

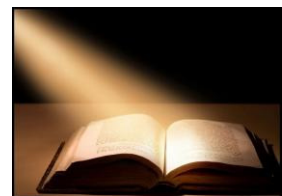


SEEKERS of the LIGHT

MC

By-Laws

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CONSTITUTION

Mission Statement

This organization of charitable riders known as Seekers of the Light MC is an organization of fellow motorcycle riders who are Freemasons of the third degree in Blue Lodge or Master Masons. Our club is organized as a proper and traditional Motorcycle Club (MC) to sustain that order and governance that we have learned as Masons to obey and work together under. Without order we would have chaos and thus lose the light that we have come so far to find.

The Seekers of the Light MC was established to provide a Global organization for Freemasons who ride motorcycles for the love and life of it and want the world to see that we, they, each one of us, is a proud and speculative Mason. That we can come together in a common interest, using our individual trowels to spread that cement of Brotherly love that binds us into a common band of brothers, Charity and Motorcycles.

The Seekers of the Light MC was organized by taking the best of experiences in the RA (Riders Association) and MC (Motorcycle Club) worlds, and smoothing the rough ashlar by our lessons learned in those arenas, building an MC organization that sets its cornerstone in the principles of Blue Lodge Masonry.

The Seekers of the Light MC are Master Masons riding in and with the Global Motorcycle Community as charitable riders serving our fellow riding friends and brothers aright as we would service our Lodge Communities in their time of need.

The Seekers of the Light MC is not an MC of Chapters or Clubhouses. We are a virtual Chapter of Freemasons, riding separately or together with a common cause and mission:

- To represent our proud membership in Freemasonry.
- To share that which is good among us as working brothers to support and put forth a helping hand to anyone we should come across, more especially a fellow Brother Mason and his family, so long as our individual or collective cable tows will permit.

To bring the image and experience of the partial light we have found in Freemasonry to those Men who seek the light and wish to follow the path of Masonry under their own desires.

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The Seekers of the Light MC would in essence become living examples and billboards for Freemasonry around the world, virtual billboards for society to look and see how good and great a work we can do.

The Seekers of the Light MC is an organization of riders, governed by a common set of By-Laws, riding under the single rocker of our MC and displaying the great and pure tools of a Master Mason, the Square & Compasses. The governing bodies and officers, along with the trademarked rocker of the Seekers of the Light MC are property of, and controlled by, the membership of Masonic Brothers who form the Seekers of the Light MC. All governing decisions will be made by the Officers of this organization in accordance with the governing By-Laws of the same. All Members will have a common voice to be heard in the direction and mission of the Seekers of the Light MC .

The Seekers of the Light MC Brothers are motorcycle riders that alone or together stand proudly among all riders of the road regardless of their clubs colors or affiliations. Our only affiliation that we will wear is that of our Masonic Obligation in the centers of our backs. We do not judge others but stand on the level with all mankind only judging ourselves, individually, on how well we fulfill our Masonic obligation.

As an MC, Seekers of the Light Members understand and respect the sacred customs, protocols and code of conduct of ALL organizations of motorcycle riders. We cannot, and will not, affiliate with any MC or Rider Organization. We will, however, stand by the side of and extend a hand to any fallen rider or his family that are in need of our assistance so long as our Cable Tow permits and we do not place ourselves, our Brothers or Family members in harm's way.

The Seekers of the Light MC Members will defend themselves, this club and any brothers from all external cowans, eavesdroppers and threats as an MC of Brothers, but we WILL NOT hold our MC COLORS above our individual obligation taken to each other as BROTHERS and will always step from our MC COLORS and defend those true colors of BLUE LODGE Principles.

As MASONS The Seekers of the Light MC are proud to ride and show the world the same by the colors on our backs that unite us with millions of Brothers across the globe. We do not hold our MC COLORS or Rocker above any other group of Masonic Riders, but unite with them on the roads worldwide to show our UNITED COLORS under the Square and Compasses of Freemasonry. Come join with us and spread that cement of Brotherly Love wherever your travels may take you.

