

# **Bylaws**

## **Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club ™, Inc.**

### **Mission statement:**

The mission of the Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club, Inc. is to foster a spirit of camaraderie among members of the law enforcement community through a common interest in motorcycling, provide a safe environment to fellowship with our brothers and sisters in blue, promote safety and education and a positive image of our profession and the motorcycling community, and sponsor and support social, educational and charitable programs in our communities.

### **Motto:**

***Respect All – Fear None***

### **Article I – Name**

This organization shall be known as the Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club ™, Inc.

### **Article II – Organization**

1. The Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club ™ was founded by the Central Pennsylvania Chapter September 15, 2008.
2. The Central PA Chapter incorporated as a non-profit under the Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club ™, Inc. October 1, 2008.
3. A charter chapter is one that has been approved by the Central PA Chapter and inducted into the Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club ™.
4. These Bylaws shall be the fundamental law of the Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club ™, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the GKMC).

### **Article III – Membership**

**Section 1. - LE Members:** A voting member meeting all requirements as set forth in this section.

Full membership in the Guardian Knights MC ™, Inc. is open to; active or retired law enforcement personnel, corrections officers, federal intelligence field members and executive protection specialists, security professionals, law enforcement support professionals, full time active or retired military or law enforcement related full-time positions with approval of the Executive Board.

**--OR--**

**Section 2 - Associate Members:** Individuals not meeting the requirements of LE/Full Membership but who share the ideals and values of the organization may apply for *Associate Membership*.

**Associate Members:** Any individual at least 18 years of age who demonstrates the ideals and values of the Guardian Knights ™ with:

Endorsement of two LE members in good standing and;

Percentage of civilian to LE member ratio never exceeds 25%.

**All members** (with the exception of members spouse/significant other) must own and ride a motorcycle (brand not specific). Bikes should be of sufficient size to maintain highway speeds of 65-70 mph for prolonged periods of time. All members shall be properly licensed and insured and their bikes shall be registered and inspected as required by law.

*All members prior to 10/16/2014, the time of the adoption of these bylaws, are grandfathered as "Full Members".*

Associate members in good standing may participate in ballot votes such as election of officers, bylaws amendments, or other policy changes. They may participate in voice votes from the floor and in club activities and events.

Only Associate members in good standing are eligible to hold Executive Board positions of Sergeant Of Arms or Road Captain. Associate Members are excluded from holding positions on the board designated as for LE members only. (i.e. President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer).

**All members** will be subject to an annual review as specified in Article V, Section 3 (Participation) of these bylaws. Upon review, he/she may be labeled as a "**member not in good standing**" if it is determined the member is not demonstrating the commitment necessary to maintain full member status.

### **Section 3 – Prospective Members**

1. An individual who desires membership in the GKMC shall have a member in good standing as a sponsor. The Sponsor must have a personal knowledge of the Prospect candidate. The sponsoring member shall introduce the Prospect candidate at a monthly meeting/event. Members should take this opportunity to question the candidate regarding his/her qualifications and reasons for wanting to join the GKMC.
2. An individual who desires membership but does not have a Sponsor and is not known by the members must become familiar with the membership by attending club events and activities and should make his/her intentions known to the Executive Board and members. When and if the Board feels that the candidate is ready to become a Prospect, they will assign the Sergeant at Arms as the Sponsor. The candidate will be invited to a general meeting and be introduced to the membership as a Prospect candidate. Members should take this opportunity to question the candidate regarding his/her qualifications and reasons for wanting to join GKMC.
3. Upon acceptance as a Prospect, a completed prospective membership application with all information will be submitted to the GKMC, along with all applicable fees.
4. Prospects will have no voting privileges until such time as they are accepted into GKMC as a member "in good standing."

5. Probationary Period – A probationary period is provided to ensure that a prospective member is suitable for membership in the GKMC and may vary by individual.
  - a. The term of any probationary period shall be determined by each individual Chapter and will be defined in their chapter operating policy, but will in no case be a period of less than 6 months.
  - b. Prospect will not wear colors during the probationary period. After a minimum three-month period, a Prospect may be issued rockers without a center patch to designate his/her movement in the prospecting period. Issuance of rockers is subject to Executive Board approval. Upon issuance of rockers, the prospect may wear club headgear displaying the colors, but no other “soft colors” (i.e. t-shirts, sweatshirts etc.)

