



BYLAWS OF THE BORN AGAIN BROTHERHOOD MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be Born Again Brotherhood Motorcycle Ministry (BABMM), a California nonprofit religious corporation (the "Ministry").

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of this Ministry is to:

1. Glorify Jesus Christ through fellowship, discipleship, evangelism, and service.
2. Reach motorcyclists and their families with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
3. Support local churches and ministry efforts.
4. Provide Christian brotherhood among motorcycle enthusiasts.
5. Encourage members to demonstrate Christ-like character both on and off their motorcycles.
6. Serve communities through outreach events, rides, charitable activities, and prayer.

Scripture Foundation

Deuteronomy 32:3 (KJV)

"Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God."

The Born Again Brotherhood Motorcycle Ministry is founded upon this biblical mandate. We exist to publish the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and ascribe greatness unto God through our words, actions, fellowship, service, and witness within the motorcycle community and beyond.

Article III – Statement of Faith

1. The Bible is the inspired and authoritative Word of God.
2. Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only way of salvation.
3. Salvation comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone.
4. Believers are called to live a life that honors God.
5. The ministry exists to advance the Gospel and support the Church.

Article IV – Membership

Section 1 – Eligibility

Membership is restricted to individuals who:

1. Have been born again through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Publicly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
3. Agree with the Statement of Faith and the authority of Holy Scripture.
4. Are actively pursuing a Christian walk consistent with biblical principles.
5. Submit to the bylaws and leadership of the ministry.

No person shall be eligible for full membership who does not profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Section 2 – Motorcycle Ownership

Members should own, operate, or regularly ride a motorcycle, but exceptions may be approved by leadership for support members.

Section 3 – Support Members

Non-riding spouses or supporters who share the ministry's beliefs may be designated as Support Members. Support Members are not eligible to vote or hold office, as provided in Article VIII.

Section 4 – Membership Approval

Prospective members shall complete a probationary period that includes participating in no less than 4 ministry events. Ministry events include group rides, community outreach, and other sponsored events.

Section 5 – Voting Members; No Certificates

This corporation shall have one class of voting members, consisting of all members in good standing under Section 1, other than Support Members. The corporation shall not issue certificates evidencing membership. Membership is not transferable or assignable.

Section 6 – Termination of Membership

Membership may be terminated or suspended in accordance with Article XVII (Discipline and Restoration), for nonpayment of dues (if any are established by the Board), or upon a member's voluntary resignation delivered in writing to the Secretary.

Article V – Christian Code of Conduct

All members shall:

1. Conduct themselves in a manner that honors Jesus Christ and reflects biblical Christian character.
2. Treat all persons with respect, dignity, kindness, and love, regardless of background or circumstance.
3. Refrain from engaging in illegal activities or conduct that is contrary to biblical principles.
4. Avoid any behavior that brings reproach upon Jesus Christ, the church, this ministry, or its members.
5. Promote unity, reconciliation, peace, and Christian fellowship within the ministry and the community.
6. Be truthful, honest, and trustworthy in both speech and conduct.
7. Support fellow members through prayer, encouragement, accountability, and acts of Christian service.
8. Serve as faithful witnesses for Jesus Christ in all places and at all times, especially while participating in ministry functions or rides.
9. Recognize that the ministry patch identifies the wearer as a representative of Jesus Christ and this ministry. While wearing the ministry patch or any ministry-identifying apparel, members shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with Christian witness and shall refrain from behavior that would bring discredit upon Christ or the ministry.
10. While wearing the ministry patch or ministry-identifying apparel, members shall not consume alcoholic beverages, use tobacco products or recreational drugs, use profane, vulgar, or abusive language, engage in gambling, participate in immoral or disorderly conduct, or engage in any other activity that is inconsistent with biblical standards or that could reasonably harm the testimony and reputation of Jesus Christ or this ministry.

Article VI – Church Accountability

1. This ministry shall remain under the spiritual authority of its sponsoring church.
2. The pastor or designated church representative shall have final authority on spiritual matters.
3. Ministry activities shall support and never conflict with the mission of the sponsoring church.
4. The ministry is not a motorcycle club but a Christian ministry organization.

Article VII – Board of Directors and Officers

Section 1 – Board of Directors

The Officers described in Section 3 of this Article shall constitute the Board of Directors of the corporation (the "Board") and shall exercise all corporate powers and manage the activities and affairs of the corporation, subject to

these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, and applicable law. The Board shall consist of not fewer than three (3) nor more than nine (9) directors, the exact number to be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board.

Section 2 – Term, Vacancies, and Removal

1. Directors shall serve one-year terms and until their successors are elected and qualified.
2. A vacancy on the Board may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors for the unexpired term.
3. Any director may be removed, with or without cause, by a two-thirds vote of the other directors then in office, following notice and an opportunity to be heard.
4. No director shall receive compensation for service as a director, though reasonable expenses incurred in furtherance of ministry business may be reimbursed as approved by the Board.

Section 3 – Officers

President – Provides overall leadership, oversees ministry activities, and acts as liaison with church leadership.

Vice President – Assists the President and assumes responsibilities in the President's absence.

Chaplain – Provides spiritual direction, coordinates prayer, devotions, and outreach, and assists members in times of need.

Secretary – Maintains records and meeting minutes, handles ministry correspondence, and certifies official corporate actions and records.

Treasurer – Maintains financial records, provides regular financial reports, and ensures accountability of ministry funds.

Road Captain – Organizes and leads rides, promotes riding safety, and establishes ride procedures.

Sergeant at Arms – Enforces ministry bylaws, deals in conflict management, and helps to support the ministry's officers.

Section 4 – Action Without a Meeting

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board may be taken without a meeting if all directors individually or collectively consent in writing to that action. Such written consent shall be filed with the minutes of the Board.