And above all, each Seekers of the Light MC member will be required to Admonish his fellow Members and Brothers by reproving his brethren gently, but firmly. We firmly believe in the most exacting duties in the ethics of Freemasonry;

... a Mason should not publicize the faults of a Brother Mason, but shall whisper good, private counsel in his ear. An admonition must be given in the language of brotherly affection, the magic tongue of love, and with the persuasive attitude of 'mercy unrestrained'...

So Mote It Be.

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Article 1 – Identity

Section 1 - Name.

The MC will be known as SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC aka “Seekers MC”

Section 2 - Territory.

The SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC will be known as a “global” or “worldwide” organization of riders.

Section 3 – Address.

The SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC will maintain a mailing address at the following address, but not limited to that address for additional club activities when identified to members:

68 East Village Road
Monroe, CT 06468
U.S.A.

Section 4 – Chapters.

The SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC will have no “clubhouses” or “chapters” outside of the Mother Chapter.

Section 5 – “Nomad”.

All SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC Members will wear a “NOMAD” front patch to designate that there are no clubhouses or chapters.

Section 6 - Classification.

The SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC will be referred to as a Motorcycle Club of charitable works.

Article 2 - Membership

Section 1 - Who.

The SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC will be comprised of MALE Motorcycle owners and riders who share the common right to wear the center patch displaying the symbols of the Square and Compasses. That right translates into the commonalities of:

- Item A) Being a man of lawful age.
- Item B) Having an active and good standing in a Blue Lodge of Freemasonry.
- Item C) Having earned the status of being raised in the third Degree of Freemasonry and being recognized as a "Master Mason".
- Item D) Having the interest of doing charitable acts for fallen riders and families in the Motorcycling community.

Section 2 - Requirement.

Members will be required to maintain their status commonality of Article 2 – Section 1.

Section 3 - Avouching.

Applicants will provide supporting documentation to an officer of the SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC before engaging in club discussion or being given a copy of the By-Laws for their review.

Section 4 - Preparation.

Once an Applicant is found to be worthy and well qualified he shall then be provided a copy of the current SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC By-Laws for review by the Guardian of Membership or by any "prime" officer of the club.

Section 5 - Applying.

If a worthy and well qualified Applicant finds the By-Laws to their satisfaction and wishes to gain admission into the SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC, that applicant shall request an APPLICATION for MEMBERSHIP from the Guardian of Membership or any Prime Officer of the club.

Section 6 - Submission.

All Applications for Membership will be received by the Secretary of the club for validation and confirmation of:

1. Identity.
2. Active Status of Article 2 - Section 1.
3. Completeness.
4. Proper signatures where required.
5. Suggested Charitable Donation

Section 7 - Validation.

Upon the Secretary's validation of an Application for Membership, he will:

1. Sign the application as Secretary and as club officer "1".
2. Register the Applicant as a "Member in Full Standing" in the club records.
3. Forward the donation to the club Treasurer.
4. Notify the Guardian of the Applicant's State
5. Item E) Make the appropriate communication to all SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC members on the new member.
6. Item F) Forward the signed application and all associated documents to the club President for final inspection and acceptance.

Section 8 - Denial.

The SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC President has the right to deny, revoke or veto any application for membership.

Section 9 - Denial Overturn.

The Prime Officers of the club have the right to request an officer vote to over-turn any application denied, revoked or vetoed by the President after both the President and a representative of the Prime Officers have presented opposing statements to the Prime Officers.

Section 10 - Recieving.

A member in full shall share in all the benefits, activities and communications of the club. This includes access to any club materials that are made available for club promotion.

Section 11 - Prospecting.

The Seekers of the Light MC does not have prospect or "slick back" members. As we all share a common interest in the Light and have taken a solemn obligation to society and the symbol we wear, no prospecting is required, only validation.

Article 3 - Officers

Section 1- Type.

The SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC will be comprised of Officers of two (2) classes:

1. PRIME Officers
2. FUNCTIONAL Officers

Section 2 - Prime.

PRIME officers will be comprised of the following:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Sergeant at Arms
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Road Captain
7. Guardian of Membership

Section 3 - Functional.

FUNCTIONAL Officers will be comprised of the following:

1. Individual State/Territory Guardians
2. Chaplains
3. Public Relations officer
4. Foreign Liaison

Section 4 - Identification.

Any member holding an office within the Club, will wear a patch designating their office. This patch will be worn on the front, upper left side of the Club vest as outlined in Article 4 section 2 – Patches.

Section 5 - Succession.

The rules of succession between offices will not be practiced within the SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC. (Example: If the Vice President were to quit, or not be able to perform his duties, the Sgt. At Arms would not automatically move up into that position because he might not be qualified for or want that position.)

Section 6 - Interim.

If an officer does not, or is unable to perform his duties, or quits his office, it will be the responsibility of the President to appoint someone to that position until the regularly scheduled election.

Section 7 - Meetings.

The PRIME governing officers will meet once every month either in person or through a form of teleconferencing.

Section 8 - Elections.

Elections will be held annually every year on the regular January meeting for any offices vacated during the prior year by a Club vote by the membership present. The voting membership, or FULL MEMBERS, consist of only patched members that wear the SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC upper rocker on the back of their Club vest. In the event a tie vote occurs, the final decision will rest with a majority vote by the PRIME Club officers.

Section 8 - Replacing.

PRIME Officers retain their offices unless voted out. Any FULL member wishing to run for an office will submit his name to the Club Secretary by the December General Meeting, prior to the election.

Section 9 – President Resigns.

When the President steps down, the Vice President along with the Sergeant at Arms and Secretary will manage the club until the next President can be elected by the voting membership.

Section 10 - President.

The President shall preside over all officer and general membership meetings. He will oversee all affairs of the Club and may appoint persons or committees as may be required for Club business. If any officer in the Club is unable to, or fails to perform his duties, it is the responsibility of the President to appoint a replacement until the general election.

Section 11 – Vice President.

The Vice President shall perform all duties incumbent upon the President during the absence of the President. The Vice President will be the balancing power and the validating voice of reason for all actions of the President.

Section 12 – Sergeant at Arms.

The Sergeant at Arms shall promote unity throughout the Club and will ensure all bylaws and traditions are respected by everyone. His duties include maintaining order during all Club meetings, events and functions, and to protect the rights of the Club and it's members. It is also his duty to manage all complaints and to bring them to the

attention of the President. He is the balance of reason and understanding of all by-laws when any member(s) should falter or misunderstand or require guidance when acting in compliance of the Seekers of the Light By-Laws. He is the whispering voice of good advice in all members' ears when he feels it is necessary or sees fit. He may do this one on one or as an entire group with all and any members at his discretion.

Section 13 - Secretary.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings and shall keep the minutes of all monthly meetings. Within one week of the monthly meetings he will distribute the minutes to the Club membership, either in writing or by email. The Secretary will also keep an up to date record of all members as well as make sure that each member's motorcycle driver's license, bike registration and inspection are all current. The Secretary will be responsible for all communications to members requested by the President. The Secretary will also be responsible for tracking and maintain a list of Members, Applicant's, Brothers Inquiring as well as Donations by Members and Applicants.

Section 13 - Treasurer.

The Treasurer must account for all income and expenditures of the Club. He will maintain an accounting journal and log all transactions by the Club. He will give a financial report at each monthly meeting showing the current wealth of the Club. He must insure that all disbursements of Club money are approved with the knowledge & approval of the President and Vice President and Secretary. Disbursements of \$100 and under \$500 must be approved by majority vote of the PRIME Club officers. Disbursements of \$500 or more must have unanimous approval by the officers. He will be responsible for collecting any and all Dues or Fees required by the Club.

Section 14 – Road Captain.