#### **Section 4 – Acceptance of Membership**

- 1) At the completion of any probationary period, as approved by the Executive Board, the Prospect’s Sponsor will open a discussion at a Chapter meeting regarding the acceptance of the Prospect for membership. A unanimous vote of all members “in good standing” present is required to accept the Prospect as a member.
- 2) Upon acceptance as a/an LE/Associate Member:
  - a) The new member will take the membership pledge.
  - b) The new member will be presented with colors.
  - c) The new member will be provided with appropriate access to members only portions of the GKMC/Chapter website.

#### **Section 5 – Duration of Membership**

Membership will continue until resignation or expulsion.

#### **Section 6 – Requirements for membership in good standing.**

1. A member in good standing is a fully patched member not under suspension or otherwise facing disciplinary action.
2. All members and prospects shall be required to comply with the GKMC Bylaws to include minimal participation requirements (Article V, Section 3).
3. GKMC members are expressly prohibited from commencing or being a member of any motorcycle club other than the GKMC. Motorcycle club shall not include motorcycle benefit organizations, such as American Motorcycle Association (A.M.A.), Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education (A.B.A.T.E), Patriot Guard Riders, or similar organizations as determined by the Executive Board.
4. Members will ensure that the GKMC Secretary has their current address, telephone number, and email address, and shall notify the Secretary of any changes.
5. Members must abide by all federal, state, and local Laws. Any violation may be subject the member to discipline and or sanctions changing the member’s status to “not in good standing”.

## **Section 7 – Resignation of Membership**

The membership of any member of the GKMC will terminate after the member has submitted a written request for such termination to their respective Executive Board. That Board will respond in writing and/or verbally to said request. A request for resignation and/or response may be made via electronic mail by the member or the Executive Board.

## **Article IV - Code of Conduct**

- 1) All members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner so as to bring honor and respect to the club at all times. Any actions by a member deemed detrimental to the organization shall be cause for review under the Disciplinary Procedures (Article VIII) and could result in discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion from membership in the Guardian Knights MC™, Inc.
2. At no time shall any member knowingly be associated with so called 1% or “outlaw” organizations or members of such organizations. Such association shall be deemed grounds for immediate suspension and possible revocation of membership.

## **Article V- Meetings/Activities**

**Section 1 - Annual Meeting** – Attendance at the announced Annual Meeting is mandatory for all GKMC members. Only a pre-excused absence or notice of emergency submitted to the Sergeant of Arms (SOA) will be accepted for non-attendance. Excused absence should be submitted to the SOA prior to the Annual Meeting. Members should make every attempt to attend the Annual Meeting. The date of the meeting will be announced six (6) months prior to the date of occurrence to ensure attendance of all members. The Annual Meeting will be held in compliance with applicable laws and requirements under the state and federal jurisdictions regarding the operation of non-profit corporations.

Failure to attend the Annual meeting without an excused absence will result in possible sanctions and/or discipline outlined in Article VIII, Discipline.

**Section 2 - Notice** - Notice of meetings shall be sent to each GKMC member and prospective member via email and through posting on the GKMC web site, or Facebook page.

**Section 3 - Participation** – The GKMC will periodically conduct meetings to discuss business and plan activities. GKMC encourages participation of ALL members at meetings and events and will attempt to schedule annual and monthly meetings at a date and time that best suits as many members as possible.

While generally non-member participation in rides and activities shall be encouraged, on occasion it may be necessary to restrict activities to members only. These members-only activities will be clearly announced as such. When no restriction is specifically announced, guests are welcome.

Relative to member participation, in order to maintain a status of a member "in good standing", members must participate and attend two (2) regularly scheduled monthly meetings in a calendar year in addition to the Annual Meeting as a minimal requirement.

A Participation Review Board (PRB) will annually review members' participation to determine if they are "in good standing". The PRB will be chaired by the Sergeant of Arms and will be comprised of Non-Board members "in good standing" appointed by the Executive Board. This Board will determine whether a member is maintaining an acceptable level of participation, taking into consideration all factors including, but not limited to, work/family obligations, health, military obligations or other mitigating circumstances. Members found "not in good standing" will be referred to the Executive Board for further review and possible action under Article VIII, Discipline. Actions could include the suspension of membership, loss of voting rights, revocation of membership, or other action as deemed appropriate by the Board.

**Section 4 – Rides/Activities** - Rides and activities may be suggested and organized by any GKMC member. Suggested rides should be addressed as "new business" at GKMC meetings and coordinated with GKMC Road Captain or his/her designee.

