

# ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS



# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

# DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF THE ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY

The Road Riders For Jesus, here after known as **RRJ**, shall be a non-profit, non-denominational organization of Christian motorcyclists. We are not just a ride group or a Christian club, but we are also a ministry.

As we travel the highways, we seek to fulfill the great commission of our Lord by sharing the Good News of salvation with others, especially those of the motorcycling world.

## LIVING FOR GOD...

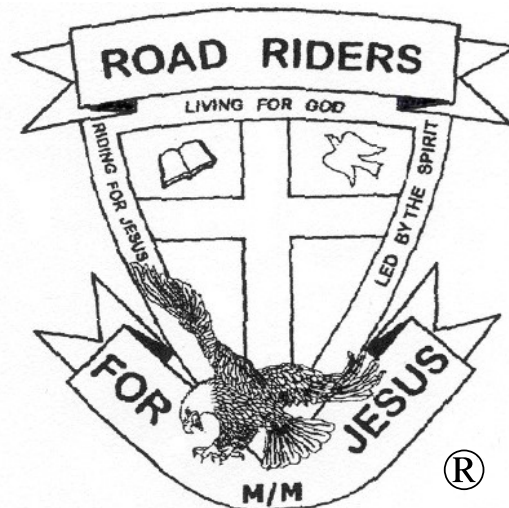
We believe that in order for our members to share the love of God, they must be “Born-Again,” according to God’s Holy Word in Romans 10:9&10. That they must exhibit a life-style that is pleasing to God and honors His Holy Word.

## RIDING FOR JESUS...

We believe our motorcycles are tools to be used of the Lord as a way of reaching the lost, encouraging new converts, and providing Christian fellowship.

## LED BY THE SPIRIT...

We believe in the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit and as the doors of ministry opportunity are opened, we will share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the love of God. This is achieved by participating in secular, as well as Christian events such as rallies, benefit rides, tours, and other related activities.



## CHAPTER PURPOSE...

1. To fulfill the Great Commission, sharing the Good News of Salvation with others, leading them to a Saving Faith in Jesus Christ.
2. To provide RRJ members with ministry opportunities by providing information about motorcycling events and activities, as well as ministry opportunities within the local community.
3. To provide Christian fellowship through chapter organized rides and social activities.
4. To encourage individual members in their walk with Christ, to assist them in ministry opportunities, and to encourage them in their involvement in the motorcycling community.

## CHAPTER FUNCTION...

Chapters shall conduct regular monthly meetings in which the four chapter purposes shall be emphasized. Chapters are encouraged to organize activities for it's members such as **Motorcycle Safety, Chapter Rides, Bike Shows, Campouts, Picnics, etc.**

Chapters are also encouraged to seek information about secular motorcycling events and provide this information at the regular monthly meetings.

In order for RRJ chapters to provide for the spiritual needs of the motorcycling community and other activities they are involved in, they must have a **STRONG SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION** based upon **THE WORD OF GOD**. Therefore, chapters are encouraged to include in their monthly meetings, **DEVOTIONS, BIBLE STUDIES, EVANGELISM TRAINING, and SELF-IMPROVEMENT HELPS.**

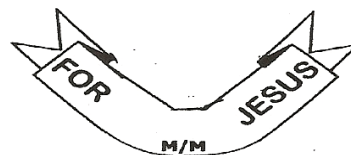
Chapters are urged to disciple new converts and encourage them in spiritual growth through the study of God's word and Christian fellowship.

Chapters shall be led by the elected officers, who shall encourage the involvement of each member.

# RRJ LOGO ELEMENTS

## THE UPPER AND LOWER BANNERS...

Banners or pennants have been used throughout history as declarations of identity and allegiance. Our banners declare who we are and to whom we serve. Banners were often carried into battle for identity, as we shall proudly carry these banners, as we shall declare JESUS as Lord and Saviour and share the Gospel of The Good News.



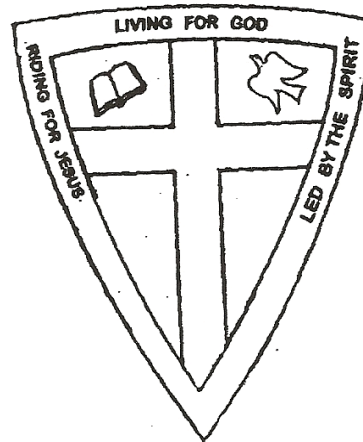
## THE SHIELD...

