

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS
of the
PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO
of the
RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL
MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.®



ASSOCIATION FOUNDED February 2006

BY-LAWS CREATED July 2008

APPROVED BY INTERNATIONAL November 6, 2008

MISSION STATEMENT
OF
THE PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO
OF THE
RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS MOTORCYCLE
CLUB, ® INC.

The Red Knights share the common interest of motorcycling,
promoting motorcycle education, safety and the Community of Firefighting.
To support the Associations, Chapters and all members and assist
in the welfare and growth of the International organization.

PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT – Jim Friend (ONT 14)

VICE PRESIDENT – Dan Merlin (ONT 13)

SECRETARY – Wylie Welsh (ONT 12)

TREASURER/QUARTERMASTER – Mike Wilkins (ONT 2)

ROAD CAPTAIN – Richard Playfair (ONT 17)

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE; 1. NAME, EMBLEM and UNIFORM

Section 1-1;

The name of this provincial Association of the Red Knights shall be;

ASSOCIATION 6, ONTARIO

This Provincial Association shall be a not-for-profit social club.

Section 1-2;

This Provincial Association of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc. was chartered by the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club Corporation on February 15th 2006. The approval by the International Corporation for a Charter binds the Provincial Association to the International By-Laws as amended from time to time at the Annual Meetings of the Corporation. This Provincial Association Charter may be revoked by the International Executive Board for items that may include but not limited to; inappropriate conduct and failing to file annual rosters and reports.

Section 1-3;

The Association 6, Ontario Emblem/Crest shall be the Trillium within the International Maltese Cross, with the lettering: RED KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB, ASSOCIATION 6. Anyone wishing to change or alter the Ontario Emblem/Crest shall request permission from the Ontario Provincial Executive Board and the International Executive Board before adopting the changes.

Section 1-4;

The uniform of the members of Association 6, Ontario shall be the uniform of the member chapters, and shall be worn in such a manner as to project a positive image of the Red Knights. The colour of the vest shall be that of member chapters bearing in mind that the International Board recommends RED.

Section 1-5;

The International motto is; LOYAL TO OUR DUTY. This shall also be adopted by Association 6, Ontario.

Section 1-6;

The Association 6, Ontario mailing address will be that of the current President.

All communications shall be forwarded to the proper Officer or member. Communication to the International Executive Board shall be sent to the Regional Director for distribution to the International Board.

Section 1-7;

The Constitution can only be changed by a 2/3 vote of voting members present at an Annual Meeting. Thirty (30) days advance notice shall be given to all member chapters prior to the meeting.

ASSOCIATION 6, ONTARIO BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION, TENURE, EXECUTIVE BOARD & MEETINGS.

Section 2-1;

Membership classifications shall be consistent with membership classifications stated in the International By-Laws. All members, currently in good standing in the RKMC are eligible to join Association 6 Ontario.

Section 2-2;

The elected Offices of this Association shall be; President (Provincial Representative), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Road Captain. The elected Officers of Association 6, Ontario shall be the Executive Board with the President serving as Chairman.

Section 2-3;

The President, Treasurer and Road Captain shall be elected on the odd year at the Annual Meeting. The Vice President and Secretary shall be elected on the even years at the Annual Meeting all serving a two year term at the will of the membership.

Section 2-4;

Nominations for Officers shall be presented by the Nomination Committee a month prior to the Annual Meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Voting for Officers shall be by secret ballot if more than two members are running for one office. After the election is completed, all ballots will be destroyed.

OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 2-5;

President; The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, appoint Committees and non-elected officers. He/she shall at all times, enforce a due consideration and observance of the International and Association Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations and shall preserve order and harmony within the Association. He/she will be the Association Representative at International Meetings and State / Province Association Meetings. If He/she cannot attend, He/she will appoint other members in his/her place. He/she shall report activities, problems, and Chapter/Association Officer Changes to the Regional Director as needed. He/she shall be ex-officio member on all Committees except the Nomination Committee. He/she shall be one of the authorized signators on notes, cheques, and other legal documents unless other arrangements have been made. He/she shall accept all gifts and donations on behalf of the Association.

At the expiration of his/her term of office, he/she shall transfer all books, papers, monies and other Association property to his/her successor in office.

Article 2-6;

Vice President; The Vice President shall preside in absence of the President in case of his/her disability or vacancy of his/her office. He/she shall be responsible for money raising projects of the Association. He/she shall be the Chairperson of the Membership Committee. He /She shall be one of the authorized signators, on notes, cheques, and other legal documents

At the expiration of his/her term of office, he/she shall transfer all books, papers, monies and other Association property to his/her successor in office.

