

**Association By-Laws of the
Temple Guard Chapter
Of the Widows Sons
Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association**

Signed By: Temple Guard Chapter

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DEDICATION

Commitment to: Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association Temple Guard Chapter.

It is the pledge of the membership to support the welfare and general wellbeing of the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association.

It is the pledge of the membership to obey, without reservation, all laws, edicts and orders imposed on the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association Maine Chapters by the President of Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association, Grand Chapter, and the President and officers of the Temple Guard Chapter.

It is the pledge of each member to conduct himself or his business, when wearing the Widows Sons patch, in direct accordance to the bylaws of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine, the Blue Lodge in which he is a member thereof, and the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association, Temple Guard Chapter.

It is the pledge of the Chapter President and Officers to enhance the welfare and general well-being of the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association, Temple Guard Chapter.

It is the pledge of the President and his Officers to rule and guide the organization with regularity, and to base all decisions on the betterment or improvement of the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association, Temple Guard Chapter.

By-Laws of Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association Temple Guard Chapter CONSTITUTION

Article 1: Name:

Section 1

This organization shall be known as the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association, Temple Guard Chapter, (hereinafter the “Temple Guard Chapter” or the “Chapter”) a not for profit organization with the principal mailing address of: Widows Sons Temple Guard Chapter, Secretary, PO Box 763, Brownville, Maine 04414

Section 2

The Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association of Maine (the “Grand Chapter”) shall have jurisdiction over membership of any and all Maine-based chapters as described in this constitution. All Widows Sons chapters, which have been chartered by the Grand Chapter, and are in the geographic jurisdiction of the Temple Guard Chapter, which is inclusive of the State of Maine, shall affiliate with the Grand Chapter and comply with its Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 3

The right to reserve districts for chapter organization throughout the boundaries of the State of Maine is reserved for future consideration by the Grand Chapter.

Section 4

The Grand Chapter reserves the right to issue or deny any and all use of the copyrighted Widows Son patch to any chapter it has designated a chapter of Widows Sons in Maine, and also reserves the right to revoke the charter or copyrighted patches of any chapter(s) and/or members, in which a patch has been issued within the boundaries of the State of Maine, who violate the Constitution and bylaws of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of the State of Maine and/or the bylaws of the Widows Sons, and/or governs themselves in an un-Masonic manner, and/or brings disgrace or embarrassment to any chapter of the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association and/or any Blue Lodge, Grand Lodge or other body of Masons.

Article 2 Purpose:

Section 1

It shall be the goal and objective of the Temple Guard Chapter to create a Widows and Orphans fund and use it to contribute to the relief of widows and orphans of Master Masons, to encourage their membership to remain in good standing in the records of their Masonic lodge, to engage in proper conduct, and reasonable and legal activities designed to persuade the public opinion of the desirability of Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association. It shall be the objective of the Temple Guard

Chapter to obtain proper, reasonable, and legal means whereby we may protect the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association from any threat caused by person(s) outside or within any chapter. It shall be the duty of this chapter to file in writing with the Grand Chapter within 5 business days any potential activity that may violate this section of this constitution.

Section 2

This organization shall not engage in political, religious or any activities that promote separation rather than unity, or cause disharmony within the chapter. It is the duty of the President to cease any activity within his chapter that may cause disagreement or controversy in his chapter.

Section 3

No member shall wear support apparel for any 1% club or organization while wearing the Widows Sons patch. No member shall wear any Widows Sons logos, insignias, patches or any item that identifies them as Widows Sons inside a 1% clubhouse or while attending a 1% club event.

Section 4

Any member who is proven to disregard or disobey a direct order by the President to cease any activity determined by the president or any officer to be injurious to the chapter will be expelled from the chapter. Such expulsion must be ratified by a 2/3 majority of the members present at the first stated meeting following a minimum of 30 days' notice to the membership. Neglect or weak enforcing of this policy is grounds for the Chapter (by the same 2/3 majority vote referenced in this section above) or the Grand Chapter to remove a President and/or his officers from their office.

Section 5

It shall be the objective of each chapter of the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association to contribute to the relief of the widows and orphans of Masons within the boundaries of their jurisdiction, and to strive to make a minimum of one annual donation to a charity of their choice. Donations will also be made for the betterment of the general community as well as the relief of distressed Brother Masons and their families.

