



RED KNIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL

MOTORCYCLE

CLUB

MASSACHUSETTS

CHAPTER XI

MISSION STATEMENT

(4/01)

The Red Knights International Motorcycle Club, Inc., Massachusetts Chapter XI is a family orientated Community of firefighters (male and female) who share the common interest of motorcycling and firefighting. We advocate and promote safety and education in our common interests, and we provide support to various non-profit charities locally. As a club, our primary mission is to ride our motorcycles and enjoy life in the company of our families and fellow firefighters.

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
RED KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB
MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER XI**

EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT: Joseph (Kelly) McGonnell

VICE PRESIDENT: Albie Petronzio

TREASURER: James Johnson

SECRETARY: Kim DiOrio-McGonnell

ROAD CAPTAIN: Richard (Peter) McGonnell

ARTICLE 1: NAME, PURPOSE AND SEAL

Section 1: The name of the Chapter shall be known as **“RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE CLUB, MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER XI.”**

Section 2: The purpose of this Chapter is to provide a social motorcycle club for active and retired personnel of the Fire Services and to promote safe and proper methods of motorcycle operation.

Section 3: In the event of dissolution of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club, Massachusetts Chapter XI, any remaining funds in the club shall be turned over to any non-profit charitable organization that can utilize the funds. Such charitable organization shall be voted on by the membership.

Section 4: The Chapter Seal shall be in the shape of standard Corporate Seal with the words: “The Red Knights Motorcycle club, Massachusetts Chapter XI”, and the year “2000” included.

Section 5: The emblem/Crest are set forth by the International Corporation and will not be altered in any way without the approval of the International executive Board.

ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1: “IN GOOD STANDING” shall mean any Active member whose annual dues are paid in current.

Section 2: There shall be six (6) classifications of membership: Charter, Active, Associate, Social, Special Honorary and Compassionate Honorary membership

Section 3: CHARTER members shall be restricted to ACTIVE members only of the original Chartering, or any ACTIVE member of this Chapter joining the first year of the Chapter. (June 1, 2001 to May 31, 2002)
The Charter Rocker shall only be worn by Charter members.

A Charter member of any Chapter who moves or transfers His/Her membership to another chapter may retain His/Her charter member rocker.

Section 4: All ACTIVE members shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

ACTIVE membership shall be available to active or former fire fighting personnel presently owning or having access to a registered motorcycle and holding a valid motorcycle license.

Section 5: ASSOCIATE membership shall be offered to a person who has been proposed, in writing, for such membership, and accepted in good standing and, in the opinion of a majority of the Executive Board, has substantially contributed to the promotion of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club inc. for a minimum period of six (6) months. Final approval shall be by a two-thirds majority vote of the Chapter members at a meeting held at the conclusion of six-month (6) period.

ASSOCIATE membership shall not exceed ten (10) percent of the Active membership. Once a member has been accepted as an Associate member and for various reasons no longer is able to ride a motorcycle they may, at the pleasure of the chapter majority retain his/her membership as an Associate member.

Section 6: SOCIAL members shall be a Spouse, Partner, Boyfriend, Girlfriend, Son, Daughter, Brother or Sister of an Active Member, Associate Member or a Member-at-Large. The minimum age for a social member shall be sixteen (16) year of age before joining.

Section 7: COMPASSIONATE HONORARY MEMBERSHIP
The compassionate Honorary Member title will be given to the surviving spouse or partner of any member of the Chapter if they were an Active member, Associate Member or Honorary Member. This membership would be presented by the Chapter for tenure of the Chapters desire. There shall be no dues payable by this category of membership to the International Corporation. This will allow the Compassionate Honorary Member to continue to be active in the family of the Chapter without placing a burden on the Member or Chapter.

Section 8: SPECIAL HONORARY MEMBERSHIP may be granted to a member of a recognized religion for the position of Chapter Chaplain.
Special Honorary membership may also be granted to a civic or business leader who does volunteer work for the Chapter.

An Honorary member shall not hold office or vote in the affairs of the Chapter. Special Honorary membership International dues are the responsibility of the Chapter.

Section 9: ACTIVE, ASSOCIATE and SOCIAL members in good standing shall have the right to vote at any club function at the Massachusetts Chapter XI level.

Section 10: Only ACTIVE members shall be entitled to hold office of President or Vice President in the club.

Section 11: The tenure of Active membership shall be from the day after the annual meeting until the end and close of business on the day of the next annual meeting of the Chapter or any portion of the intervening period. The tenure of the Associate membership, Special Honorary and Compassionate Honorary Membership shall be at the recommendation of the Executive Board with final approval by the majority vote of the Chapter's Membership present.

Section 12: ANNUAL DUES shall be as follows:
\$20.00 yearly for existing members
\$25.00 for new members (1st year only)

Section 13: Each Active, Associate, and Social member shall pay dues in the amount set by the Chapter membership and shall be payable to the Chapter Treasurer prior to the close of the next regular meeting of the Chapter. Special Honorary dues are the responsibility of the Chapter. Compassionate Honorary members do not pay dues. New member dues and initiation fee are payable with the application for membership.

