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Rules

How to become a Templar

MUST OWN A MOTORCYCLE OVER 400cc, MOTORCROSS, TRAIL AND RACEBIKES ARE NOT ALLOWED...

HAVE A 5 YEAR CLEAN CRIMINAL RECORD...

NOT USE ANY TYPE OF DRUGS, INCLUDING HASH, MARIJUANA, HEROIN, COCAINE & ECSTASY...

NO CONNECTION TO ANY TYPE OF CRIMINAL GANGS OR 1% er MC's...

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE DIRECTIVES FROM OFFICERS AND COUNCIL...

ALWAYS PROTECT THE ORDER AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS...

ALL OF YOUR ACTIONS MUST REFLECT THAT YOU ARE A KNIGHT...

ALWAYS SHOW YOU RESPECT OUR ORDER, AND ARE WORTHY OF OUR UNIFORM...

ALWAYS COME WHEN THE ORDER CALLS, WHEN WE NEED TO PROTECT A CHILD...

ALWAYS REPORT ALL ABUSE OF CHILDREN TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES, AND BRIEF COUNCIL AS TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES...

NEVER EVER LEAVE AN ABUSED CHILD UNPROTECTED...

- §1 First you fill in the application, and at same time provide a criminal background check, showing us that you have not had criminal convictions for at least the last 5 years. This background check will be available from your local police department or other authorities. Only offences against children or women counts.
- §2 If you have been a member in another Motorcycle Club, we need 2 references we can contact. Name and telephone number, this does not include riding or touring groups.
- §3 After Council or local Council receives and approves your application, you will accept the rank of Squire without patches. Once you are accepted by Templars Against Child Abuse, you will have the Provisional ceremony and get the Provisional patches; bottom rocker, front patch and provisional patch. Note: ** North America will be different as we have the one piece patch. **

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- §4 Before any Ceremony, necessary paperwork must be forwarded to the Secretary of World Council. After the WC has given approval, the Secretary will notify the Lodge that it is o.k. to commence with the Ceremony.
- §5 To give a new applicant the Squire Ceremony, the Lodge must have a minimum of a Full Templar that is Grand Commander.
- §6 Lodges with only 2 full Templars, the Lodge must provide World Council with the date for ceremony. World Council must approve of the candidate before the full ceremony occurs.
- §7 When a Lodge has a full council, the Lodge Commander can take the responsibility for all ceremonies. All paperwork must be sent to World Council prior to the Ceremony taking place.
- §8 A Provisional member is expected to have a waiting period of 3 to 6 months before becoming a full Templar, once The Council and Knights have fully accepted you, and you have proven yourself worthy to become a Templar. This is shown by examples of attendance, Loyalty, Honesty, Responsibility and the Provisionals willingness to help our cause. *(In special circumstances this time can be shorter, but only with approval of full board in World Council).*
- §9 When the application and been received, and the rules of the Order have been accepted, the applicants must be 100% clear about what is expected, and understand our hiërarchy.
- Respect that anything that happens in our Lodges remain confidential.
 - You have accepted that we are an Order and not an Mc.
- §10 As a Templar must you always act respect. The Council can, without warning, remove from The Order and take the patches, of any member who:
- Does not follow direction given by any officers or is disrespectful to The Order.
 - Commits any violence or any crime that would result in a criminal conviction.
 - Commits any type of abuse against children or women.
 - Steal any money that has been raised through fund-raising, or any property that is property of TACA.
 - If for any reason the Knighthood's rules of honesty, loyalty and security are not obeyed.
 - If for any reason do harm to another Knight or club.

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- Becoming a true Templar, a Brother or Sister in our Order requires more than a uniform and a ceremony - it takes total dedication and understanding The Orders philosophy, culture and values. Your first year as a Templar will be a trial period, where you will show respect for your Brothers and Sisters, and understanding of our Orders culture.

If, during this period, your Council feels that you have not demonstrated what it takes to be a Templar, the Council may elect to remove you from the order without explanation.

This is to protect the Order from all harm and danger, and to protect our good reputation.

Order Philosophy

- §1 Never accept Child Abuse, do all we can to stop abuse and prevent it from happening.
- §2 Protect and serve kids that are abused, poor or sick and always be their protector.
- §3 We live and die by the sword as Knights
- §4 To have fun and ride our steel horses a lot and as much as possible.
- §5 Inform schools and children as much as possible about our work, what we stand for and how we help the more unfortunate ones in our community and country.
- §6 Show respect to all clubs and always act helpful and understanding to all.
- §7 We do not promote violence, but will go to any means to prevent any harm against a brother, sister, child, or a weaker person.

