1:** He shall keep a record of all proceedings at the meetings,
- Section 4-2:** He shall keep on file all committee reports that he may receive,
- Section 4-3:** He shall keep an up-to-date and accurate listing of the membership,
- Section 4-4:** He shall make available to all members upon request, copies of the minutes of the meeting,
- Section 4-5:** He shall notify those candidates, who have been elected to office and provide them with lists of the existing committees and their members,
- Section 4-6:** He shall furnish all delegates with proper Club credentials,
- Section 4-7:** He shall sign all certified copies of acts of the Club, unless otherwise specified in the By-Laws,
- Section 4-8:** He shall maintain records of all By-Laws, special orders, standing rules, By-Law changes, minutes and any amendments to them; said records are to be kept on hand and current at every meeting,
- Section 4-9:** He shall send out to the membership a notice of each meeting, known as the call of the meeting, and to conduct the general correspondence of the Club,
- Section 4-10:** He shall prepare, prior to each meeting, an order of business for the use of the presiding officer, showing in the exact order, under each heading, all matters known in advance, that are due to come up, and if applicable, the times to which they are set,
- Section 4-11:** He shall in the absence of the President and Vice-President, call the meeting to order and preside over the meeting,
- Section 4-12:** He shall give notice to members, who the Treasurer indicates, are behind in dues,
- Section 4-13:** He shall keep an adequate supply of By-Laws, rules of the road, and contract lists, for distribution to members who may want them,
- Section 4-14:** He shall keep an up-to-date listing of Club members and shall announce to all members, the names, addresses, phone numbers, and all other information of new members who join the Club,
- Section 4-15:** He shall verify the credentials of all prospective members, wishing to join the Club, and shall indicate which type of membership will be proper for such member.

ARTICLE 4

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB (Continued)

- Section 5:** **TREASURER:** Shall be intrusted with the custody of the Club funds and keep the financial books in order,
- Section 5-1:** He shall keep a record of the membership and the amount of dues paid by each,
- Section 5-2:** He shall make a full financial report at the business meetings of the Club,
- Section 5-3:** He shall collect the dues at each meeting of the Club,
- Section 5-4:** He shall not make payments of more than \$25.00, without the approval of the Club, unless the funds are to be spent to resupply the Quartermaster's stores, in which case, the only approval needed shall be that of the Board,
- Section 5-5:** No Club funds will be issued unless it has been approved by the Board and when such approval has been given a full and itemized report or bill will be turned into the Treasurer in order to obtain compensation. This will include: telephone bills, toll and gas receipts and any other legitimate Club business expenses. In the instance of telephone expenses, the member will submit a copy of the telephone bill with an explanation of the reason, the name of the party to whom the call was placed, and any other information to establish it's being Club business.

ARTICLE 4

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB (Continued)

- Section 6:** **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** Shall assist the President or presiding officer, in preserving order, as the chair may direct,
- Section 6-1:** He shall be responsible in seeing that unauthorized persons are not present at meetings,
- Section 6-2:** He shall at the direction of the chair, be empowered to eject members who by their actions, are disruption the meeting or otherwise causing a disturbance.
- Section 6-3** He shall be empowered to reprimand users of the Club Discussion Board that violate its integrity and purposes for which it was created.

ARTICLE 4

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB (Continued)

- Section 7:** **DIRECTORS:** There shall be three (3) Directors who will hold office and will assist the officers of the Club in the discharge of their duties.
- Section 7(a):** There shall be four Directors who will hold office if the positions of Secretary and Treasurer are held as one office.
- Section 7-1:** Two Directors will be elected to office every other year, with the third Director being elected on opposing years. If the positions of Secretary and Treasurer are held as one office, then two Directors will be elected to office on alternating years.
- Section 7-2:** The Directors shall be the judges of the Judiciary Committee and will hear all grievances and legitimate complaints as brought forth.
- Section 7-3:** They shall also have the power to fill vacant offices as listed in Article 4, Section 1-4.