Section 14: No one shall be denied membership because of race, religion, color national origin, sex, political affiliation or disability.

Section 15: The Executive Board, after their investigation of any alleged charges, shall recommend to the Membership for their approval, and the expulsion or suspension of any member of the Chapter. All such members have the right to an appeal to the Chapter and the International board. All such instances must be reported to the International President within thirty (30) days of the suspension or expulsion.

Section 18: Any Member who terminates his/her membership in the Red Knights Motorcycle Club, Massachusetts Chapter XI, for any reason shall return to the Executive Board, his/her membership card.

Section 19: All chapter and International dues shall be paid by January 1st and no later than February 15th of the calendar year, in which they are billed.

Section 20: Any member with dues not paid by February 1st will be charged an additional \$5.00 administrative fee. If the dues are still not paid by February 15st, their membership will be terminated at the discretion of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 3: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: The administration of the Chapter shall be vested in the Executive Board, composed of five (5) members, who shall be voted for by the membership and shall be elected at the Annual Election Meeting and assume responsibility of office for a term of two years. The President and Vice President must be Active Members.

The offices of Secretary, Treasurer and Road Captain may be held by Active, Associate or Social members.

Section 2: Any vacancy on the Board that may occur during an elected term of office shall be filled by any Active member receiving a majority vote of the Executive Board members present at any meeting of the Board with subsequent approval of the Chapter membership at the next regular meeting, but only for the un-expired portion of the term vacated.

Section 3: The Executive Board shall have supervision of, and be responsible for all affairs and property of the Chapter and shall inspect as often as desired, all records, books and account of the Chapter. It may, by formal action, delegate specific authority of the Board to such personnel or committees as hereinafter set forth.

Section 4: The Executive Board shall have the right to accept for and on behalf of the chapter any contributions, appropriations or grants in aid from whatever source that may be tendered in moneys, goods, real or personnel property or services for the good of the Chapter. It may pledge the faith of the Chapter with or without security if the occasion would arise in the pursuance of its work.

ARTICLE 4: OFFICERS

Article 1: The officers of the Chapter shall be PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURE, ROAD CAPTAIN, and any other Officers that may be elected for the good of the Chapter. They shall be elected every two (2) years by the membership present at the annual meeting of the Chapter. They shall serve

in such offices until the close of the business of the next Annual Meeting at which time their successors will assume the duties of the office.

The PRESIDENT and SECRETARY shall be elected in the EVEN years. The VICE-PRESIDENT, TREASURER, and ROAD CAPTAIN shall be elected in the ODD years.

Section 2: THE PRESIDENT shall be the Executive Officer of the Chapter. He/She shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and the Executive Board except the nominating committee. He/She shall be the co-signer with the Treasurer on all notes, mortgages and other legal documents given on behalf of the Chapter and shall, if required by the Board give such surety bond as may be required at the expense of the Chapter. He/She shall have the power to call meetings of the Executive Board and shall make full and complete reports of the Chapter and actions of the Executive Board at each meeting.

Section 3: THE VICE-PRESIDENT, in the absence of the President shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the President.

Section 4: THE SECRETARY shall attend all meetings of the Chapter and Executive Board and shall keep accurate records of all business and membership at such meetings. He/She shall give “adequate notice” to all members of the Chapter in advance of annual or any special meetings. He/She shall make a full report of the membership status of the chapter at each annual meeting.

At the request of the President or as otherwise provided herein, He/She shall give “adequate notice” of all meeting of the Executive Board. For the purpose herein set forth, “adequate notice” shall mean that all members are notified seven (7) days prior to the meeting. The Secretary shall also file all necessary legal documents.

Section 5: THE TREASURER shall be responsible for all Chapter Funds. He/She shall collect annual dues. He/She shall receive all Chapter funds, depositing the same in the name of the Chapter in such bank or trust company as designated by the Executive Board and keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements. He/She must sign all checks with the President as the co-signer, without prior approval of the Executive Board.

Section 6: THE ROAD CAPTAIN shall have the responsibility of:

- 1: Leading the Group.
- 2: Give hand signals appropriate to conditions.
- 3: observation for and correct as soon as possible, any traffic infractions or safety violations.
- 4: If elected Road Captain is not on the ride, appoint one for that ride.
- 5: In the event the Road Captain is unfamiliar with the route and someone else is, he may ride #2 position with an Assistant Road Captain as leader. The Road Captain may Also take over the Assistant Road Captain’s Position at the end of the group.

ASSISTANT ROAD CAPTAIN is appointed by the Road Captain and rides at the end of the group. His/Her duties are to report infractions or safety

problems to the Road Captain and to assist any bikes leaving the group.

Section 7: In the absence of the Secretary from a meeting or function at which his/her absence is necessary, the presiding Officer may appoint a temporary substitute for the writing of minutes only.