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Meetings

- §1 TACA World Council shall have a meeting minimum once a month. If necessary, Officers in World Council can call for a meeting, with 24 hours notice.
- §2 Continent and Area Councils shall have a meeting once a month, and Secretary Continent Lodge and Area Lodge will send report of meetings to Secretary World Council.

Uniform

- §1 The vest is our uniform, everyone in the same Country or Continent must use the same style vest (*it must be black*).
- §2 The uniform must be consistent throughout all Templar's Lodges. Biker pins, brand pins, slogan patches etc, are not allowed. Only the Order's patches and pins, or patches and pins sanctioned by World Council are to be worn on the uniform. Our uniform represents who we are, and sets us apart from mc's.
- §3 Only TACA patches are allowed, including the black ribbon sorrow patch / pin.
- §4 The uniform shall not be worn when attending a party where alcohol is served. It is a uniform, and should be respected as such. Our uniform should never been worn in compromising situations.

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Patches

All TACA Templars patches are in Black, White and Red.
Full Knighted Templars have all the same "back patches" (except in regions where 3-piece patch has been identified as a problem).

Chest patches

Right side:

World Council: Original 9
Country Lodges: Country flag patch
Country Lodges: First 9

Officer Stripe Patch:

Grand Commander:	5 stripes
Vice Commander:	4 stripes
Captain:	3 stripes
Secretary:	3 stripes
Security Officer:	3 stripes
Road Officer:	2 stripes
Deputy:	1 stripe

Nickname
WC: World Council
Founder: Founder

WC has special black chest patch with red embroidery and text WC
(So it's easy to see highest commanding officers)

Left side:

Full Templar Officers have top rank ex. Grand Commander WC bottom TACA
Non-Officers have top Templar bottom TACA (this is embroidered inside chest patch),
other Officers have the same placement.

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Promotion

- §1 A Knight can always be promoted to a higher rank by their own Council. World Council shall be informed.
- §2 Officer can ask to step down to Templar, and be released from his/her responsibilities as an Officer. This is a conversation that must be had with the Officer and Grand Commander. (many reasons for this include family commitment, health, jobs etc.)
- §3 No country is allowed, except for continents, to produce their own patches. Designs for all patches must be submitted to World Council for approval.

Squires *(non riding)*

- §4 Squire back patch, nickname and country flag on right chest, otherwise is not allowed.

Become a Lodge

- §1 A country can be an independent Lodge when you have a full Council.
- §2 TACA World Council is the only one that can accept a new country and open a new Lodge. Each Lodge is independent, but TACA World Council will provide mentorship, and ensure that policies are being followed..
- §3 All Lodges must adhere to the same rules. This is to maintain consistency in our organization. If our rules are not followed, the consequence is that the Lodge may be expelled by the World Council.

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TACA World Council

- §1 The World Council is a committee that include Grand Commanders and Officers from Lodges based around the world. Officers for World Council positions are chosen by World Council.
- §2 World Council is an independent International Lodge, and the highest authority in TACA. World Council is responsible for all Lodges, and work Internationally to help all Lodges and ensure consistency is carrying out duties.
- §3 World Council, as a group, will always collaborate in decisions concerning TACA worldwide – whether it is establishing policy, providing mentorship, or corrective action. World Council will assign a Mentor to a new Country. World Council, in collaboration with National Officers will identify & decide who or what organization constitutes a TACA approved charity. No Lodge shall put their members in harm's way, by acting impulsively in matters where Child Abuse is suspected. World Council can call to webinar meeting if important asap.
- §4 Officer in World Council may request that World Council release them from obligation and to step down and become a Templar.
- §5 An Officer who has been appointed a position in World Council, should have a successor in mind to fill his position within the Lodge. It is the responsibility of all Officers to have someone in mind to fill vacant positions. All officers should at all times be grooming their replacements.
- §6 World Council shall have:
 - 1 Grand Commander
 - 1 Vice Commander
 - 1 Security Officer
 - 1 Deputy Security Officer
 - 1 Secretary Officer (+ PR = *Public Relations*)
 - 1 Captain
 - 1 Treasury Officer

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- §7 The Founder shall always have place in World Council, and shall be a Grand Commander, as long as he has good health and the will to participate in the day to day operations of our Organization. When he decides to step down from his role as Grand Commander WC, he will enjoy the title of "Honorary Grand Commander".
- §8 Some Officer can be chosen to have two Officer positions at same time.
Ex. Primer Officer can also be Secretary (*This should also be temporary*).
- §9 Officers in World Council shall serve WC for as long time as they can. If there is reason to remove a member from WC, this will be an internal decision voted on by all WC members, and only after a thorough investigation.
- §10 If Officer in WC steps down from, and with license, he or she shall hold title of Knight Templar with Honor, in the Country that he or she lives in.