Section 6

It shall further be an object of this organization to receive, manage, invest, expend or otherwise use the funds and property of this organization to achieve the objectives set forth in this constitution and for such additional purposes and objects not inconsistent therewith as will further the interests of this organization, and its members directly or indirectly. The President, with consent of at least 2 members present can authorize up to three-hundred dollars (\$300) for Association business. All other transactions need majority vote from the membership.

Article 3 Membership

Section 1

This organization shall be composed of Master Masons recognized by the Grand Lodge of Maine AF & AM. A valid Blue Lodge dues card issued by their Lodge must be presented when joining or renewing membership. Due to a Lodge going dark, members may have until April 30th of the year to provide a valid dues card for that year. Nonpayment of Lodge dues will result in suspension from the Widows Sons.

Section 2

All new riding members must complete a minimum of three (3) rides and two (2) events with the Temple Guard Chapter previous to receiving the Widows Sons patches. For purpose of clarity, a ride will be defined as a group ride with six (6) or more Widows Sons at ride sanctioned by Maine Grand Chapter. All rides must be verified by an Officer or Trustee of the Temple Guard Chapter. A benefit, charity, party or non-riding gathering with the Widows Sons will be applicable as an event.

Section 3

Each affiliated Chapter shall be entitled to four (4) delegates, who shall consist of its President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 4

Each member of this organization shall have equal rights and privileges in connection with attending meetings and the participation in the deliberations of such meetings.

Section 5

Any member who has been expelled from membership must immediately return his patches to the Guardian of Membership or to his designated Trustee.

Section 6

Any member who returns his patches and forfeits his membership for any reason can apply for reinstatement at a stated membership meeting. He must be voted in by a two-thirds (2/3), majority vote of the members present. Minimum ride requirements are waived.

Section 7

All members will be given a copy of the by-laws and a confirmation page which must be signed and that portion returned to the Maine Grand Chapter. All new members will be required to sign these by-laws previous to receiving full patch set.

Section 8

The Temple Guard Chapter may recognize individuals as Honorary members as provided by the Grand Chapter by-laws. Honorary members must be a Master Mason and can attend any functions and meetings. Any membership fee is waived and has no voting privileges.

Section 9

Any member may apply for Retirement. Any member wanting to keep their vest must be an active member for 10 years and must be in good standing with any affiliated Blue Lodge. A "retired" patch must replace the current bottom rockers. A retired member can only wear their vest at any Widows Sons ride or event. All current and future retired members may keep their chapter patch for keepsake only. Upon affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership at a stated monthly meeting, the retiree gives up voting rights, but can attend functions and meetings. A retiree can apply for reinstatement but must have an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership at a monthly meeting to be reinstated.

Section 10

As provided for by the Grand Chapter, Temple Guard Chapter may have no more than 10% of its members as non-riding members.

Article 4 Officers

Section 1

All officers must be members of the Temple Guard Chapter. The Officers of the Temple Guard Chapter shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Chapter shall also have a Guardian-of- Membership and a Sergeant-at-Arms. The Temple Guard Chapter shall also have a Guardian of Membership and one (1) or two (2) Sergeant at Arms in the case of a large membership within the chapter. The President elect must appoint a Guardian of Membership and Sergeant at Arms no later than 30 days after taking office. In cases where no members are available to accept the positions, any elected officer may assume the duty upon request or appointment by the President.

Officers must attend a minimum of 8 meetings a year to maintain their position. Medical situations are exempt.

Section 2

The President of the Temple Guard Chapter shall enforce all provisions of the constitution and bylaws.

The President shall have the power to establish such committees he may deem necessary, provided that there shall be an Audit Committee. The President may determine the order of business and shall regulate all debates and the conduct of the members. The President will be an ex-officio member of all committees. He is required to hold regular annual communication with the President of the Maine Grand Chapter.

Section 3

The Vice President, in absence of the President, shall preside and perform all duties pertaining to the office of the President, and render such assistance as may be required.

Section 4

The Secretary shall keep current records of the proceedings of the Chapter and shall keep a separate account and register for each member of the Chapter. He shall conduct all association correspondence under the direction of the President. He shall issue all notices when directed. He shall receive all monies paid into the Chapter and shall record the amounts in the monthly financial record which shall become part of the minutes of each meeting and pay them over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt thereof. The Secretary shall take over the duties of the President in the absence of the President and Vice President. He shall present an annual report at the annual meeting.

Section 5

The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the association and shall keep regular and accurate accounts of all monies received by him. He shall pay them out by the order of the President and with the consent of the membership. He shall keep them in deposit in a bank in the name of the association and shall render a detailed report of the receipts and duly established disbursements at the annual meeting and at other times as requested by the President or by majority vote of the members present at any stated meeting. The Treasurer shall take over the duties of the President in the absence of the President, Vice President and Secretary.