#### **Mandatory Rides/Activities**

- 1. A "mandatory" ride/activity is a ride/activity which has been designated as an official ride/activity organized and sponsored by the GKMC and member attendance shall be mandatory. (Unless member absence is officially authorized by the PRB or SOA) Mandatory rides/events will be voted upon during the Annual Meeting for the current calendar year. All members will be notified of mandatory rides at least six (6) months prior.*
- 2. In cases of an event w/ less than six (6) month notice, members are strongly encouraged to participate but the event shall not be mandatory. The PRB may inquire about member absence and take information into consideration during the annual review.*
- 3. Members who are absent from a mandatory ride, activity or event sponsored or hosted by GKMC without an excused absence by the SOA will be subject to a review by the PRB within 30 days of the ride, event or activity. The PRB will determine if a member must appear before the Executive Board for discipline under Article VIII, Section 5.*
- 4. Members not meeting mandatory minimal participation requirements in a second or subsequent offense without an official excused authorization by the SOA shall have their membership "in good standing" immediately revoked and be brought in front of the Executive Board for review of Discipline. Evidence will be brought before the membership at the next meeting for a vote on discipline, suspension or termination of membership.*
- 5. All members shall wear their colors when participating in a "mandatory" ride/activity.*

**Non-Mandatory Rides/Activities** - A "non-mandatory" ride/activity is a ride that has not been voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting but may be agreed upon to participate. Members are free to participate in "non-sanctioned" rides/activities, where such participation is not in violation of the GKMC bylaws or code of conduct or chapter operating policy. The wearing of colors on "non-sanctioned" rides/activities is optional. When able, as many members as possible are encouraged to participate in "non-mandatory" rides/activities to present a good image for the organization.

## **Article VI- Dues/Initiation Fees**

All GKMC members shall pay dues to the organization as a condition of continued membership. New members will be assessed an initiation fee which shall include the first year's dues. Dues and initiation fees will not be pro-rated except that, any individual paying initiation fees in the last quarter (October 1 through December 31) of any calendar year will be considered "paid in full" for the subsequent calendar year. Dues/initiation fees are not subject to refund in the event a member leaves the organization. Full-time active military members will be exempt from annual dues.

**Section 1 – Setting of Dues/Initiation Fees** - Initiation fees and dues will be set by the GKMC Executive Board and will be voted or changed only during an annual meeting.

**Section 2 – Payment** - Annual dues will be due between the first and last day of February of each year. Nonpayment of dues will result in the loss of "in good standing" status of membership and could result in termination of membership. Yearly dues will not be pro-rated.

All dues will be made payable to Guardian Knights MC ™

## **Article VII- Officers**

**Section 1 – Executive Board** - A five (5) member Executive board shall be elected to oversee the conduct of business for the organization and each chapter. The Executive Board of the Central PA chapter will act as the directors of the GKMC and will have sole discretion in granting of charters to chapters and organizational oversight. Board members will be members in good standing, except that the position of Road Captain and Sergeant of Arms may be held by either LE/Full or Associate members. In the case of a tie vote by the 4 voting members of the board, the vote of the Sergeant of Arms will be dropped to break the tie.

In the event the Board is unable to seat five (5) members, they may operate with a minimum of three (3). They will continue to operate with a three (3) member board until such time as they can fill a five (5) member board. In the event there is only a three (3) member board, the first three offices prescribed below will be filled. In the case of a three member board, the positions of Road Captain and/or Sergeant of Arms may be filled by Full/Associate members "in good standing".

**Officers** - The Executive Board will consist of five (5) officers except as provided above:

**President** (*required*) Responsible for the scheduling and chairing of meetings including the agenda and oversight of chapter business.

**Vice President** (*required*) Assist the president and act in his/her capacity when he/she is unavailable.

**Secretary/Treasurer** (*required*) Record the minutes of meetings, handle the bookkeeping of the chapter, handle banking duties.

**Sergeant of Arms** (*optional with approval*) Take charge of organizing meeting places (setup etc.), see to the orderly running of meetings (restoring order when necessary), greeting and introduction of guests, administering of the membership pledge and other duties as necessary. Chairman of Participation Review Board.

**Road Captain** (*optional with approval*) Responsible for helping with planning and logistics of club rides/activities. The Go-To guy for info on staging start times (not the same as a Ride Captain who leads rides, any member may be a ride captain for a ride), responsible along with ride captains for the re-organization of riders at rest/gas stops etc. so no rider is left behind, and work closely with members in planning routes, stops, designation of "ride captains", etc. for club rides and activities.