The three points of the shield represent the Trinity, God The Father, God The Son, and God The Holy Spirit.

The **BIBLE**, represents the Word of God, The **WHITE DOVE**, represents the Holy Spirit, and the **CROSS**, represents Jesus and the salvation he bought for us.

**LIVING FOR GOD, RIDING FOR JESUS, and LED BY THE SPIRIT...** This is the mission statement of **THE ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS**.

*"...take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one."*



## THE EAGLE...

Is a symbol of freedom and strength. A freedom that comes from accepting Jesus as our Personal Saviour and strength that comes from serving God. *"They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as EAGLES, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."* (Isaiah 40:31)



## RED, WHITE and BLUE COLORS of the logo...

**RED**—represents the precious blood of Jesus, shed for the remission of our sins.

**WHITE**—represents the purity and sovereignty of the Holy Spirit.

**BLUE**—represents the deity of Almighty God, our Heavenly Father.

# CHAPTER CONSTITUTION

**Article 1** Membership in The Road Riders For Jesus is open to every Christian regardless of race, creed, color, or gender.

**Article 2** A chapter of The Road Riders For Jesus shall be a non-denominational organization open only to individuals whose religious practices comply with the teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ, as contained in the inerrant Word of God.

**Article 3** Each individual chapter of The Road Riders For Jesus shall be identified by their location and/or chapter number. (I.e. city, town, etc.)

**Article 4** There shall be no required fees or dues to be a member of a chapter of The Road Riders for Jesus. Chapters are to be self-supporting through free will offerings, fund-raisers, and donations.

**Article 5** To be a member of a chapter, individuals must first become members of The Road Riders For Jesus and agree with the Doctrinal Statement of The Road Riders For Jesus.

## Chapter Constitution — Election Of Officers

**Article 6** Election of officers shall be conducted in January. Installation of new officers shall take place in February. Terms of elected officers shall be two years in length. The elected officers of a chapter shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Chaplain, Secretary, and Treasurer. These shall here after be known as the Chapter **STAFF**.

**Article 6a** 1. Chapters with odd number designations shall conduct officer elections at the regular monthly chapter meeting in odd numbered years, in January of that year. 2. Chapters with even number designations shall conduct officer elections at the regular monthly chapter meeting in even numbered years, in January of that year. 3. Chapter Officers may serve for as many consecutive terms as they are elected by the chapter members. 4. Members may only hold an officer's position in one chapter. (amended 1/1/09)

## Newly Chartered Chapter Elections

1. New chapters upon the completion of the six month probation period, who having received their official charter from the Road Riders For Jesus National Office, shall conduct officer elections. 2. Officers elected at new chapter officer elections shall serve in the elected positions until the next regular chapter officer elections are due, unless the new chapter officer elections have occurred in less than six months prior to a regular election. 3. These new chapter officers shall then serve the remaining months of the current year plus a two year term, not to exceed a term for more than two years and six months. 4. They may then be re-elected for succeeding terms. (see Article 6a, paragraph 1, line 3)

**Article 6a Amended Date-3/31/2006 & 3/31/09** (section 4)

**Article 7** The duties of the chapter elected officers shall be as follows;

1. **PRESIDENT:** To preside over and conduct chapter meetings, to appoint all com-

mittee chairmen, to serve as ex-officio on all committees; to conduct chapter staff meetings and business meetings; to observe and enforce the articles of the chapter Constitution and Bylaws of The Road Riders For Jesus.

2. **VICE PRESIDENT:** To assume the duties of the president in the event of an absence or vacancy. To complete the term of president in the event of a vacancy. To be present at chapter meetings, staff meetings, and business meetings, to assist other officers. To assume the duties of any other officers in the event of an absence. To plan chapter rides and to conduct safety sessions.
3. **CHAPLAIN :** To provide spiritual direction for the chapter members. To pursue and coordinate ministry opportunities for the chapter. To encourage and help members in individual ministry opportunities. To lead a devotion at chapter meetings.
4. **SECRETARY:** The duties of the chapter Secretary shall be to keep minutes of all chapter meetings and to prepare them for publication in the chapter newsletter. To keep minutes of all staff meetings, record attendance at all chapter functions; to manage any chapter correspondence.
5. **TREASURER:** The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive and disperse all chapter funds; to keep an accurate account of such transactions and provide a report of such transactions at chapter meetings.