Section 6

Two (2) experienced Brothers shall be appointed Road Captains and shall be responsible for organizing runs. In the case of a large membership within the chapter, the President can appoint up to two (2) additional Road Captains

Section 7

The Guardian-Of-Membership shall ensure that the Bylaws are respected, members conduct themselves in a Masonic manner, and that the intentions of the organization are carried out in the best interest of the membership. The presentation or revocation of Widows Sons patches and regalia is the responsibility of the Guardian-of-Membership, with the assistance of the Sergeant-at-Arms when required.

Section 8

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for accommodating visiting brethren, superintending the membership during meetings, and assisting the Guardian-of-Membership in the performance of his duties. The President will appoint up to two (2) Sergeants at Arms.

Section 9

Each President Elect may appoint a Chaplain to assist with blessings for opening meetings, pre-ride, and on such occasion as may be required.

Section 10

An unlimited number of members may be appointed as Activity Directors and shall be responsible for all fund raising activity. Members shall be assigned as Safety Officers and will be responsible for performing a pre-ride visual inspection of all motorcycles.

Section 11

Temple Guard Chapter shall have the same number of Officers as the Maine Grand Chapter with the same authority over its members as the Officers of the Grand Chapter.

Section 12

Temple Guard Chapter, shall submit to the Maine Grand Chapter a copy of their by-laws, which conform to the principles of the Constitution of the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association Maine Grand Chapter and any subsequent revisions for approval.

Section 13

In order to become an officer of the Temple Guard Chapter, each officer of the Chapter must be a member, and remain a member in good standing of the blue lodge of which they are a member.

Article 5 Elections

The annual meeting of the Temple Guard Chapter will be held on the stated meeting in February. Elected and appointed officers shall assume their duties as of the stated meeting in March. The order of elections shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The term of office will be one (1) year for elected officers. Officer voting will be open for nominations in December, the nominations will be close in January, voting will take place in February, and take office in March. Majority vote by paper ballot is the method of election. A printed ballot will list candidate names in order of nomination.

Section 1

Any Brother in good standing and has held membership with Temple Guard chapter for a minimum of one (1) year may be considered for the office of Temple Guard Chapter President, Any brother in good standing and has held membership with Temple Guard chapter for a minimum of one (1) year may be considered for the offices of Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. Candidates must declare their intent to run for office no less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. No member may run for more than one (1) elected office. Nominations may be taken from the floor; however, the Brother nominated must willingly accept the nomination and declare themselves a candidate to be listed on the ballot.

Section 2

In cases where only one (1) qualified candidate has been nominated for office, the candidate shall be declared elected by acclamation. When more than one candidate has been nominated for office, balloting shall be conducted by paper ballot. A simple majority shall elect candidates. In the case of a tie or deadlock, a ballot may occur up to three (3) times. In the event a tie is not broken after three ballots, the President shall declare or appoint a winner from the pool of candidates. A committee of three (3), none of which are candidates for any current office, shall count ballots. No member may leave the premises or communicate secretly or otherwise with any other member while elections are in progress.

Section 3

Any offices vacated due to resignation, the forced removal of an officer, or because an officer is unable to complete his term, shall be filled by special election. The president shall set the date for any special elections. The secretary, no later than 2 weeks prior to the special election, must notify in writing (email

or text, if this preference has been indicated by the member), or in person, all members of the upcoming election. Majority vote by paper ballot shall be the method of election.

Section 4

All members present at the annual meeting who have voting rights are required to vote.

Section 5

Members who are unable to attend meetings or special elections may vote by write-in ballot (e-mail or text). Write-in ballots must be delivered to the Secretary no later than 3 days prior to an election. No proxy votes will be accepted.

Article 6 Meetings

Section 1

The monthly meeting shall be held as set by majority vote of the membership at the meeting immediately preceding. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President with a minimum 1 week notice. All notice of meetings will be by email to the email address of record of the member. Meetings may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other emergency circumstances by the President in consultation with the other officers. In the event of a cancellation of a stated meeting, a new date shall be set with a minimum of one week notice.

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Roberts Rules of Order. For the Temple Guard Chapter, a quorum will be defined as those members present at any called meeting and should voting be required, a majority of those present will pass. There will be no voting by proxy.

All members are encouraged to attend regular stated meetings. Any member who cannot attend a stated meeting must notify the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Guardian of the Membership of his absence.

