



WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER OF KNIGHTS ON BIKES BY-LAWS



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ARTICLE I – NAME and LOGO

- Section 1 This organization shall be known as the Washington State Chapter of Knights on Bikes hereinafter referred to as the KonB.
- Section 2 For the purposes of these By-Laws, the area covered is the State of Washington.
- Section 3 The office of the KonB shall be at the home address of the current President of the State.
- Section 4 The logos for the three Dioceses of Washington State KonB shall be as shown in blue in the heading of these By-Laws and may be amended and/or altered only by vote of a majority the membership.

ARTICLE II - DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLE

- Section 1 We are members of the Knights of Columbus representing councils throughout the Jurisdiction of the State of Washington. We promote the spiritual and cultural needs of the Knights of Columbus and strive to encourage faith, friendship and service.
- Section 2 These By-Laws of the KonB shall be the foundations of any Law, Rule, or Procedure, and shall be the guidelines by which the Washington State KonB will operate. These By-Laws along with the membership of the KonB are subject to the Laws and Rules of the Knights of Columbus and the Knights on Bikes National Chapter. Additionally the KonB serves under the jurisdiction of the Washington State Deputy.
- Section 3 KonB adopts these by-laws in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus by-laws, save and except for any conflicts, wherein the Knights on Bikes' by-laws supersedes.
- Section 4 These By-Laws shall not be violated, nor shall they be changed except as provided for in Article XI of these by-laws.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

- Section 1 The KonB is a non-profit organization serving the community through charitable works and leadership while enjoying camaraderie with our brothers in faith as motorcycle riders. KonB members are dedicated to improving the biker's image by promoting safety and Christian values.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 Membership is open to any Knights of Columbus member who is in good standing with his Council and owns a motorcycle (of any kind) or anticipates owning a bike within a year.
- Section 2 Auxiliary memberships are granted by the President of the State on a case-by-case basis as long he is in good standing with his Council. An auxiliary member is one that cannot or does not intend on owning a motorcycle.
- Section 3 Application for membership shall include application form and evaluation of applicant's qualification as outlined in Section 1 above.
- Section 4 Members of the KonB shall be considered Active members as long as they remain in good standing with their Council and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges embodied in these By-Laws.
- Section 5 The colors as outlined in Article V may be worn immediately upon acceptance of Knight of Columbus member's application and satisfies either Section 1 or 2 above. KonB Ladies may also wear colors less any patch containing the Emblem of the Order.
- Section 6 Any member who shall fail to remain in good standing with their Council shall cease to be a member in the KonB and shall be subject to suspension. No suspension shall be considered until after the President of the Dioceses has made attempts to contact the member both by telephone and official letter. After all attempts have been made the President of the Dioceses will notify the President of the State who will make final determination to suspend the member.

ARTICLE V – COLORS

- Section 1: The Colors will consist of the following:
- A. Leather or cloth vest
 - B. On back of vest, place a gold cross between the shoulder blades. A 12 inch Emblem of the Order shall be centered from the lower part of the cross and the bottom of the vest. ***(No other patches or rockers are authorized on the back of the vest.)***
 - C. Front left chest side will be a 4 inch KC crest. A USA flag patch shall be situated on the left hand side and above the KC crest.
 - D. KonB patch will be worn on the front right chest and a state flag patch SHALL be situated above the KonB patch.
 - E. Any other patches may be affixed to the FRONT of the vest at any location other than what is described above as long as they conform to the ideals and principles of the Knights of Columbus. *(see attachment 1)*
 - F. Members are encouraged to wear vest at all times when riding, either alone or in groups. Colors are worn at your own discretion however, Colors should be used while KonB rides or functions. (Unless otherwise instructed by POS or POD) Additionally, the

colors may be worn to any church mass or functions, even if you are not riding.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

- Section 1 The Executive and Legislative Powers shall be vested in the Officers. The members of the Officers shall be collectively referred to as Officers.
- Section 2 Any member as defined in Article IV, Section 1 shall be eligible to hold office.
- Section 3 The Officers of the KonB shall consist of the:
- A. President of the State of Washington
 - B. President of the Archdioceses of Seattle
 - C. President of the Dioceses of Yakima
 - D. President of the Dioceses of Spokane
 - E. Treasurer
 - F. Secretary
- Section 4 The Officers shall be the Policy, Law and Rule-Making body of the KonB.
- Section 5 The President of the State shall be elected by the members of the KonB and shall serve for a two (2) year term.
- Section 6 All past Presidents of the State, providing their membership is in good standing, shall be ex-officio members of the Officers. They shall constitute the Advisory Board and shall be entitled to attend the Officers meetings and participate in any deliberations in a non-voting capacity.
- Section 7 The Presidents of the Dioceses will be elected by the members of their respective Dioceses and serve for a two (2) year term.
- Section 8 The President of the State will, with the recommendation of the Officers, appoint a Treasurer and Secretary for a period of two years. Following the completion of the two years, the Officers, will evaluate the Treasurer's performance. The President of the State, with the recommendation of the Officers will determine if the Treasurer is recommended or not recommended for reappointment.
- Section 9 When an officer wishes to vacate their office, they shall send a brief letter of resignation to the President of the State. Unless circumstances mitigate otherwise they will give the President of the State at least 30 days' notice of their intention to resign. Upon receipt of the letter the President of the State will immediately inform the Officers of the individual's intent to vacate their office.
- Section 10 The duties of the Officers are:
- A. President of the State shall:
 - 1. Represent the KonB to the Washington State Council
 - 2. Preside at all meetings of the Officers and the General Membership meetings.