**Article 8** Officer elections shall be conducted at the regularly scheduled chapter meeting in January. Such elections shall be done by means of secret ballot. Results shall then be read and published in the chapter newsletter. Actual tally of votes will not be disclosed unless sufficient reason for challenge exists.

1. A nominating committee consisting of three chapter members may be appointed by the chapter officers with one of those committee persons to act as chairman of such committee.
2. Such chairman shall conduct the secret ballot election of officers and shall make known the results of such election to the Chapter Secretary, who shall then enter it into a means of permanent record. Actual tally count is to be only known to the chairman, his committee, and the Chapter Secretary.
3. Voting shall only be done by **ACTIVE** chapter members. The term **ACTIVE** shall be defined as the following:
  - 3a. A registered member of The Road Riders For Jesus.
  - 3b. Attended at least three out of the previous six regularly scheduled chapter meetings.
  - 3c. Membership must be exclusive to one chapter or non-chartered chapter for “Active” membership qualifications.

*Article 8 amended 3/31/09 (Section 3c)*

**Article 9** Items put to a vote at any scheduled chapter meeting shall only need a majority vote to be approved.

**Article 10** Vacancies which occur in any office with less than a year in the term, shall be filled by appointment by the chapter staff. Vacancies that occur with more than a year left in the term, shall be filled by a chapter nomination and election.

**Article 11** If possible, all chapter officers should not be from the same church.

**Article 12** Members of The Road Riders For Jesus are encouraged to wear the RRJ Colors, especially when involved in motorcycling events. RRJ Colors are not to be worn or placed on an animals, pets, or mascots.

**Article 13** No one is to wear the RRJ Colors while consuming alcohol, or partaking in any immoral activity, or practicing by deed or word, anything that would discredit the ministry of The Road Riders For Jesus or the testimony of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Article 14** If the need for any discipline of any RRJ member shall arise, it shall be handled by RRJ staff or a committee appointed by the RRJ Staff. All discipline shall be handled with prayer and love and according to Biblical principles, as found in Matthew 18:15-20, Luke 17:3 and Titus 3:10.

**Article 15** Founding of new RRJ chapters;

1. Said group shall consist of at least eight (8) interested persons.
2. Said group shall conduct regular monthly meetings for at least six (6) months on a trial basis to determine compatibility and interest.
3. Said group shall agree to abide by the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws of The Road Riders For Jesus.
4. Upon approval of The Road Riders For Jesus, a charter shall be issued for the new chapter and an official election of chapter officers shall be conducted.



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## AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS CONTINUED

**FIRST:** The name of the association shall be **THE ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS.**

**SECOND:** The place in this state where the principal office of the association is to be located is the city of **Hillsboro, Jefferson County, Missouri.**

**THIRD:** Said association is organized exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes, including, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501( c ) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**FOURTH:** The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial trustees of the association are as follows;

**Carl Crackel, 6878 Klondike Road, Hillsboro, MO., 63050.**

**Sally Crackel, 6878 Klondike Road, Hillsboro, MO., 63050.**

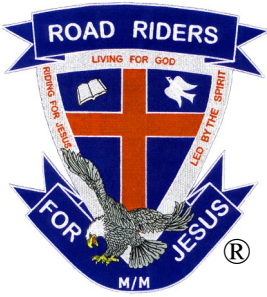
**Melvin Gulley, 618 Chartrand Road, E. Carondelet, IL., 62240.**

**Scott Mellring, 6 Shagbark Court, St. Peters, MO., 63376.**

**FIFTH:** No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or private persons, except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an association exempt from federal income tax under section 501 ( c ) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 ( c ) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**SIXTH:** In the event of a chapter dissolution, any outstanding debts of such chapter shall be paid from the chapter assets, then all remaining assets of such chapter shall become the property of the International Office of The Road Riders For Jesus.