To maintain active membership, a member must attend one stated meeting and attend or otherwise support one Temple Guard Chapter-supported ride annually during the calendar year.

If a member fails to achieve the minimum attendance as described above without being excused by the President, he shall be suspended from the Chapter by a majority vote of the membership and shall return all regalia to the Guardian of Membership.

When a member, recognizing that he will not be able to meet the attendance requirement due to family commitments, medical issues, military service or other foreseeable issues, he will submit a written request to the Chapter to be placed in Inactive Status. Such action requires approval of the President and a positive majority vote of the membership at the next stated meeting following its receipt. During this period he will still be considered a member of the Chapter and shall retain its regalia. He will also be responsible for any dues and assessments which are due by regular members. A member may not remain in Inactive Status for more than three (3) years.

If at the conclusion of a two year calendar period a member has failed to fully pay his dues and assessments after having been given notice by the Secretary in writing (certified mail to the address on record), he will be removed from membership and will be required to return his regalia following a majority vote of the membership.

Should a former member wish to rejoin the Chapter, he shall make application and be subject to all the requirements (including the initiation fee) of a new prospective member.

Temple Guard Chapter will have one (1) business meeting per month with an annual report sent to

the Grand Chapter.

Section 2

Regular or Special Business Meetings may be attended by any member, or those who have petitioned for Chapter membership. Spouses, significant others, family members or guests may not participate in any business or special meeting when business is being conducted. Exceptions to this article can be made for Special Event meetings, non-stated or special business meetings, where guests may be invited to participate in or otherwise support the planning and execution of an event.

Section 3

When a member is traveling, he shall strive to make contact and visit other chapters in the area of his travels if within his power to do so.

Section 4

Members must wear a Widows Sons logo at all meetings and events. Exceptions to this article can be made in the event that the sponsors of an event require that no organizational, association or club identification be worn.

Section 5

All conversations and discussions about Widows Sons matters at meetings must stay within the boundaries of this organization.

No member of the Widows Sons may speak on behalf of the Widows Sons to any member or representative of a 1% club, except to state that their chapter is part of an International Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association. Further comments, information or support questions must be directed to the Chapter President or Vice President. An exception to this article may be made when a Chapter President extends permission to a member to speak on his behalf. In such a case, the member must report all conversation, with accuracy, to his President or Vice President at the earliest possible time.

Members of the Widows Sons who violate this section or cause the Association to experience negative or detrimental relations with any 1% club, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Widows Sons.

Section 6

No alcoholic beverages are allowed during or two hours prior to meetings. No illegal drugs are allowed at any time. Failure to comply may result in expulsion from the Widows Sons.

Section 7

These bylaws may be amended by submitting proposed changes to the By-laws Committee in writing. Amendments to these by-laws may be presented to any member of the By-laws Committee and will be voted on at a stated membership meeting of the Chapter. The By-laws Committee shall consist of 5 members which, when possible, should include at least one past chapter elected officer. Amendment(s) will be presented by the By-laws Committee to the membership with a recommendation. Acceptance of an amendment will require an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the regular members present at a monthly stated meeting of the Chapter.

Section 8

Any proposed amendment(s) will be read and a recommendation made by the By-Law Committee not later than the second regularly stated meeting of the Chapter following submission of the change request to the Committee. The reading shall occur during the business portion of a stated meeting of the Chapter and will have no discussion at that time. After such reading, the Secretary will mail (e-mail), a copy of the proposed amendment(s) to all regular members, together with written notice of the date upon which it will be balloted.

Section 9

After distribution, the proposed amendment(s) shall be voted upon without option to amend at the next stated meeting of the Chapter. As with any vote, discussion will be allowed. If approved, the amendment shall be considered effective as of the date of approval by Grand Chapter unless there is specific verbiage to make the amendment retroactive as part of the motion. Once approved by Grand Chapter, a revised, dated copy of the approved by-laws shall be made available (hard-copy, email, website) to the membership. A copy of the by-laws with revisions noted will be retained and recorded by the Chapter Secretary.

Article 7 Motorcycles

Section 1

All motorcycles must be on the road by April 15th or as weather permits. Members participating in runs are required to have liability insurance, current license plates, and ensure that their motorcycles are street legal and conform to standards of the state in which the bike is registered. In the event a member disposes of his motorcycle because of medical, accidental or financial circumstance, the member is granted a one (1) year grace period to repair or acquire another motorcycle.