3. Render an annual report on the operations of the KonB to the membership, Washington State Deputy and the KonB National President

B. Presidents of the Dioceses shall:

1. Represent their Dioceses at all Officer and the General Membership meetings.
2. Appoint Council Captains as necessary to assist in the operations of their Dioceses.
3. Examine and audit all the books of accounts for the KonB annually in the month of May. Audits performed during an election year will be performed by both outgoing and incoming officers.

C. Treasurer shall:

1. Keep records and render an accounting of all funds of the KonB.
2. Receives at the monthly Officers meeting all moneys received since the previous meeting and gives a receipt.
3. Deposit the moneys received to the credit of the KonB in a bank approved by the Officers. He must provide the President of the State with proof of the deposit.
4. Be the custodian of all the properties of the KonB.
5. Pay all the financial obligations of the KonB by issuing checks for such purposes with the concurrence of the President of the State.

C. Secretary shall:

1. Keep and record the proceedings of all meetings.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1 At all meetings of the Officers and general membership of the KonB, the order of business shall be as follows:

- A. Reading and approval of the minutes of the prior meeting
- B. President's Report
- C. Treasurer's Report
- D. Report of Committees
- E. Unfinished Business
- F. New Business

Section 2 The members present at a regular membership meeting shall constitute a quorum, provided however, that the majority of the Officers are present. The affirmative votes for the majority of those present shall be sufficient to pass a measure.

- Section 3 The majority of the members of the Officers for a regular membership meeting shall consist of the President of the State 2 Presidents of the Dioceses.
- Section 6 Regular meetings of the Officers and general Membership shall be held quarterly on a day agreed upon by the officers and members. However, a special meeting may be called the President or by the majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII – REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- Section 1 Any officer may be removed from office; if they fail to remain in good standing with their respective Councils; for any act which may jeopardize the governance of the KonB; for failure to perform his responsibilities, for bringing discredit upon the Order and KonB in the community; or if convicted of a felony in a court of law.

ARTICLE IX – FINANCES

- Section 1 All financial records shall be recorded and kept in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles for nonprofit organizations.
- Section 2 The KonB will operate on the Columbian year. The Columbian year of the KonB shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of June of every year.
- Section 4 Audits shall be conducted as outlined in Article VI, section 10, paragraph B, sub-paragraph 3 of the by-laws.
- Section 5 There shall be only one checking account. This account may be divided and recorded into sub-accounts and maintained by the Treasurer.
- Section 6 No officer or member shall receive any type of compensation from the KonB for any services rendered unless authorized by a vote of the membership.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

- Section 1 The Washington State Chapter of KonB may be dissolved in a special meeting called for that purpose by a vote of no less than three-fourths (3/4) of the registered members in attendance. A notice containing instructions for voting on the dissolution will be mailed to each member prior to the meeting. Upon dissolution of the KonB, no member shall be entitled to any distribution or division of its remaining property, possessions or proceeds.
- Section 2 Upon the dissolution of the KonB, assets shall be distributed to the Washington State Council of the Knights of Columbus in compliance with the intent of section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code for non-profit organizations and the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 The By-Laws shall be reviewed annually and if required they may be amended by a vote of three fourths (3/4) of the active members present in a special or general membership meeting, provided the entire membership is notified of the vote by mail, as in a newsletter, by telephone, or by e-mail.
- Section 2 All amendments introduced shall be presented to and approved by the Officers prior to voting at the general membership meeting.
- Section 3 Amendments to the By-Laws shall be placed here, under Section 3 in a logical series, like the amendments to the United States Constitution, and in the article and section to which they apply.

Attachment 1

KonB Colors Assembly



*Any patch below the yellow line is optional. The Member may place any patch or pin he wishes in this area, as long as it doesn't conflict with our Faith.

**The back of the vest must ONLY have the two patches pictured.

KonB Lady's Colors Assembly



*The Lady may place any patch or pin she wishes below the yellow line as long as it doesn't conflict with our Faith.

**The back of the vest must ONLY have the patch pictured.