Country Council is:

- 1 Grand Commander
- 1 Vice Commander
- 1 Captain
- 1 Treasury Officer
- 1 Security Officer
- 1 Secretary Officer. (+ PR)
- 1 Road Officer
- 2 Deputy (*if needed*)

Votes

Each officer will have one vote, all Templars have one vote and all can attend The Council meeting. In all voting the majority must be a minimum of one vote for yes or no to be accepted. GC has veto rights. He shall always protect what is best for the Order, if veto is used he shall use officers or World Council for help. Highest Rank Is The Grand Commander in the Lodge. They sit for a minimum of 8 years and work mostly with sponsors, schools, government, rules, act as mentor, educate new Knights, and always vote last for the best interest of The Order, and also decide the agenda for TACA Lodge meetings.

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Facebook - Website - Forum - Promotion

- §1 All lodges are allowed to have their own facebook site, it is not to be used for internal (*confidential*) communication.
- §2 A lodge can have their own website but it shall be linked to the main site.
- §3 Only full members have full access to the forum. Provisionals only have access to the general info until they are knighted.
- §4 All Lodges can produce their own items, which shall be located on the website shop so all can buy them. The producing Lodge has the right to put an extra 10% on price to members, they also decide themselves the price for supporters and if the profit goes to charity. This shall be clearly stated on the shop.
- §5 Promotion: We have very strict rules on how the TACA logo is to be used. Any promotional material shall be approved by WC Secretary (PR) Officer, this is to protect the name and logo (corporate identity). WC Secretary (PR) Officer also design and help with flyers and all necessary promotion material. All Lodges can have a Promotion Officer, but they obey directly under WC Secretary (PR) Officer.
- §6 Businesscards for all Lodges shall use standard same layout, provided by WC Secretary (PR) Officer. * Own design is NOT ALLOWED !

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Youth Department

After 5 years time all Lodges shall have a youth department, to help kids stay away from the criminal world. To teach them through charity you can mean more, get love and respect and get self-confidence and responsibility.

We have a responsibility to be solid, honest, role models, helping, cheerful, and of good humor. We ride to have fun and enjoy our life as templars, to be proud about what we do and stand for. To spread the word about The Order and only recruit those that we feel are suitable. To investigate all new Squires to protect The Order, but also to help all new Knights. We always put our family first and all family members are always welcome in all of The Order's lodge houses. To help our brothers and sisters and their families when in bad times and never let a Templar or his family down.

We must act to help all those in need and talk to media, sponsors, kids, schools, to show the bikerworld we are different, not better, but we choose another path in our riding. To help all clubs that want to do charity.

Exclusion

- §1 If a Knight commits abuse or violence to a child, woman or man.
- §2 If they don't follow the rules.
- §3 If they use drugs (*heroin, amphetamine Hash, Marijuana, ecstasy etc*).
- §4 If they commit violence against a brother or sister.
- §5 If they steal from The Order.
- §6 If at any time they dishonour The Order or Patch.
- §7 If they accuse, undermine or slander a Brother, Sister... or the Order
- §8 If repeatedly don't obey Officers or Council decisions or work against The Orders values or philosophy.

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Council Court

- §1 No Full Templar can be excluded from The Order with out a fair trail in front of Council. All Templars shall have the right to explain themselves (unless the Templar is in his or her provisional period). The Council can remove from the Templar uniform on Templar until the Council court has done a verdict.
- §2 Each Council's Security Officer shall before Council Court use all necessary tools to collect evidence. No one shall without majority from Council Court be excluded.
- §3 If Local, Country or Continental Court cannot agree on a solution, the matter shall be put before World Council, The Highest Command Council Court, where they will judge the facts and render a Verdict. All after same principe as §1 and §2. If WC decides that the previous Councils decision is just, they can defer the matter back to the previous Council

I have hereby read and fully understand these rules and accept them 100%.

I guarantee I will keep myself worthy and do all I can to help the orders development and all kids that are abused. When I sign these rules it is for life and I will always stand tall against abuse and for The Order.

Date

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Name/Letters

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Name Signature

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