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## AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

December 6, 2003 (Seventh & Eighth)

March 31, 2009 (Ninth)

**Seventh:** The following shall be the requirements for positions of elected chapter officers;  
1) They must be the operator of a motorcycle or the spouse of a person who is the operator of a motorcycle.

2) Their lives and lifestyle must be above reproach and exhibit a profound faith in Christ and His teachings.

3) They must have been an active member of the Road Riders For Jesus for the preceding six months prior to an election.

4) They must be willing to make a commitment to fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of the elected position.

5) They must be willing to make a commitment to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Road Riders For Jesus.

**Eighth:** Any deviations of this Constitution and Bylaws including all amendments, must be approved in advance by the following procedure;

1) Submit the deviation proposal in writing (See “Deviation Form) to the International Director of The Road Riders For Jesus.

2) The International Director will then submit the deviation proposal to the National Staff at it's next appointed meeting.

3) A confidential written response from the International Director will be given to the submitter of the deviation proposal.

4) All decisions of the National Staff of The Road Riders For Jesus pertaining to this submitted proposal, will be final.

**Ninth:** Herein all references to “National Director” shall be changed to read “International Director.”

**Tenth:** The Road Riders for Jesus is a motorcycle ministry not a motorcycle club and as such, no staff member serving in a position of national, regional, state, local chapter office or any members are authorized to affiliate or bind in any way a Road Riders for Jesus chapter, state, region or nation into a confederation or coalition of clubs. All other types of affiliations of Road Riders for Jesus chapters, states, regions or nations will be at the sole discretion of the International Director. Individual members (including chapter officers and staff members) are not discouraged from attending specific events conducted by a confederation or coalition if invited to do so.

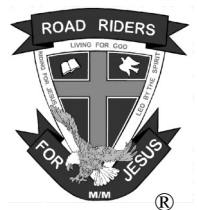
**Eleventh:** The designation, "RRJ Clergy" or "Road Riders For Jesus Clergy" shall be reserved for use only by National or International Staff members, who are Licensed or Ordained Ministers and approved by the International Director.

**Twelfth Amendment:** The Road Riders for Jesus Motorcycle Ministry shall operate in accordance with the "What We Believe" statement, as is posted on our international website and within this document.

**Thirteenth Amendment:** Any and all social sites (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Websites, etc) that are developed and posted by any Road Riders For Jesus Chapters, State Staff or Business that desires to display the name Road Riders For Jesus or the representative logo, must obtain permission for the use or posting of the name or logo on any and all such media sites from the International Director and must have as one of it's "Administrators" of such site, a designated member of the current International/National Staff. The name "Road Riders For Jesus" and the representative logo are Registered Trademarks of the Road Riders for Jesus Motorcycle Ministry and all rights for any usage are reserved by such ministry." The term "Administrator" used in this amendment will be understood to be someone who oversees and can exercise control over the content, data, photographs, etc., that are posted on such sites. A National Staff Social Site Administrator will not be responsible for the building or development of such site nor for the upkeep and maintenance of such site. (amended 3/19/2016)



## THE ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS LOGO



**The RRJ logo and the name "Road Riders For Jesus" are Registered Trademarks of The Road Riders For Jesus motorcycle ministry and can only be used and/or reproduced with written permission of the International Director. But, there are some exceptions to this rule that don't require written permission:**

- 1. The logo and the name may be used by members on business cards, stationary, and on emails.**
- 2. The logo and the name may be used by chapter officers on event flyers, posters, and banners.**

**The RRJ Logo and the name "Road Riders For Jesus" in any form, may not be reproduced, copied, or printed in any manner, by an individual or company for the purpose of producing products for sale unless express written permission is given by the International Director.**