**Section 2 – Election** – Board members shall be nominated and elected by a vote of the members "in good standing" by ballot vote. These elections will be held at the Annual Meeting prior to the expiration of any term and be effective at the expiration of the current term. Nominees must be members "in good standing" with at least one year completed membership.

**Section 3 – Transfer of Leadership** – Upon election of a new executive board outgoing board members will transfer any and all pertinent information and/or records to the incoming officers without delay.

**Section 4 – Terms** – All Board members will serve a term of two years, and are eligible for re-election.

**Section 5 – Powers** – Executive Board members shall see to the day-to-day business of the organization/chapter. They will set meeting dates, times and places and oversee the conduct of those meetings. The Board will oversee any disciplinary issues brought before the organization/chapter. They will have the power to make decisions regarding the conduct of business of the organization/chapter. Any decisions made by the Board must be by a majority vote of its members.

**Section 6 – Limitations** – Board members have no more power than their collective individual votes except as provided for in the bylaws. All members have equal standing in the Chapter. Decisions will be made by a majority vote of members present, or may at times be posted for vote on the GKMC/chapter website.

**Section 7 – Vacancies** - Should one or more Executive Board members step down or be removed, the vacancy shall be filled from within the membership by the election of an active member "in good standing" of at least 1 year. The vacancy must be filled by an appropriate LE/Full or Associate member as is appropriate under the bylaws.

## **Article VIII - Discipline**

**Section 1 – Reporting** - In the case of actions by a member that are deemed detrimental to the organization, such actions should be reported to the Executive Board along with all evidence to substantiate the allegations.

**Section 2 – Action** – All disciplinary matters will be handled in a closed meeting. In the event that a member is accused of actions detrimental to the organization, that individual may be brought up for review before the membership. This may occur at a regularly scheduled meeting, or in the case of serious misconduct, a special meeting may be called. At that time, all evidence regarding the matter shall be presented, and the individual in question will be given an opportunity to explain his/her actions. Following this presentation of evidence, the accused member will be asked to leave the room and a vote will be taken to decide guilt or innocence and any sanctions that should be taken. A majority vote of members present is required to initiate a suspension or revocation of membership. The member will then be called back and the Chapter SOA will inform the member of the verdict and any penalty imposed. In particularly egregious cases, the Executive Board may by unanimous vote invoke a suspension prior to the disciplinary hearing. Any sanction rising to the level of suspension or expulsion must be submitted to the Central PA Chapter Executive Board along with all evidence for review.

**Section 3 – Sanctions** - Sanctions for misconduct or actions detrimental to the organization may range from verbal warning or reprimand up to and including revocation of membership. Sanctions of suspension or revocation of membership shall be carried out in a reasonable amount of time after the infraction.

## **Article IX- Patches ("Colors")**

**Section 1 – Ownership** - Patches (Colors) are the property of the Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club ™, inc. and no issuance of the "colors" to a member should be construed as anything less.

**Section 2 – Rights** - The Guardian Knights MC ™, inc. name and emblems are copyrighted/trademarked material and cannot be reproduced by any individual, chapter member, or local chapter without expressed permission from the Central PA Executive Board. Any violation of copyrighted material shall/may be subjected to Article VIII Discipline Section 2 Action.

**Section 3 – Surrender** -A member who leaves the club must surrender his/her colors, and any other items that denote membership in the club to the Sgt. of Arms immediately. Initiation fees/Dues do not constitute a "purchase" of colors, and at no time are refundable.

Written notification will be sent by certified mail to the member requesting the return of "GKMC Property." Colors/GKMC Property not received in 7 days after receipt of certified delivery of written notification, will result in possible actions forwarded to the local magistrate.

If colors are not received within 60 days of termination of membership, Executive Board reserves the right to file Criminal Charges with the local magistrate under Title 18 3932 (Theft of Leased Property)

GKMC will seek restitution of any and all court costs and filing fees to be paid by the terminating member upon disposition of criminal charges.

**Section 4 – Wearing of Colors** - Members shall wear their colors when participating in all mandatory club functions. It is suggested at all other club events, meetings, or activities that members show pride in the GKMC and wear colors, soft colors or other GKMC clothing articles.