The Road Captain shall be responsible for the safety of the membership any time the Club rides as a group or as individuals at any events. As the Seekers of the Light MC is not a band of riding Brothers, The Road Captain will review the trip plans of all members who are planning rides or events which include group rides of some type to assure all safety issues are understood and covered. The Road Captain will assist other riders in practicing safe riding while traveling in formation. He will be responsible for scheduling departure times and locations for trips or rides, and will communicate this information to all the membership. In the event that the Senior Road Captain is

unable to take part in a Club run or trip, he will pick a Road Captain and two (2) Assistants to lead the Club in his absence, and will help them in their preparation, if needed. In addition The Road Captain will assure that any members who are involved in any ride event will be knowledgeable of all safety and ride preparations to assure the safety of those participants. All members will be required to submit a ride/event plan to the Road Captain to review.

Section 14 – Guardian of Membership.

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Section 15 – Chaplain.

It is the duty of each Chaplain to provide spiritual support to any Brother or Member, or member's family during a time of crisis or when it is sought out. The Chaplain is not required to be of any specific denomination in his religious beliefs. The Seekers of the Light MC will attempt to provide Chaplains that are both geographically accessible as well as from different religious denominations and beliefs to offer the proper support to a Member and his family.

The Chaplain will provide prayer during meetings and events to bring us all into the great light of our Grand Architect.

The Chaplain is our guide and tie back to our obligation on that Great Light.

Article 4 - Patches

Section 1 - Patches.

The Club patches will consist of:

1. A Unique back top rocker that is the proprietary patch for the SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC organization. This patch is the ONLY patch that is club property.
2. A 12" back center patch consisting of a Silver embroidered Square and Compasses displaying the "G" in the center.
3. A Front 1"x4" "NOMAD" patch to represent that the Seekers of the Light MC has no Clubhouse or Chapters in the rider's territory or state.
4. A 1"x4" "NAME" patch displaying the member's road or street name.
5. A 1"x4" "TITLE" patch displaying the member's club Title or Position in the clubs rank of officers if so appointed to one.
6. A 1"x4" patch denoting members who are no longer physically able to ride. This status is denoted by an embroidered tire tread of 2" which then turns into shoe prints for the remaining 2" across the patch, denoting a rider now on foot.
7. A patch of the AMERICAN FLAG
8. A Masonic patch of the member's choosing

Section 2 - Placement.

Patches will be SEWN onto a black leather vest or riding jacket which will not display any patches other those listed in Article 4, Section 1.

Patches will be placed as such (see exhibit 4.a):

1. The Back Top Rocker will be centered across the back shoulder 4" below the top most edge of the vest or from where the collar starts on a jacket. SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC organization. This patch is the ONLY patch that is club property.
2. The 12" Back Center Square and Compasses will be centered and placed 1" below the bottom edge of the Top Rocker.
3. The 1"x4" "NOMAD" patch will be placed on the Front RIGHT CHEST above the arm pit but low enough to place a patch above it on the shoulder and centered in that space.
4. A 1"x4" "NAME" patch displaying the member's road or street name.
5. A 1"x4" "TITLE" patch displaying the member's club Title or Position in the clubs rank of officers if so appointed to one.

6. A 1"x4" patch denoting members who are no longer physically able to ride. This status is denoted by an embroidered tire tread of 2" which then turns into shoe prints for the remaining 2" across the patch, denoting a rider now on foot.
7. A patch of the AMERICAN FLAG
8. A Masonic patch of the member's choosing

Article 5 - Meetings

Section 1.

The SEEKERS of the LIGHT officers will hold a monthly meeting open to all members.

Section 2.

The monthly meeting will be a Global conference call to accommodate all Members at difference geographic locations.

Section 3.

The Secretary will communicate the Date and Time of the next monthly conference call at least three weeks prior to that scheduled meeting time. That communication will be made via email and posted on the Seekers of the Light MC PRIVATE Facebook page. The Date, Time, Time Zone and agenda as given to him by the President will be communicated.

Section 4.