ARTICLE 4

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB (Continued)

- Section 8:** **NON-ELECTED OFFICERS:** Shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.
- Section 8-1:** Such officers may stay in office indefinitely if the succeeding board and Presidents, approve and there are no objections by the membership,
- Section 8-2:** Non-elected officers may be invited to attend executive meetings unless there is an objection by a board member,
- Section 8-3:** Non-elected officers shall be: Road Captains, Road Lieutenant, and Quartermaster,
- Section 8-4:** **ROAD CAPTAINS:** There shall be two (2) Road Captains who will work in unison,
- Section 8-5:** Road Captains will be in charge of the safety of the Club when it is on rides, and cannot be over ruled in matters concerning the road by anyone,
- Section 8-6:** **DUTIES:** To provide leadership on runs, to uphold the rules of the road, to provide a ride schedule for the upcoming year, inform the Club of Club rides, to collect the mileage from the members at the beginning and end of the year,
- Section 8-7:** **ROAD LIEUTENANTS:** Shall have the same duties as the Road Captains when the Road Captains are unable to attend a ride, or if the Road Captains are present assist them with their duties,
- Section 8-8:** The Road Captains and their Lieutenants shall get their authority from the Executive Board and the rules of the road,
- Section 8-9:** The Road Captains and their Lieutenants shall have the power to eject a member from a ride or bring the member up on charges for sufficiently good reasons,
- Section 8-10:** Should there be no road personnel present for a ride, any Club officer may then act as Road Captain with the same rights and privileges,
- Section 8-11:** **QUARTERMASTER:** Will be in charge of the sale items of the Club,
- Section 8-12:** His duties shall be to keep an up-to-date inventory of all sales items, and shall have for sale, all items to be sold to the membership,
- Section 8-13:** He shall keep records of all sales and issue receipts for all items sold or ordered,
- Section 8-14:** He shall be responsible for the Quartermaster's account and shall report to the Treasurer, the status and balance of such accounts,
- Section 8-15:** He will conduct sales when it does not interfere with the meeting,
- Session 8-16:** All sales will be in cash or check.

ARTICLE 5

MEETINGS

- Section 1:** **Date of Meetings:** The meetings shall be on a date as determined by the General Membership with minimum of one (1) meeting per month.
- Section 1-2:** **Time of Meetings:** The meetings shall start at 7:00 P.M. (19:00 hours), unless there is no quorum.
- Section 1-3:** **Place of Meetings:** The meetings shall take place at the designated meeting place.
- Section 1-4:** **Quorum:** The amount of members needed for a quorum shall be ten (10) members, including the Officers of the Club, in order to conduct any Club business at a meeting.
- Section 1-5:** **Order of Business:** The order of business shall be as follows:
1. The call to order
 2. Salute to the flag and a moment of silence
 3. Secretary's report
 4. Treasurer's report
 5. President's report
 6. Vice-President's report
 7. Road Captain's report
 8. Committee reports (Any committee, standing or temporary)
 - a. A.M.A.
 - b. Dress
 - c. Dance
 - d. Public Relations
 - e. Fund Raising
 9. New Members
 10. Old Business
 11. New Business
 12. Collection of dues and sales of Club items
 13. Announcement of time and date of next meeting
 14. Close of meeting

