

# Lion's Pride Motorcycle Ministry Bylaws

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## **Article I: Name and Purpose**

The official name is Lion's Pride Motorcycle Ministry (Lion's Pride MM).

The purpose of this ministry is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ within the motorcycle community, foster brotherhood, and serve both bikers and the wider community with love and integrity.

## **Article II: Membership**

Requirements:

- Must confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Commitment to regular fellowship with the group.
- Agreement to abide by bylaws, mission, and leadership structure.

Process: Application, testimony, and unanimous vote by officers for Prospect. Prospecting period completed, and then full patch.

Categories:

- Full Patch Members
- Prospect Members (one year prospecting period under mentorship)
- Associates (supporters and friends)

## **Article II b: Aspiring/Prospecting**

Expectations:

- Prospect members will serve a six to twelve month period before becoming eligible for a full patch vote.
- Prospects are expected to attend ministry meetings and participate in as many events as possible.
- Ensure cultural and doctrinal alignment with Lion's Pride MM on and off the road
- Build relational trust within the ministry

## **Article III: Leadership Structure**

President: Oversees direction, represents the group externally.

Vice President: Assists the president, steps in when needed.

Road Captain: Plans and leads rides during the riding season.

Chaplain: Provides spiritual support and prayer.

Secretary/Treasurer: Maintains records and manages the bank account.

Media Coordinator: Manages the ministry's public presence and communication.

Officer Terms:

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE\*\***

The voting in of new officers is hereby suspended until current leadership feels the ministry is strong enough to hold to public elections and the intended goals and intents of the ministry have been established. This suspension will be revisited in 5 years from the year we started. November 2031.

- Officers will serve one year terms.
- At the annual ministry meeting each November, members will vote to elect or re-elect officers into their roles and the new assignments will be effective the following January.
- A simple majority of full patch members is required for election.

## **Article IV: Meetings**

Ministry Meetings: One ministry meeting is held each month, and is mandatory. Members are expected to attend unless life circumstances do not allow. Communication with leadership is needed to excuse the absence, and trends of absence will be discussed as they arise.

Quorum: Two thirds of full patch members are required for voting.

## **Article V: Rides and Ministry**

Rides will take place during the riding season. Full patch members are encouraged to attend as many rides as possible.

Ministry opportunities and outreach events will be scheduled throughout the year, with members encouraged to participate whenever possible.

## **Article VI: Code of Conduct**

Represent Christ and Lion's Pride MM honorably on and off the road.

Zero tolerance for illegal drugs, illegal activity, alcohol consumption during ministry events and rides or divisive behavior.

Respect toward other clubs will be shown at all times. Protocols with 1% clubs are limited to road rules for safety only, and Lion's Pride MM does not adopt or follow their internal procedures.

Members may wear the patch only when in good standing.

#### Corrective Action Procedure:

1. Observation: If behavior contrary to the Code of Conduct is observed, it should be reported to an officer.
2. First Step: The member will be privately counseled by at least two officers, with prayer and encouragement to correct the issue.
3. Second Step: If behavior continues, the member will be placed under review at the next officer meeting, and corrective measures may be recommended.
4. Final Step: If unresolved, the officers will vote on suspension or removal of membership. A 100% vote of officers is required for removal.

#### Resignation Procedure:

- A member who chooses to step away from Lion's Pride MM must notify the officers in writing or verbally at a ministry meeting.
- Upon resignation, the member must return all patches and official ministry property to the ministry.
- Resignation will be handled with prayer and blessing, recognizing the brotherhood shared, and leaving the door open for restoration in the future if the member desires to return.

#### Patch Protection:

- All patches, including back and chest patches, are property of Lion's Pride MM.
- Patches are provided to members upon acceptance as prospect or full patch.
- If a member resigns or is removed, all patches must be returned immediately to the ministry.

## **Article VII: Finances**

A bank account with a major bank (such as US Bank) shall be maintained.

All funds shall be used for ministry outreach, charitable acts, or group expenses.

No dues will be collected. Instead, members are strongly encouraged to give during ministry meetings as they are able.

The Treasurer will report to our accountant on finances quarterly.

## **Article VIII: Amendments**

Amendments to bylaws require a two thirds vote of officers.

## **Officer Signatures**

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_

Road Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaplain: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary/Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Marketing/Social Media Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_