All Seekers of the Light MC Members must make efforts to attend the monthly conference calls. Each conference call will be recorded and made available for members to listen to the meeting at their convenience. All members who cannot be on the call during its scheduled time must listen to the recorded meeting to be up on the club's current affairs.

Section 5.

The conference call phone number, access codes and procedures will be available to all Members in the secured Seekers of the Light online storage area and provided by the Secretary via email when requested.

Section 6.

Primary Officers will meet once every quarter either in person or over conference call to discuss the health and welfare of the Seekers of the Light MC and all its members.

Article 6 - Finance

Section 1.

The SEEKERS of the LIGHT MC finances will be managed by the Treasurer.

Section 2.

The Treasurer will provide a financial accounting of the club at each monthly meeting or whenever the President requests it.

Section 3.

Monies collected by the Secretary will be accounted for and handed over to the Treasurer for proper handling and accounting.

Section 4.

The Secretary will collect donations from new Members in the amount of \$175 USD, log them accordingly and hand them over to the Treasurer.

Section 5.

The Secretary will collect donations from all established members annually on or before March 1st of each year in the amount of \$25 USD, log them accordingly and hand them over to the Treasurer.

Section 6.

Additional monies donated to the Seekers of the Light MC will be recorded and handed over to the Treasurer for appropriate accounting.

Section 7.

Request from Members for monies to be utilized for any charitable activity will be submitted in writing via email to the Seekers of the Light MC officers for a vote and approval. Monies approved will be communicated to the Treasurer for disbursement and proper accounting in the club records. A report will be submitted to the members at the following monthly meeting by the Member responsible for the charitable oversight.

Section 8.

Monies required for Seekers of the Light MC business transactions will be approved by officers and then communicated to the Treasurer for proper disbursement. If the amount required exceeds \$150 USD it will

require an informal consensus of all members for a majority approval. This consensus can occur through emails or Facebook.

Article 7 - Discipline

Section 1.

All Members of the Seekers of the Light MC will be held accountable to these by-laws.

Section 2.

Any activity or behavior that requires disciplinary action to be invoked will be determined by a hearing of the charges by the Primary officers. A decision will be presented to all Members involved along with the disciplinary action to be taken which may be as high as expulsion from the Seekers of the Light MC.

Section 3.

A Members Blue Lodge Obligation will always supersede these by-laws. That is to say that all Members will be held accountable to their Blue Lodge Obligation. Any behavior that is not in line with that of a Mason's Blue Lodge obligation will be viewed as actions requiring disciplinary action within this club.

Section 4.

All Seekers of the Light MC Members and any associates who are Masons, while in public, will display the proper conduct and behavior expected by AL Masons while representing this club and Freemasonry when wearing his colors. Improper Behavior as a Mason will be viewed as a violation of these by-laws and treated with the disciplinary action deemed necessary by the Primary officers.

Article 8 - Acceptance

Section 1 – Colors Ownership.

The **Seekers of the Light MC** rocker is the trademarked emblem of the club and cannot be owned by an individual or worn, except he be a member in full standing. Any Brother who leaves the **Seekers of the Light MC** by either his own free will or at the request of the club will return the back upper rocker to the current President of the club who will in turn release him from his obligation and notify all Seekers MC club members.

Section 2 – Acknowledgement.

I, _____,
Applicant's printed name in full

do hereby acknowledge that I understand that the **Seekers of the Light MC** Rocker is the trademarked colors of the club and that I have no right of claim to the rocker patch when I am no longer a member in full standing.

I agree that under no less a penalty of that of a Mason to his Brother that my word is given to return my **Seekers of the Light MC** Rocker back to the club President upon exiting the club.

I also acknowledge that I understand the written By-Laws of the **Seekers of the Light MC** and promise to uphold and abide by all decisions made according to them while a member in full of the **Seekers of the Light MC** organization.

Signed _____, on this
Applicant's signature

_____ day of _____, _____.
Day Month Year

ADDENDUMS:

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