Section 2-7;

Secretary; The Secretary shall attend all meetings when possible, keep records of all proceedings, keep a current roster of Chapters/Association members, attend to all correspondence and keep the Regional Director informed of Membership, Officers and activities. He/she shall render semi - annual reports in the form of newsletters or electronically to the Association Members, keeping the membership informed of all functions, activities and

inform all members of the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations amendments and/or changes. He/she may contract for supplies, printing, postage and other minor purchases to maintain the Association at his/her discretion, presenting bills to be paid for by the Treasurer with the Executive/Membership approval at a stated meeting. All expenditures shall be registered and audited prior to the Annual Meeting. At the expiration of his/her term of office, he/she shall transfer all books, papers, monies and other Association property to his/her successor in office.

Section 2-8;

Treasurer; The Treasurer shall attend all meetings when possible and pay all bills and vouchers when properly approved by the Association Executive Board and the membership, keeping a record of same. He/she shall be the principle signer of notes, cheques and other legal documents. He/she shall end the year's finances on December 31st of any given year. He/she shall open and maintain a checking/savings account in a federally insured Bank or Credit Union. He/she shall collect all yearly dues and other monies, keeping records of all transactions. He/she shall give a report of the Association finances at regular meetings, giving copies to the Association Executive Board when requested. The books shall be made available to any member upon request giving one (1) week's notice. The Association Treasurer's books shall be audited by the Auditing and Finance Committee prior to the Association's Annual Meeting. At the expiration of his/her term of office, he/she shall transfer all books, paper, monies and other Association property to his/her successor in office.

Section. 2-9;

Road Captain; The Road Captain shall be responsible for directing the movements of the Association while traveling together in a safe and lawful manner. The directions and orders of the Road Captain will be followed until such a time that any problems that may arise can be resolved. The Road Captain shall assist in setting up trips, checking the route for detours and hazards and make arrangements for rest stops, meals and meetings. Trips shall be kept within reason i.e. miles, meals, dirt roads, times, etc. He/she shall inform the Secretary of the proposed trips so the membership can be informed. The Road Captain shall lead the movements of a group and assign another experienced member to bring up the rear. The Road

Captain shall create a ride schedule and take suggestions from the membership for trips and rides. He/she shall inform new riders of Association riding procedures.

Section 2-10;

Executive Board meetings may be called at the will of the President at any time or place he wishes with two (2) weeks notice. Executive Board meetings should be open to all members unless it goes into Executive session. Then only one (1) item may be discussed in Executive session. No action on Association affairs shall be voted on at the Executive Board meetings unless as noted in the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of International and the Association. Trips, rides, Association activities, personnel and Officers may be discussed and voted on by the Association Executive Board. Members must be notified of actions taken. All Officers are required to give an Annual report to the Membership at the Annual Meeting and make their duties verbally available upon request at any regular meeting.

Section 2-11;

An Officer may resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the Provincial Association President. The Executive Board may appoint a temporary Officer or the vacancy can be filled by nomination and vote of the membership present at a regular meeting. The term of this appointment or election shall only be till the next Annual Meeting.

Section 2-12;

Officers shall not receive compensation for their services unless as noted herein or approved at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2-13;

Officers and members shall not commit the Provincial Association to anything or anybody without the consent of the voting members present at any stated meeting. Any products or services being presented to the membership at any meetings will first be approved by the Provincial Association Executive Board.

MEETINGS

Section 2-14;

The order of business at all meetings shall be as follows;

1. Call to Order. Roll call of Officers.
2. Introduction of Voting Delegates, Members and Guests.
3. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Reading of correspondence and action taken.
5. Treasurers report. Presentation of bills and payment.
6. Report of other Officers.
7. Committee reports.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business. (Election and Installation of Officers.)
10. Good of the Association. Open discussion.
11. Announcements
12. Adjournment.

Section 2-15;

The regular stated Annual meeting of this Association will be the Third Saturday of July at 0900 hours. This Annual meeting can be held in conjunction with planned Provincial Convention or Rally. All members shall be notified by the Secretary of the date, time and place and activity at least one (1) month prior to the meeting

Section 2-16;

At the Annual Meeting, the election and installation of new Officers will be held and Annual officers reports be made. The President will appoint all necessary Committees.

Section 2-17;

At any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting that notification of the time and place of such meeting has been given to the membership as provided for in the constitution the presence of at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the Officers of the Provincial Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for all purposes. In the absence of a quorum or when a quorum is present, a meeting may be adjourned from time to time by vote of a majority of the members present.

Section 2-18;

At all meetings of Association 6, Ontario in which there is a quorum present, each member chapter shall have one vote. Executive Officers may represent and cast a vote for their chapter if no other representation is present from that chapter. A majority of the votes cast on any matter that comes before the Membership shall control. Any matter concerning By-Laws changes will require a majority for passage.