# ***Road Riders For Jesus Motorcycle Ministry***

## **What We Believe**

- We believe that Scripture alone is the final authority on all matters of faith and practice. The Scriptures alone can make us wise unto salvation and sanctification. They are fully true, trustworthy, infallible and inspired of God.
- We believe in one God in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The three persons of the Trinity are all co-eternal, co-essential and co-equal. He is the absolute Sovereign Lord of the whole Universe.
- We believe that God created out of nothing the whole universe and world and all things therein whether visible or invisible, in the space of six days; and all very good.
- We believe that God, the Creator of all things, does uphold, direct and govern all creatures, actions and things, from the greatest to the least, by His most wise and holy providence. He is the blessed controller of all things.
- We believe God created man, male and female, after His own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures. Adam and Eve were the first two people upon the face of the earth. Because of their sin (Adam in particular) all of mankind are born sinful and stand in need of forgiveness.
- We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal, only begotten Son of God, who became man. He is truly God and truly man. He is the God-man - 2 natures (deity and humanity) in one person - the Lord Jesus Christ.
- We believe that Jesus Christ provided the perfect sacrifice on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. His death fully satisfied God's justice and is of infinite merit to give us both pardon of our sins and victory over sin and death.
- We believe that Jesus Christ rose bodily from the dead on the third day after His crucifixion. His resurrection was the proof of His deity and the foundation of the gospel of salvation.
- We believe that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven forty days after His resurrection to sit down at the right hand of God where He ever lives as our mediator to make intercession for us. He is in Heaven with a glorified body.
- We believe the Holy Spirit who convicts, regenerates, comforts, leads and illuminates our hearts to the truth of God's Word. He seals and indwells every believer for the day of our full redemption.
- We believe that salvation is a free gift received by God's pure grace, through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Those who receive Christ by faith have their sins forgiven and give evidence that they are children of God, a new creation in Jesus Christ. It is received by faith alone.
- We believe the true church is made up of all of those who have received Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, who voluntarily fellowship together to worship, be instructed in His Word and reach others with the Gospel of Christ. The two ordinances of the church are baptism and the Lord's Supper.

## What We Believe continued:

- We believe that Jesus Christ will return a second time to this earth in power and glory to receive His bride, the church, destroy evil and reign in glory for ever and ever.
- We believe that all who are redeemed by God's grace will live throughout eternity in the presence of God while all who die in their sins and unbelief will spend eternity in conscious torment in Hell separated from God and His glory.
- We believe that the term 'marriage' has only one meaning and that is marriage is sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in, outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography or any attempt to change one's sex, is sinful and offensive to God. We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the Church of Christ, and to provide a Biblical role model to our ministry members and our communities, it is imperative that all persons who are members of The Road Riders For Jesus and those who serve as leaders in any capacity, should abide by and agree to this Statement on Marriage and Sexuality and conduct themselves accordingly. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual, are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the beliefs of the ministry of The Road Riders For Jesus.



## Guidelines For Conducting A Chapter Officer Election

### ***Nominations:***

Nominations for Officer Positions should take place in November and/or December.

Nominations may be made by any active(see Constitution & Bylaws Article 8, lines 3, 3a,3b) members including Chapter Officers and a member may nominate him or herself to run for an office.

A nominating committee may be appointed by the Chapter Officers, who would then poll members for those desiring to run for office. (a nominating committee is highly recommended for chapters larger than 30 members)

When nominations are to cease, a motion should be entertained to close nominations and a “second” should be voiced, with an “All in favor” voted on. If the motion to close nominations is passed, it should be recorded in the minutes.

### ***Election:***

Chapter Officer Elections should occur in January every two years according to Constitution and Bylaws Article 6a.

For any Officer position that has more than one person nominated to run, a secret ballot vote should be taken to elect one of the nominees. This election should be conducted by the chairman of the nominating committee or by someone appointed by the chapter officers if there is no nominating committee.

3) If only one person is nominated for a position, an election by acclamation shall be conducted. This too shall be done by the Chairman of the nominating committee or by an individual appointed by the chapter officers.

**Example:** “(Member’s name)” is the only individual nominated to fulfill the position of Vice-President. I will therefore entertain a motion to elect by acclamation. (someone should make a motion to do so) It should then be seconded and “All in favor?” received from chapter members. **A secret ballot election is not necessary in this case.**

4) Election results should be recorded in the chapter meeting minutes and the “Officer Election” form should be filled out and submitted to the National Office.

***If there is no nominating committee or if no one wishes to be appointed to conduct the officer election, then the President of the chapter should conduct the election.***