ARTICLE 5: COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Executive Board may from time to time appoint committees as it may deem necessary or advisable for carrying out the proposed work of the Chapter, and delegate to such committees such authority and power as it may see fit to grant within the limits of its own authority. The Membership of such committees may consist of Active, Associate, Social members with the chairperson of each committee being an Active member. The Executive Board shall fix the tenure of each committee.

Section 2: At least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting of the Chapter, the Executive Board shall appoint a nominating committee composed of at least one (1) Active Member of the Chapter who shall prepare a list of nominations to the Board to fill whatever vacancies may occur at the Annual Meeting. The Committee will report its findings to the Chapter members present at the meeting, but such report shall not necessarily preclude the nomination of other members from the floor of the meetings for vacancies of the Executive Board. The Secretary shall mail a notice of the place and time in advance of the Annual Election meeting to all members of the Chapter.

Section 3: The President shall appoint an audit committee. This committee shall review the Treasure's books bi-annually.

ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS

Section 1: Seven (7) Active, Associate or Social members and one Officer present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business, but a lesser number may adjourn the meeting to a later date.

Section 2: The Annual meeting will be held during the month of October. All reports of the Officers and other transactions of committees may be brought forth at the meeting.

Section 3: By vote of the Executive Board or upon the written petition of at least seven (7) Active, Associate or Social members of the Chapter, it shall be the duty of the President or His/Her representative to be designated by the Executive Board or the petitioners, as the case may be, and the Secretary shall give "adequate notice" thereof, to all voting members of the Chapter of special meetings. Only such business that has been set forth in the notice, therefore, shall be transacted at a Special Meeting of the Chapter.

Section 4: There shall be no voting by proxy at any meeting of the Chapter and only Active, Associate or Social members in good standing as verified by the Secretary/Treasurer shall be allowed to vote. Invited guests will be allowed to take part in the discussion on matters during the meeting so long as the decorum thereof is not unduly disturbed.

Section 5: The Executive Board shall meet, subject to the call of the President or upon the written petition of at least three (3) of its members, as often throughout the year as may be deemed necessary by the President or members of the Board. A majority of the Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Board, but a lesser number may adjourn the meeting to another date.

Section 6: At all meetings of the Executive Board and at meetings of the Chapter, it being established that there is a quorum present as herein set forth, a majority of the votes cast on matters before the meeting shall rule.

Section 7: Robert's rule of Order shall govern the conduct of any meeting unless inconsistent with the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 7: ALCOHOL, DRUG USE AND SAFETY STANDARDS

Section 1: The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs will not be permitted at club meetings or functions, except that alcoholic beverages may be allowed at social functions not involving motorcycles where an exception is made by a majority vote of the membership present at the scheduled club meeting considering the exception for that particular function.

Section 2: Helmets will be worn by all participants while utilizing motorcycles in the group functions as governed by state laws.

ARTICLE 8: RULES GOVERNING CHAPTER

Section 1: All chapters shall abide by a minimum standard of the rules and Regulations set forth by the National Board of Directors. The National Board of Directors or its commissioned representative shall review and accept or reject all applying charter rules and regulations.

ARTICLE 9: BUSINESS OFFICE

Section 1: Unless otherwise specified by the Executive Board, the business office address shall be the following:

Red Knights Mass. Chapter XI
12 Grandview Rd.
North Reading Ma. 01864

ARTICLE 10: USE OF CLUB IDENTITIES

Section 1: The use of club identities that include patches, membership cards and jackets is limited to members only.

Section 2: The use of RED KNIGHTS registration is limited to Active members only.

Section 3: Only an Active member who has joined the organization during charter period of June 2000 through June 2001 shall wear the top rocker identified as “Charter Member”

Section 4: The Club vest shall be at the discretion of the member. The only exception to this is when it is deemed to be a PARADE. (Parade is defined as: any event that we are asked to participate in as a group. i.e.: Parades, Honor Guards, Funerals, etc.) At such Parades, Class “A”

uniforms shall be worn which consists of blue pants, white shirt and red leather vest. Only the official 10” patch and rockers may be worn on the back of the vest. The official 10” patch and rockers may not be worn on any other article of clothing.

Section 5: Any violation of these articles shall be cause for termination or suspension of membership.

ARTICLE 11: AMMENDMENTS

Section 1: These By-Laws may be proposed for repealment or amendment at any meeting and voted on at the next scheduled meeting by the members of the Chapter by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and eligible to vote, provided “adequate notice” of the proposed action has been given to all voting members.

Section 2: When ever the Executive Board or any seven (7) Active, Associate or Social members of the Chapter recommend in writing that the By-Laws are to be repealed or amended, the President shall direct the Secretary to send out “adequate notice” of the proposed action as herein set forth to all voting members of the Chapter.

On a motion made and seconded, it was voted to accept these By-Laws as the general rules of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club, Massachusetts Chapter XI.

This date Being _____

APPROVAL OF THE RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL
EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE INTERNATIONAL
BY-LAWS COMMITTEE ON