1. Colors shall be worn in an approved fashion (i.e., sewn on a black vest or jacket in the proper arrangement). Ride patches/pins or other decoration may be worn on the vest/jacket, but not within the arrangement of the colors.
2. Colors are never to be worn by non-members.
3. Colors are to be worn and handled with respect.
4. Wearing of the colors is a privilege. Any member who is suspended or expelled will surrender their colors to the SOA until/if membership is reinstated.

## **Article X – Chapters**

### **Section 1 – Request for new Chapter**

1. Completed requests to establish a new GKMC Charter Chapter must be submitted in writing to the Central PA Chapter.
2. The New Charter Chapter Application form must identify the members that will hold the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Sergeant of Arms, and Road Captain. (SOA and Road Captain are optional with approval from the Central PA Executive Board)
3. A minimum of five members is required to start a new Charter Chapter.
4. A New Charter Chapter Application form is available upon request from the Central PA Chapter and may be made available on their website.

### **Section 2 – Requirements for Members of a new Chapter**

1. All members of the new Charter Chapter, including transferring members from other chapters, shall complete a Prospective Membership Application form to be submitted to the Central PA Chapter.
2. Application fees are identified in the Prospective Membership Application form.
3. New prospective membership application fees will be sent to the Central PA Chapter.
4. Members “in good standing” that are transferring from an existing chapter are not required to pay the application fee.

5. A Prospective Membership Application form is available upon request from the Central PA Chapter and may be made available on their website.

**Section 3 – Founding Chapter** The Central PA Chapter of the Guardian Knights MC™, Inc. is the founding chapter and will act as the mother chapter for all other chapters in the organization. This founding chapter will:

1. Post the GKMC Bylaws for public viewing on the GKMC website.
2. Approve and authorize the formation of new Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club™ Chapter Executive Boards.
3. Approve and authorize the formation of new Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club™ Charter Chapters.
4. Make an announcement of a new Charter Chapters to all other GKMC chapters.

Procure and distribute all clothing items that display the GKMC Colors on the back of the item when these items are fashioned in such a way as to resemble GKMC members Colors.

5. Procure and distribute GKMC colors to be worn on the back of all members' vests.
6. Provide Certificates of Acceptance recognizing each Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club™ Charter Chapter.
7. Revoke or suspend any Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club™ Charter Chapter that fails to maintain the integrity of the GKMC Bylaws.
8. Maintain a roster of all chapters' Executive Boards and all GKMC members.
9. Maintain a GKMC website. The website shall include:
  - a) A page for each chapter with the contact information of the chapter's Board of Directors and a link to their website.
  - b) A page with links to GKMC official documents and forms.

**Section 4 - Charter Chapters** All chapters granted charter by the GKMC will:

1. A New Charter Chapter Executive Board shall sign a document indicating they agree to abide by and maintain the integrity of the GKMC Bylaws.
2. Will be required to participate in a least one conference per year with the Central PA Executive Board
3. Establish individual chapter operating policies. Each Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club™ chapter shall complete their version of a document known as the "Chapter Operating Policy" and keep it with a copy of the Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club Bylaws. The Chapter Operating Policy will not override or conflict with the GKMC Bylaws. A copy of the chapter operating policies and any subsequent amendments will be forwarded to the Central PA Executive Board for a check of compliance with the GKMC Bylaws, Articles of incorporation and Non-Profit status.
4. Each Charter Chapter will be responsible for seeing that a roster of members including their contact information is provided to the Central PA Chapter on an

annual basis. Further they will notify the Central PA chapter of all new prospects/ members within 30 days of their application and forward a copy of those applications to the secretary/treasurer of the Central PA Chapter within that time.

5. Be responsible for the proper conduct and licensing of any and all fund raisers, raffles, or events that raise monies for their chapters and do so in accordance with Local, State and Federal laws.
6. Include their chapter name on all notices, flyers and calendar entries of events, fund raisers, raffles, etc..
7. Require all chapter members to obey all Local, State and Federal laws.
8. Use the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order to settle any procedural disputes which will prevail in all cases not in conflict with the GKMC Bylaws.
9. If their Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club <sup>TM</sup> Chapter should disband, all assets of the chapter must be transferred to the mother chapter.