ARTICLE 6
EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1:** The business and property of the Chapter shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Directors which will be referred to as the "Executive Board."
The Executive Board shall be comprised from the elected officers of the Club, which include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Immediate Past President, in addition to three Directors.
- Section 1 (a):** The Sergeant-At-Arms shall be considered a part of the Executive Board, but only as a non-voting member.
- Section 1 (b):** **The Executive Committee:** The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be the Executive Committee of the Executive Board, who shall conduct Chapter business of the Executive Board whenever the full Executive Board is not in session and shall have such duties and powers as may be from time to time conferred upon it by the Board.
- Section 1-2:** The Executive Board shall be entrusted with the operation of the Club, in it's financial and business dealings, and will act on behalf of the Club. It will act as the Judicial Board and as such, a Hearing Board in matters of infractions of the Club's By-Laws, rules of the road, and International By-Laws. Complaints made by other members of the club or Chapters, charges against other members of the Club, and disputes among members stemming from Club business.
- Section 1-3:** The Executive Board shall meet at least once a month for the purpose of discussing any pending Club business, to discuss ways of bettering the Club, and to review the progress of all committees or projects of the Club.
- Section 1-4:** The Executive Board shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Club in matters concerning contracts, guarantees, monetary arrangements and other business which may concern the Club. It may act without the consent of the membership in an emergency, where there is not enough time to convene a meeting and time is of an essence. At all other times it will get all information and obtain authorization from the membership by a vote at a meeting.
- Section 1-5:** The Executive Board shall have the power to set fines, or punishment upon members of the Club found guilty of misconduct or other acts that may be derogatory, harmful or otherwise besmirch the good name of the Club, it's members or other Chapters of the Blue Knights.
- Section 1-6:** No member of the Executive Board may act independent of the Board, and without first consulting the Board members and the Club, in any matters concerning the Club.
- Section 1-7:** The Board and the Club will not be held liable for the actions or statements of a Board member who, without consent and consultation of the Board or the Club, makes commitments or pledges of any kind on behalf of the Club.
- Section 1-8:** The minimum number of members needed for a quorum will be five (5) members of the Board. In the absence of a quorum, no business may be transacted, vote taken, or hearings convened.
- Section 1-9:** The Board may meet at the Club meeting place or at the house of a Board member, and a sum of no more than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) may be allotted to the member at who's house the meeting was held, for food and beverage consumed during the course of the meeting, and shall be paid out only if the Board member in question requests payment and can verify his expenditure in the way of a bill for food and beverage bought.

ARTICLE 6

EXECUTIVE BOARD (Continued)

- Section 1-10: Telephone:** No more than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) will be paid to a Board member for the payment of telephone calls involving Club business. Such calls will be documented and shall contain the nature of the call, the name of the person and phone number called, the Chapter to which the person called belongs to. In addition, he or she will also enclose a copy of the telephone bill showing the call or calls.
- Section 1-11: Tolls and Gas:** The Club will pay for gas and tolls for pick-up of a member's bike, if it has broken down on a Club run or a Blue Knights function within a one hundred fifty (150) mile radius. If the mileage exceeds that of one hundred fifty (150) miles, the member will pick up the balance of the money or if the breakdown occurs while not on a Club run or Blue Knight function, the member will pick up the expense incurred.

ARTICLE 6

EXECUTIVE BOARD (Continued)

- Section 2:** **The Judicial board:** As stated in Article 6, Section 1-2, the Executive Board shall act as the Judicial Board.
- Section 2-1:** The Judicial Board shall be chaired by the senior most Director.
- Section 2-2:** It shall hear all charges made against a member. It will listen to both sides of the charges, and after reviewing all statements, evidence and after such, will render a fair and impartial decision on the matter. It's decision are final, unless either party wishes to contest the verdict and have a hearing before the general membership at a General Meeting.
- Section 2-3:** The Judicial Board shall keep confidential all testimony, evidence and identity of all the persons involved with the hearing, unless a public hearing is requested by one of the parties involved.
- Section 2-4:** The Judicial Board will be empowered to summons members of the Club, when necessary, to appear before it. A member having been summoned to appear, may not ignore such a summons, and should take all reasonable and proper steps to insure that he or she will be present. If it is impossible for a member to attend, that member should notify a member of the Judiciary Board in advance (no later than twenty-four [24] hours before the hearing) that he or she cannot attend.
- Section 2-5:** Should a member disregard a summons to appear, the Judicial Board may take appropriate and proper action against a member.
- Section 2-6:** The decision of the Judicial Board may be over ruled by the Club, if after hearing both sides of the charges, two-thirds (2/3) of the membership present at the public hearing vote against the Judicial Board's decision.
- Section 2-7:** Any decision at a hearing of the General Membership may be appealed in writing to the International within 60 days of the decision. Any appeals to the International will follow the International By-Laws under Discipline, Article 10.

