

**CONSTITUTION AND BY – LAWS**

**BLUE KNIGHTS LAW ENFORCEMENT  
MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

**NEW YORK XX, INC.**

**Adopted November 22, 2008**

# **PREAMBLE**

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of these articles of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. New York Chapter XX is to establish order and maintain structure of the Chapter and to enforce the guidelines as set forth by the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Inc. Constitution and By-Laws as well as the Blue Knights Tri-State Conference By-Laws.

We hereby maintain our Chapter, Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club New York XX Inc., a portion of the Blue Knights International, as a fraternal social organization dedicated to the aforestated purpose and to ourselves as a chapter. We will strive to maintain individuality, while achieving group unity and promise to do all in our power, as a whole, to provide for our members a recreational atmosphere of friendship, camaraderie, and professionalism, as we promote and expand our social charitable endeavor.

We therefore, accept and maintain these By-Laws in furtherance of these purposes and agree to follow such, to the fullest extent of our abilities, as individuals, members of New York XX and as Blue Knights.

# **ARTICLE 1**

## **Section 1.01 Name:**

The name of the Chapter (herein after) will be referred to as Blue Knights New York XX Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Inc. New York XX will abide by the constitution of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Inc., the By-Laws of the Blue Knights Tri-State Conference, and all state and local laws. For the purpose of these articles, Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club New York XX will be here-in-after is referred to as New York XX.

## **Section 1.02 Colors:**

New York XX's official colors will consist of a shield-shaped white background enclosed by a blue border, the center of the shield will consist of the official Blue Knights' emblem. Above the shield there will be placed a rocker having a white background enclosed by a blue border with the words "Blue Knights" written in blue upon it. Below the shield will be placed another rocker having a white background enclosed by a blue border with the words "New York XX" written in blue upon it. These will be placed on the back of a Blue Knights International blue or a black vest. The front of the vest may have an official Blue Knights' emblem placed on the left breast area.

## **Section 1.03 Uniforms:**

The dress uniform for New York XX will consist of uniform articles as described in the current uniform list.

## **Section 1.04 Headquarters:**

The headquarters for New York XX will be established, and maintained to conduct New York XX business in the Orange County area. Receipt of New York XX mail and place of meetings may vary at the discretion of New York XX Board of Directors.

**Section 1.05 Exclusive Rights to Name:**

New York XX will have the exclusive rights to use the name Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club New York XX Inc., and will retain the exclusive right to use, allow to use, or refuse the use of, all emblems, seals, badges, insignia, or any other items that incorporate the words “Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club New York XX Inc.” or any portion thereof or New York XX or registered marks.

**ARTICLE NO. 2**

**Section 2.01 Membership:**

Membership classification and tenure guidelines of New York XX will be followed in accordance with Article five (5) and six (6) of the By Laws of Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. All members accepted for membership in NY XX agree to abide by all rules and guidelines as a condition of membership. In addition, all honorary members must be sponsored by a regular member in good standing prior to their application being put to a vote for membership in New York XX. All members will be reviewed annually, by New York XX’s Executive Board, based on attendance, participation, and conduct in accordance with the image of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. and New York XX as defined in section 2.05 of these bylaws.

**Section 2.02 Application for Membership:**

All applications for membership must be submitted, in person, by the applicant at a regular meeting of New York XX. All applications must be signed by the sponsoring member(s) and all applicants must be qualified for the specific membership he or she is applying for in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Inc. The applicant **MUST** have both a motorcycle rated license and motorcycle upon submission of the application. The prospective new members must attend 2 chapter meetings and 2 riding events prior to acceptance into NY XX. Upon acceptance, the new member will then pay to New York XX the appropriate dues in the amount equal to the total amount required by the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Inc. **PLUS** the membership dues of New York XX (as determined by the Board of Directors of New York XX) for administrative Costs. These requirements shall apply to new members and transfer applicants.

### **Section 2.03 Dues:**

The following is the schedule of dues to be used by Blue Knights New York XX:

**Renewal:** As per Blue knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Inc.

**Late Renewal:** Members will pay the entire years dues regardless of the date that the dues are received, plus a late fee as set by Blue Knights International Motorcycle Club Inc.

**Transfer Member:** The transfer fee as set by Blue Knights International Motorcycle Club Inc.

**New York XX:** Will be a fee as set by Blue Knights International Motorcycle Club Inc.

guidelines, per year to cover postage, conference dues, etc. New York XX's dues will be paid at the time of application acceptance and payment of annual dues. New York XX's dues will be added to both renewal and new membership dues. Dues will be collected at the **October meeting**.

### **Section 2.04 Meetings:**

New York XX's meetings will be held on a day and time of the month at a location to be chosen by the Executive Board of New York XX. The President or Secretary will inform the membership of any changes and the new date and time of the meeting at his/her earliest possible opportunity except in case of illness or emergency. Only **ACTIVE** members, in good standing, shall be allowed to vote on New York XX's issues or policies. Family members and friends of New York XX are welcomed to attend our meetings and participate in our rides and other club functions.

### **Section 2.05 Yearly Attendance:**

Members must attend four (4) Monthly Meetings and two (2) New York XX events for a total of six (6), during one calendar year, or they will be considered **INACTIVE**. One (1) calendar year shall mean January 1 to December 31 of the previous calendar year. Inactive members who attain the required level of attendance shall be considered active members. New members shall be considered active members upon acceptance of their application for membership.