Section 2

This Chapter shall not require members to own or operate any specific brand or style of motorcycle, provided it has an engine at least 500cc and meets the requirements of the state in which the motorcycle is registered for operating on a roadway. Likewise, the Chapter will not discriminate in accepting for membership, an otherwise qualified candidate, based on the type, style, or manufacturer of their motorcycle.

Section 3

Proof of liability insurance must be provided to Temple Guard Chapter upon payment of annual dues and updated as necessary (Required for our Association Insurance for the member liability policy).

Section 4

It shall be the duty of an appointed Safety Officer to observe the conditions of participating motorcycles prior to each ride. The Safety Officer will be appointed as needed by the President and serve until he is relieved of his duties. The Safety Officer may employ any number of members to assist him in his duties as may be necessary to expeditiously carry out his responsibilities.

Article 8 Funerals

Section 1

The Chapter shall have a Funeral Committee made up of three (3) members, and it shall be mandatory for that Committee to attend the funeral of any member of the Chapter or his immediate family. Attending members shall wear the Widows Sons patch. When financially possible, three (3) Funeral Members (or designated proxies) will be sent to funerals of other chapters at the expense of the Chapter.

Section 2

Where possible, the Chapter shall be responsible for assisting the family members with all arrangements, parties, police processions, etc.

Article 9 Logos

Section 1

The Guardian-of-Membership of the Chapter will order, hold and distribute patches and all items with the Widows Sons logos for the Temple Guard Chapter. The cost of the front and back patch will depend on Chapter requirements. Maine affiliate chapter patches are to be purchased through the Grand Chapter and are the property of the Maine Grand Chapter.

Section 2

The Widows Sons patch will appear above the logo on the back of the jacket, vest, shirt, etc. A

Masonic emblem must be displayed on the left-hand shoulder of all Widows Sons vests. According to local requirements and Grand Chapter preference "Masonic Riders Association" patches are to be placed below the logo and the Chapter region banner will be placed below that

Section 3

The Widows Sons patch may only be attached to a black leather vest, black leather coat or black cloth vest or shirt. Temple Guard patches, including the Temple Guard rocker, Widow Sons center patch, Masonic Riders Association rocker, and all related patches, remain the property of the Temple Guard Chapter at all times.

Section 4

All patches are the property of the Widows Sons Temple Guard Chapter and must be returned to the Chapter upon expulsion for disciplinary actions or when a Brother resigns or retires. Through a majority vote at a Chapter meeting, a retired member in good standing may keep his Chapter patches. These patches are to only be worn when attending Widows Sons functions and Chapter meetings (retirees only). Upon the death of a Brother in good standing, if the family makes a formal request to retain his patches the same procedure shall be applied as to retirement.

Article 10 Finances

Section 1

Initiation fees for members shall be as determined by majority vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting and shall include the cost of patches, an initiation fee, and the first year's membership. When a new member is voted in from October 1st through December 31st, the following year's dues are paid as well.

Section 2

The dues of the Temple Guard Chapter shall be determined by majority vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting. Any assessments from the Grand Chapter will be added to the base amount of the dues determined by that vote as well as any additional assessments as voted by a majority of the membership present at any scheduled business meeting at which the assessment is moved and notice of which has been sent by email at least 1 week prior. Annual dues and assessments are due on January 1st of each year.

Article 11 Mandatory Runs

Section 1

There shall be one mandatory annual run or event, which shall be voted into acceptance by a full member vote at a Temple Guard Chapter meeting. The Chapter may call additional runs or events as agreed upon by the membership. It is a mandatory requirement for each member to participate in at least one annual event or run. In cases where a member cannot attend due to family, health, or work conflicts, such members are required to participate financially or by offering support services prior to or during the event. All members will wear logos for runs and events.

Section 2

Other runs or events shall be for the raising of funds for charities that the Temple Guard Chapter has selected. Each chapter will have at least one (1) annual party or picnic per year to raise funds for their charitable organization. All Chapters shall make every attempt to attend other chapter's functions to assist in raising funds for their charitable organization. All members are expected to participate in organizing any events hosted by their chapter.

Section 3

No erratic or unsafe operation of a motorcycle will be tolerated while wearing Widows Sons patches jeopardizing the safety of a brother or that of any other motorcycle or vehicle operator and passengers or pedestrians. Being found in violation of this section may be cause for expulsion of the Widows Sons. This provision includes operation under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or illegal drugs.