ARTICLE 7

COMMITTEES

- Section 1:** There shall be two (2) types of committees. Standing Committees and Special Committees which will be appointed by the Executive Board.
- Section 1-1:** Standing Committees shall have a continued existence and shall report to the Club on a regular basis.
- Section 1-2:** Special Committees shall only be in existence until the purpose for which it was appointed is fulfilled.
- Section 2:** All committees will have a chairman who will report to the Club and the Executive Board on the progress of the committee. All members of the Executive Board shall be ex-officio members of all committees.
- Section 3:** All committees shall be governed by the Executive Board and the Club membership with the exception of the Election Committee.
- Section 4:** No funds will be approved for reimbursement unless approval by the membership at a meeting or by the Executive Board.
- Section 5:** The Election Committee will be chosen in accordance with Article 8, Section 1-5. It will comprise of two (2) members.

ARTICLE 8

ELECTIONS

- Section 1:** Elections: There shall be elections each year for the posts of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-At-Arms and two (2) Directors.
- Section 1-1:** Nominations shall be taken at the first meeting in October.
- Section 1-2:** Elections will take place on the first meeting in December.
- Section 1-3:** Any Regular, Associate, Life or Honorary member may make nominations for the Club officers and only these members who are in good standing may hold office or vote.
- Section 1-4:** Having closed nominations, a list will be made with the names of all the candidates and the office for which they have been nominated for; copies shall be made of this ballot and all ballots will bear the Club seal on them to make them official. A copy of the ballot will be sent to each Regular, Associate, Life and Honorary member in good standing, to be sent back to the Club Post Office Box by the first meeting in December.
- Section 1-5:** An Election Committee shall be chosen by the membership, comprising of two (2) members, who are not currently in office or nominated for office.
- Section 1-6:** The committee will be independent of the board and shall be solely for the purpose of the counting and tabulating of the ballots.
- Section 1-7:** The ballots shall be counted during the business meeting and in the view of all members assembled at that meeting.
- Section 1-8:** There shall be no votes by proxy.
- Section 1-9:** No member may hold two (2) elected posts; he shall, if he or she carries the vote for both posts, be given the higher of the two posts, unless he or she wishes to take the lower of the two posts.
- Section 1-10:** The runner up for the post left open will take that post.
- Section 1-11:** If a nominee runs unopposed, it will be understood that he has won his/her bid for that post, and shall be listed as unopposed on the ballot.
- Section 1-12:** In order to be nominated that person must be present at the nominating meeting, unless departmental scheduling or other exigent circumstances makes it prohibitive for that member to attend that meeting.
- Section 1-13:** The deadline for receiving ballots will be the night of the first meeting in December.
- Section 1-14:** Each nominee for office will be allowed time to address the membership present, to explain why he/she feels, he/she is qualified to be elected to the office for which he/she is nominated. This will be done at the night of the nominations (first meeting in October).

ARTICLE 9

DUES

- Section 1:** **Dues:** Upon joining the Club, a new member will pay the current International dues and processing charges. This amount will comprise the initiation dues, as set by International, and will be paid only once while the member is in the Club.
- Section 1-1:** The International will supply the new member with one of each of the following: stick on decal, cloth patch, membership pin and membership card.
- Section 1-2:** The Club will supply each new member with one of each of the following: Club by-Laws, Club Rules of the Road, Club contact sheet, Club monthly newsletter and Blue Knights nametag. Name tag will be silver with black letters, 1 inch x 3 inch with ¼ inch Blue Knights logo or similar. Nametag will include member name on 1st line and New Jersey II on 2nd line.
- Section 2:** Club dues for the year will be set yearly by the Club, out of which the renewal for the International will be automatically taken out and sent up to International, and be flexible subject to increase:
- Section 2-1:** Dues shall be paid in one sum no later than March 31st.
- Section 2-2:** Anyone falling behind in dues six (6) months or more shall be expelled from the Club.
- Section 2-3:** **Exceptions:** If a member who has fallen behind on dues contacts the board and explains the reasons for his being behind in dues, he shall be kept on the role until the board decides that he or she no longer has any interest in the Club, and shall be given at least one (1) warning of the intentions of the board.
- Section 2-4:** Members expelled because of non-payment, who wish to rejoin the Club must pay his or her back dues in full before being allowed back.
- Section 2-5:** A letter will be forwarded to International with the names of those members who have expelled for non-payment.
- Section 2-6:** The Club will not release any member who owes money to the Club so that he or she may join another Chapter.
- Section 2-7:** The Club may assess an annual membership fee not to exceed the amount stated in International By-Law Article 7, Section 7.3, "Chapter Dues"
- Section 2-8:** Whereas, as of 2001, The Club's Founding Charter Members, Domenick Varnchio and Bernie Poggioli, were made Blue Knights Life Members and are exempt from all future International dues and the membership did vote that they are exempt from all future Chapter dues for as long as they are members-in-good-standing with the Club.