### **Section 5 – Expulsion of a Chapter**

Allegations that a chapter is conducting itself in a manner that conflicts with the Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club <sup>TM</sup> Bylaws must send substantiated proof of such allegations to the President of the Central PA Chapter. The Central PA Chapter Board will proceed with the possible expulsion as follows:

1. The Central PA Chapter Board will have a discussion with its general membership about the allegations.
2. If the allegations cannot be substantiated a letter will be sent to the accused chapter President informing him of the allegations and that they cannot be substantiated.
3. The allegations will be provided to the chapter in question by means of a written notification in a certified letter with return receipt. The accused chapter will have (30) thirty days to contest the accusations.
4. If the allegations can be substantiated, a 2/3 vote of the Central PA Chapter members present at a general meeting are required to expel a chapter.
5. If the Central PA Chapter decides to expel a chapter, written notification by means of a certified letter with return receipt will be sent to the President of the expelled chapter indicating expulsion and the rationale thereof.

When formal expulsion from the GKMC is mandated, the expelled chapter will:

1. Cease and desist from the GKMC.
2. Forfeit their colors, patches and any GKMC property to the Central PA Chapter within (30) thirty days of expulsion notification.
3. Will have no right, title, interest or claim in any assets of the GKMC.

4. Relinquish any rights to a refund of fees or contributions by the expelled chapter to the Central PA Chapter.
5. Transfer all assets to the mother chapter

The Central PA Chapter will notify all GKMC chapters of the expulsion.

If the expelled chapter President fails to comply with the request to return any and all property owned by the Central PA Chapter within (30) thirty days, the Central PA Chapter will file a criminal complaint with the state police of the expelled chapters location requesting larceny charges be filed against the chapter's President and or its general membership. No member from that chapter may transfer during the time of the allegations to another chapter to escape the pending decision of the Central PA Chapter.

## **Article XI – Non-Profit Status**

**Section 1 – Non-Profit Status Objectives** The Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club™ was formed as a Non-Profit LE MC. It is the responsibility of each chapter to do the following for proper operation.

1. Establish Articles of Incorporation in their respective State.
2. File for the proper Non-Profit tax filing status.
3. File tax returns in accordance with Local, State and Federal laws.
4. Each individual chapter is responsible for the proper conduct and licensing of any and all fund raisers, raffles, or events that raise monies for their chapters and must do so in accordance with Local, State, and Federal laws.

## **Article XII – Chapter Autonomy**

### **Section 1 – Objectives of Chapter Autonomy**

1. Each new Charter Chapter operates independently from the Central PA Chapter and independently from all other chapters of the Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club™ while still bound by the GKMC Bylaws.
2. Each chapter is responsible for its own actions, conduct and is liable for any and all of their performed functions.
3. Charter Chapters and or their individual members do not pay annual dues or fees to the Central PA Chapter. Chapters must however pass on initiation fees minus their dues for new members.
4. Individual chapters are authorized to use the Guardian Knights MC™ Colors to benefit their individual chapter, not any individual member(s). Use of the trademark must be done in accordance with the GKMC Bylaws.
5. The Central PA Chapter reserves the right to suspend or revoke the use of the Colors, by any individual chapter or chapter member for violations of the GKMC Bylaws, violation of Local, State, Federal laws, criminal offenses or conduct that brings discredit to the Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club™.

## **Article XIII – Amendment of Bylaws**

**Amendment** - These Bylaws may be amended by the Executive Board of the Central Pa Chapter of the Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club <sup>TM</sup>, inc. by a majority vote of the board.

**Proposed Amendment Process** - Proposed amendments to the bylaws must be suggested by chapters, not individual members. Individual members with proposals for amendments to the bylaws must first propose those amendments to their chapter. Once the proposal is accepted by a majority of the voting members of the chapter, it may be presented by that chapter to the Executive Board of the Central PA Chapter in writing for consideration.

**Consideration of Amendments** - Generally proposals for amendment of the bylaws will be considered at the Annual Meeting of the GKMC. However, in particularly time sensitive cases the Executive Board may choose to address amendments at any time.

**Submission Requirements** - Proposals should be submitted in writing at least 30 days prior to the scheduled annual meeting for consideration.

**Bylaws Committee** - Should the number of chapters grow beyond three (3), a Bylaws Committee comprised of the Central PA Executive Board and the President of each charter chapter will be convened and empowered to consider and vote on all proposals for amendment.

#### **Article XIV - Liability**

The Guardian Knights Motorcycle Club <sup>TM</sup>, Inc. accepts no responsibility or liability for the actions of any of its members or the actions of any other chapter or organization.

#### **Executive Board**

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**President**

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**Vice-President**

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**Secretary – Treasurer**

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**Sergeant at Arms**

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**Road Captain**