Article 12 Charges and Disputes

An Executive Council consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Grand Chapter shall hear and rule on any charges or disputes between members, officers, and/or Chapters. All members will have the right, if a member is found guilty, to vote on disciplinary action.

- (A) Whenever charges are preferred against any member, officer or chapter, the charges shall be filed in writing with the Secretary of the Grand Chapter.
- (B) No member, officer or chapter shall be tried unless he shall be served by the Secretary, or the Guardian-of-Membership in person, or by Certified Mail, with a written copy of such charges specifying the nature of the offense of which he is accused. Thereon, the accused shall be required to appear before the Executive Council for a hearing, at the time and place designated by the Grand Chapter. The accused may select only one member, in good standing with his chapter, to assist him in his defense; and the charging party may select only one member, in good standing with his chapter, to assist him in the presentation of evidence in support of the charges.
- (C) A member of one chapter shall have the right to file charges against a member of another chapter. Such charges must be filed with the Executive Council of the Grand Chapter of Maine. The Grand Chapter will set a date for a hearing.
- (D) If charges filed against any member, officer, or chapter are sustained by the Grand Chapter, the members of the chapter in question shall render judgment and impose disciplinary action. A written copy of findings shall be forwarded by the Grand Chapter to the affiliate chapter.
- (E) Upon filing of charges that are of such magnitude and seriousness as to jeopardize the interests of the chapter, the Executive of the Grand Chapter may suspend such member, officer or chapter, pending hearing.
- (F) Suspended members will immediately surrender all chapter property to the Guardian of the Membership. Suspended members temporarily forfeit all privileges until such time as they are voted back into full membership. If a member is suspended for failure to pay dues, he may, within three years pay all monies due and be restored without further vote of the chapter. Members suspended for more than three years must reapply for membership and a favorable vote for their application must follow guidelines for any new member except ride and event requirements will be waived.

Article 13 Property

Section 1

The Grand Chapter has the authority to suspend, trustee, or revoke any chapter. In the event the chapter is suspended, trustee, or revoked, all of its funds, books, papers, and other properties shall be

forwarded to the Secretary of the Grand Chapter, who shall hold them for reorganization. If no reorganization occurs within a period of two (2) years, such funds shall be transferred first to the appropriate charity for which funds were raised and designated with the remainder and residue going to the Maine Grand Chapter.

Section 2

All patches and logos of the Widows Sons are the property of the Maine Grand Chapter and must be returned promptly upon dissolving of a Chapter or termination of membership. Members leaving the Maine Grand Chapter for another Chapter are required to turn in their patches on receipt of new patches.

The Widows Sons original Widows patch is copyrighted by Carl Davenport (IL) and Armando Nunez (FL). The Widows Sons Temple Guard style patch is copyrighted by Frederick Broecker (IL).

Article 14 Membership Pledge

We pledge that as members of the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association, we above all others, shall set a good example and never bring dishonor to the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association, Freemasonry, or ourselves.

We pledge that we will support our brethren in the Widows Sons regardless of race, creed, color, or national origin, and will never knowingly bring reproach upon a fellow brother of the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association.

We pledge to combat any forces, which would seek to undermine or bring reproach upon the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association, or its members, and we shall always strive to bring respect and dignity to the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association.

BY-LAWS adopted on this date:

Chapter: [Temple Guard Chapter]

By signing this, all parties agree to adhere to the BY-LAWS in accordance with the CONSTITUTION of THE WIDOWS SONS MASONIC MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION OF MAINE GRAND CHAPTER as in effect at the time of signing.

President: _____ **dated:** _____

Vice President: _____ **dated:** _____

Secretary: _____ **dated:** _____

Treasurer: _____ **dated:** _____

Sargent-at-arms: _____ **dated:** _____

Our Founding Officers:

President: Jef H. HamLin
Vice President: Ron Smith
Secretary: Tom Boone
Treasurer: Bruce Marshall
Guardian-of-Membership: Dennis Dyer
Sergeant-at-Arms: Scott Green
Road Captain – Phil Lovell
Road Captain – Tim Robinson
Activity Director – Kirt Stockley
Activity Director – Kevin Mayo



Receipt of By-Laws

Widows Sons

Masonic Riders Association

Maine Grand Chapter

I have received a copy of the by-laws from the Widows Sons
Masonic Riders Association Maine Grand Chapter.

I agree to follow and obey the rules and regulations within the
by-laws that have been given to me.

I understand that if I violate any of these by-laws, charges may
be preferred against me, and disciplinary actions may be
imposed if found guilty.

Signature

____/____/____
Date

Print Name