ARTICLE 10

COLORS

- Section 1:** **Colors:** The Club Colors will be in three (3) parts: The top piece will be a rocker, light blue in color, with a dark blue border, and in the center in white block letters edged in dark blue, spelling out BLUE KNIGHTS. The second piece will be in the shape of a shield in white edged in dark blue containing a diagonal light blue band, going from the top left to the bottom right of the shield; in the top right of the shield shall be the letters MC in dark blue, super-imposed in the center of the band will be a Blue Knight astride a white horse, with a wheel for hind quarters; with the wheel there will be a gold wing. The Knight will be holding a lance with a flag on the tip; within the flag will be the roman numeral "II," in dark blue. The third piece shall be an upturned rocker in the same fashion as the first piece, spelling out NEW JERSEY.
- Section 1-1:** Colors authorized by International will also be accepted.
- Section 1-2:** Club Dress Uniform shall be long sleeve police shirt in French blue with Blue Knights cloth patch on left shoulder, American flag on right shoulder optional. Blue Knights blue vest with Blue Knights New Jersey n rockers on back, Blue Knights badge and nametag only on front, department patch optional. Black pants or jeans. New Jersey n Club pins may be used for collar pins. Uniform to be utilized for certain events as determined by the Club Executive Board and members attending specified events will be expected in dress uniform.
- Section 2:** The Club will retain ownership of all Club Colors. The Colors will be rented to it's members. Said members shall receive a receipt for his deposit.
- Section 2-1:** Should a member leave the Club, he or she will be required to turn in his or her Club Colors and in return, that person will receive his or her deposit back, or will receive a prorated price pending on the condition of his or her Colors.
- Section 3:** **Eligibility:** Club Colors will be rented only to members of the Club.
- Section 3-1:** Club members will be limited to two (2) sets of Club Colors.
- Section 3-2:** Prospective honorary members will not be eligible to buy Club or International Colors until their probation period is finished and he or she has been accepted into the Club. The Probation Period will be six (6) months, but may be waived on Executive suggestion and Club vote approval.
- Section 4:** **Loss of Colors:** Any member who loses his or her Club or International Colors through negligence, will automatically forfeit his or her deposit, and will lose all rights as a member for a period of six (6) months or more.
- Section 4-1:** Any Regular member who sponsors a Honorary will be responsible for the return of said Honorary's Colors and their return to the Club should said Honorary be terminated from the Club or quits the Club.
- Section 4-2:** **Retaining Club Colors:** Any person who has resigned as a Member in Good Standing and wishes to retain his or her Club Colors shall state their wishes in writing to the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall vote upon such request, and upon approval, that person will (forfeit their deposit and) be permitted to retain such Colors.