## **ARTICLE NO. 3**

### **Section 3.01 Executive Board:**

The Executive Board of New York XX will consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors. The Executive Board will audit, annually (October) all financial records and report their finding to the membership in the next general meeting of New York XX.

### **Section 3.02 Terms of Office:**

Each office in New York XX will be elected by the membership at the November Meeting. The term of each office will be for two (2) years.

### **Section 3.03 Vacancy:**

In the event that an office of the Executive Board (except President) of New York XX becomes vacant due to death, resignation, retirement or other cause, the remainder of the Executive Board then in office will appoint a qualified member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. The office of President will be appointed to the Vice-President for the remainder of the term.

### **Section 3.04 Nominations:**

The Nominations will be made at the October Meeting. Ballots will be handed out at the November meeting. No ballots will be mailed out to members not attending the meeting.

### **Section 3.05 Elections:**

Elections will be held at the November meeting. Ballots will be handed out at the beginning of November's meeting and counted at the end of the meeting, unless an office is run unopposed, and then the Secretary will cast one (1) ballot for that office. In the event there is not a quorum of members present at the November meeting for elections, the current Executive Board will remain in effect for one (1) additional year.

**Section 3.06 Quorum for the Executive Board:**

At any meeting of New York XX's Executive Board, a quorum will consist of three (3) members of the Executive Board one of which must be the President or Vice President. All New York XX business before such Board shall be approved by a majority vote only when such quorum is present.

**Section 3.07 Quorum to Conduct New York XX Business:**

The quorum required to conduct New York XX business will consist of 10 active members.

**Section 3.08 President:**

The President, subject to the authority of the Board, will be the Chief Executive Officer of New York XX. The President will preside over all meetings of New York XX, and the Executive Board. The President may be the co-signer with the Vice- President, Secretary or Treasurer, of all checks, notes, deeds, leases, and other legal documents of New York XX. The President will have authority to call meetings of the membership and the Executive Board. In addition the President will be empowered to appoint committees and non-elected offices as deem necessary to conduct the purpose of work of New York XX (i.e., rides, special committees) and will appoint a chairperson who will report to the memberships on the committee's progress. No decisions pertaining to New York XX business or policies will be made without the President's knowledge.

**Section 3.09 Vice President:**

The Vice-President will support and counsel the President. The Vice-President will, at the request of or the absence of the President, perform all the duties and possess all the powers of the President. The Vice-President may, if required, continue to perform the duties of the President until the end of such term. The Vice-President will be able to co-sign any checks, notes, deeds, leases, or other legal documents of New York XX.

### **Section 3.10 Secretary:**

The Secretary will have charge of such books, documents, records, and papers as the Executive Board may determine. The Secretary will maintain all meeting minutes, attendance records, correspondence, membership roster and other related materials of New York XX. The Secretary will give notice to the members as to the date and time of monthly meetings and, at the request of the President give notice of meetings to the Executive Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for sending membership applications to the International Headquarters. The Secretary may co-sign with any other New York XX Executive Board Member all checks, notes, deeds, leases, and documents of New York XX.

### **Section 3.11 Treasurer:**

The Treasurer will have custody of all funds and property of New York XX subject to the regulations as may be imposed by the Executive Board and the general membership. The Treasurer may be required to be bonded in such sums as the Executive Board may require. The Treasurer will collect yearly dues from the membership and turn such over to Blue Knights International; The Treasurer will receive all New York XX funds and deposit same in the name of New York XX, in such banks as designated by the Executive Board. The Treasurer will keep accurate and up-to-date records of all receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer may co-sign with any Executive Board member, all checks, notes, deeds, leases, and other legal documents of New York XX. The Treasurer will not make any other disbursements of New York XX funds, other than International expenses, in excess of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) without the prior approval of the Executive Board. The Treasurer will make a full report of the financial status of New York XX monthly, in writing, to the Executive Board and verbally to the membership.

### **Section 3.12 Combined office:**

In the event no qualified member accepts the nomination for the office of Treasurer, such office may be, upon approval by the Executive Board, combined with the office of the Secretary for the unfilled term.

### **Section 3.13 Directors:**

New York XX will elect three (3) or four (4) Directors, as set forth in Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Inc. by laws, to serve on New York XX Executive Board. The directors will supervise and be responsible for all the affairs and property of New York XX. The Directors will have the authority to inspect, at their discretion, all records, books, and accounts of New York XX.

### **Section 3.14 Appointed Offices:**

The President may, with the approval of the Executive Board of Directors, appoint additional New York XX offices for the purpose of conducting New York XX business (i.e., Sgt-at-Arms, Chaplin, as authorized by the International, Road Captain, Assistant Road Captain, Quartermaster, etc.). Such offices will not possess a seat on the Executive Board and the term will be concurrent with that of the President. Appointments will be made to those who are members in good standing.

## **Article No.4**

### **Section 4.01 Amendments:**

The By-Laws of New York XX may be amended only in accordance with the provisions set forth in articles of incorporation of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc., and requires a 2/3 (two thirds) vote of New York XX membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Thirty (30) days after the amendment has been proposed and seconded at a regular meeting, a written copy of such amendment must be given to all voting members prior to the second reading and vote.

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