Section 2-19;

The most current version of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings unless inconsistent with the International and Provincial Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2-20;

Standing and other Committees. The following Committees may be appointed by the President at the Annual Meeting. (** Are required.)

1. By-Laws Committee. **
2. Audit Committee. **
3. Nomination Committee. **
4. Safety Committee.
5. Good of the Association Committee.
6. Grievance Committee
7. Entertainment Committee.
8. Membership Committee.

All Committees may set up their own rules with the approval of the Provincial Association Executive Board.

ARTICLE 3: CONDUCT & APPLICATIONS.

Section 3-1;

All members shall conduct themselves in the prescribed manner of our proud history of Firefighting and public service. All members shall be accountable to the International and Provincial Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations. All members shall ride in a safe and lawful manner when moving in public and assist the public if possible without harm to themselves, their passenger or the Association. No one shall be denied membership because of race, sex, religion, nationality, political affiliation or disability. Membership shall not be restricted to a class or manufacture of motorcycle as long as they are licensed and in a safe and working condition and street legal.

Section 3-2;

All applications for Membership, be it an entire Chapter or a Member-At-Large shall be made upon the prescribed form and presented at a regular meeting, signed by the Applicant/Chapter Representative giving their name, address, phone number etc., and shall be accompanied with the necessary fees and dues.

Section 3-3;

Any member who has been found guilty of a felony, dismissed from the Fire service for conduct unbecoming a Firefighter, who is in arrears in payment of dues as set forth by these By-Laws shall be dropped from the membership roster. Any member who cheats, defrauds or steals from the Provincial Association can be suspended by a majority vote of the membership present at the Annual Meeting. The International President shall be notified of the dismissal within thirty (30) days and reasons for such actions. Any person suspended or removed shall be granted a reconsideration hearing before the International Executive Board or a Special Committee appointed by the International Executive Board. If such a hearing is requested in writing and sent to the International Executive President postmarked within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice of suspension or removal, the member being suspended or removed shall have to opportunity to submit documentation and appear before the International Executive Board at the reconsideration hearing. The International Executive Board and/or Special Committee appointed shall issue its final decision within sixty (60) days of the date of such hearing.

Section 3-4;

Association 6, Ontario will not support, affiliate or align with any Club, group or organization that does not conform to the principles and dictates of the Red Knights International or Provincial and Federal laws.

ARTICLE 4: ASSOCIATION DUES, FUNDS AND AMENDMENTS

Section 4-1;

There will be no initiation fee for Association 6, Ontario membership. Dues shall be reviewed and set at the annual meeting and shall be due by March 31st of each year after which a late fee of \$10.00 per month will be assessed. All member Chapters owing annual dues by April 1st shall be notified in writing by the Secretary. All member Chapters whose dues are unpaid by June 30th will stand suspended and cease to enjoy the privileges of the Provincial Association until current dues and late fees are paid and they are properly reinstated. All Active Chapters upon being accepted into the Provincial Association shall receive a copy of the current By-Laws, ride schedule, and any other information available.

Section 4-2;

All funds shall be raised by fees, dues; activities, donations and such other means as the Provincial Association shall from time to time deem necessary, staying within guidelines of good taste and lawful activities. All funds exceeding normal operating expenses shall be deposited in a federally insured chequing and/or savings account and withdrawn as deemed necessary. No debts shall be incurred by or for the Provincial Association except as authorized by a vote by the membership present at a regular meeting of the Province, with the exception of the Secretary who is authorized to contract for all expenses such as postage, stationary, printing, newsletters, etc. Three names will be Authorised Signators, the President, the Vice –President and the Treasurer.

Section 4-3;

Disillusionment. If the Association is dissolved or disbanded for any reason, any remaining funds will be donated to a charity or to the Red Knights memorial Fund by a majority vote of the remaining membership.

Section 4-4;

All other Articles and Sections not covered herein shall revert back the International Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 4-5;

The Constitution of Association 6, Ontario can only be changed by a 2/3 majority of voting members present at an Annual Meeting given thirty (30) days prior notice. The By-Laws can be changed by a majority vote at any regular meeting given thirty (30) days prior notice. The Provincial Executive Board must unanimously approve or reject all changes prior to being presented to the Membership. All Constitution and By-Laws changes that change the intent of the Article and/or Section must be submitted to the International By-Laws Committee then to the International Executive Board in case of discrepancy.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE Association EXECUTIVE BOARD AND

MEMBERSHIP ON 19th Day, OF July, 2008.

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APPROVAL OF THE RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL

EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE INTERNATIONAL BY-LAWS

COMMITTEE ON November 6, 2008