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ARTICLE 10
COLORS (Continued)

- Section 5:** **Wearing of Colors:** All Club Members (Regular, Associate, Honorary, Special Honorary, Silver-Life) are to wear approved riding colors, Club or International, with the utmost in Blue Knights pride at all times. The wearing of Blue Knights colors is representative of Law Enforcement. It is expected that all members wearing approved colors are to conduct themselves in such a manner which is consistent with the values they uphold on a daily basis.
- Section 5(a):** No member is permitted to wear approved colors at an event that conflicts with an official Club event. Should there be multiple events occurring simultaneously, the Road Captain is empowered to sanction his choice as the official Club event for that day.
- Should any members dissent with his ride choice, they are to relinquish the wearing of approved colors at that time, unless they are riding with an authorized member to a Blue Knights-sponsored event.
- Section 5-1:** Regular, Associate, or Silver-Life members are permitted to wear approved colors at any time.
- Section 5-2:** Honorary Members are only permitted to wear approved colors while at official Blue Knights New Jersey 2 rides and events.
- Section 5-2(a):** Honorary Members will be permitted to wear approved colors only while in the presence of any other Regular, Associate, or Silver-Life members. This will ensure that any actions taken will be consistent with the values of this Law Enforcement Club.
- Section 5-2(b):** Honorary members will be permitted to wear approved colors at special events which the Club is not directly involved, by Executive approval only. This permission is to be requested at general membership meetings.
- Section 5-3:** Drinking of alcohol: In a social setting (post-ride meals, charitable events, picnics, etc.) while wearing approved colors is acceptable, but not encouraged.
- Section 5-3(a):** Drinking of alcohol: In a strictly tavern-like setting while wearing approved colors is strongly discouraged.
- Section 5-3(b):** Should a member become visibly intoxicated, in public, while wearing approved Colors, it shall be grounds for termination
- Section 5-4:** Should any member observe an individual wearing approved colors engaging in behavior which is not consistent with the values of the Blue Knights, he is obligated to report it to the Executive Board immediately.

ARTICLE 11

DISCUSSION BOARD

- Section 1:** **Discussion Board:** The Club Discussion Board is privately owned, electronic communications forum, established for use by the members of this Club. Its purpose is to facilitate the sharing of information amongst members, promote motorcycling, advertise events, and discuss Law Enforcement related topics. Use of the Discussion Board is a privilege afforded to members in good standing.
- Section 1 (a):** Conduct on the Discussion Board will be regulated by two moderators, one of which must be its owner. Should any correspondence be detrimental to the unity and camaraderie of the Club, the moderators are required to inform the Executive Board of the complaint.
- Section 1(b):** Upon hearing the moderator's complaint, the Executive Board shall meet and decide if discipline is necessary. Should the complaint be sustained, the Executive Board shall issue a written electronic reprimand and shall call upon the Sgt. at Arms to reinstate order on the Discussion Board. Should another complaint be reported to the Board, there shall be increasing disciplinary action.
- Section 1(c):** The degrees of disciplinary action pertaining to the Discussion Board are as follows:
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| First offense: | Written Electronic Reprimand |
| Second offense: | Loss of Discussion Board privileges for 1 year and Judicial Hearing |
| Third offense: | Loss of Discussion Board indefinitely and Judicial Hearing and/or termination from the Club |
- Section 1 (d):** **Campaigning for Office:** Nominees for Club offices are permitted to post, one time only, within two weeks of accepting their nomination, a self-promoting letter to the membership, informing those using the Discussion Board of their aspirations.

ARTICLE 12

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1: The rules contained in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Edition" shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws, International By-Laws and any special rules of order the Club may adopt.

ARTICLE 13

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

- Section 1:** These By-Laws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Club. The By-Law change must be submitted to the Club, in writing, reviewed by the Executive Committee, read at two (2) regular Club meetings, and approved by 2/3 vote of the membership after the second reading.
- Section 2:** The time frame for the above shall be as follows:
- a) Submitted to a Club officer prior to a regular Club meeting.
 - b) Said change will be read into the minutes at the first Club meeting after submission. This is to include the name of the person submitting the change.
 - c) The change will be turned over to the Executive Committee for review within the next thirty days.
 - d) The Executive Committee will return with a recommendation for or against the change. If against, a reason for such will be stated and read into the minutes of the meetings.
 - e) The change will again be read in its entirety, constituting the second reading.
 - f) Voting by the membership present will now take place and the results noted in the minutes.
 - g) If enacted, the change will become effective immediately. If rejected, the matter may not be returned to the floor for passage in any less than six (6) months.
 - h) A copy of any changes once passed will be made for all members, for their records.