Article VIII – Elections & Qualifications

1. The President shall be a member of the sponsoring church.
2. The Vice President shall be a member of the sponsoring church.
3. Nominees must be ministry members in good standing.
4. Officers/Directors shall be elected annually by the voting members at the annual membership meeting described in Article X.
5. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot or majority vote of voting members present at a meeting at which a quorum, as defined in Article X, is present.
6. Officers/Directors may serve consecutive terms if re-elected.
7. Only members in good standing, as defined in Article IV, are eligible to vote.
8. Support members are not eligible to vote.
9. Support members cannot hold an officer or director position.

Article IX – Board Meetings

1. Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such times as the Board determines, without the need for a fixed cadence.
2. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, or by any two directors, upon at least three (3) days' notice given by any reasonable means, including electronic communication.

3. A majority of the directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. An act by a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be an act of the Board, unless a greater number is required by these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, or applicable law.
4. Directors may participate in a meeting by telephone or video conference, and such participation shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

Article X – Membership Meetings

1. An annual meeting of voting members shall be held each year for the purpose of electing officers/directors and conducting other business as may properly come before the meeting.
2. The Ministry may also hold additional regular meetings, including a devotional or prayer time, but such meetings shall not be held to any predetermined cadence.
3. Special meetings of the voting members may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board.
4. Written or electronic notice of the annual meeting and any special meeting, stating the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting, shall be given to each voting member not less than ten (10) nor more than ninety (90) days before the meeting.
5. One-third (1/3) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any membership meeting. If a quorum is not present, a majority of members present may adjourn the meeting to a later date without further notice other than announcement at the meeting.
6. Each voting member shall have one vote. There shall be no cumulative or proxy voting.

Article XI – Financial Stewardship

1. Ministry funds shall be used solely for ministry purposes.
2. All expenditures must be approved by the Board.
3. Financial records shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and shall be made available for review by any director or, upon reasonable written request, any voting member.
4. No individual member, director, or officer shall profit personally from ministry funds.
5. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the calendar year, or such other period as the Board may from time to time establish by resolution.

Article XII – Conflict of Interest Policy

1. Any director or officer who has a financial interest, or whose family member has a financial interest, in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Ministry shall disclose the existence and nature of that interest to the Board before the Board acts on the matter.
2. After disclosure, the interested director or officer shall leave the meeting while the transaction or arrangement is discussed and voted upon, and shall not vote on the matter.
3. The remaining disinterested directors shall determine, by majority vote, whether the transaction or arrangement is fair and reasonable to the Ministry and in its best interest before approving it.
4. The Board shall maintain minutes reflecting the disclosure, the discussion, and the vote taken on any such matter.
5. Each director and officer shall annually complete a written disclosure of any known financial interests that could give rise to a conflict under this Article.

Article XIII – Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by the California Nonprofit Corporation Law, the corporation shall indemnify its directors, officers, employees, and other agents for expenses, judgments, and settlements actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding arising from services performed in good faith on behalf of the corporation. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any such person against liability arising from their service to the corporation, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify the person against that liability under applicable law.

Article XIV – Limitation on Activities

1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any director, officer, member, or private individual, except that the corporation shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to reimburse reasonable expenses.
2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation 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.
3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the corporation shall not carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law.

Article XV – Motorcycle Safety

1. Members shall obey all traffic laws.
2. Members shall maintain valid licenses and motorcycle endorsements.
3. Members shall carry insurance as required by law.
4. Members are strongly encouraged to wear appropriate safety gear.
5. The Road Captain shall establish group ride protocols.
6. Members ride at their own risk.

Article XVI – Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability

Participation in Ministry activities is entirely voluntary. Each member, prospect, guest, and participant assumes all risks associated with motorcycle riding and ministry activities. To the fullest extent permitted by law, participants release and hold harmless the Born Again Brotherhood Motorcycle Ministry, the sponsoring church, church leadership, ministry officers, members, volunteers, and organizers from liability arising from participation in ministry activities. Participants are solely responsible for maintaining proper licensing, insurance, motorcycle safety, and compliance with applicable laws.

Article XVII – Discipline and Restoration

1. Leadership shall seek private restoration.
2. Counseling and reconciliation shall be encouraged.
3. Membership may be suspended by leadership when necessary.
4. Removal from membership requires a leadership vote.
5. Restoration shall always be the ministry's goal.

Article XVIII – Colors and Patch

1. Ministry colors and patches represent Christian service and witness.
2. No member shall use ministry patches to intimidate, threaten, or misrepresent the ministry.
3. Patches remain the property of the ministry when issued.
4. Upon resignation or removal, patches may be required to be returned.

Article XIX – Dissolution

Should the corporation dissolve, its assets shall be distributed exclusively for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Specifically, after paying or making provision for the payment of all lawful debts and liabilities, the remaining assets shall be transferred to the sponsoring church or to another organization or organizations then qualified as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. No assets shall be distributed to any individual member, director, or officer. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a

court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization(s) as the court shall determine.

Article XX – Amendments

1. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Board.
2. Voting members shall receive notice of any proposed amendment at least thirty (30) days before a vote.
3. Amendments require a two-thirds majority vote of voting members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present, and approval of church leadership.
4. No amendment shall be adopted that would cause the corporation to cease to qualify as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Founding Covenant

As members of the Born Again Brotherhood Motorcycle Ministry, we commit ourselves to publish the Name of the Lord, ascribe greatness unto our God, honor Jesus Christ, support the local church, encourage one another in faith, ride responsibly, serve our communities, and proclaim the Gospel wherever God leads us.

Member Acknowledgment

I have read and understand the Constitution, Bylaws, Statement of Faith, Code of Conduct, Safety Requirements, and Release of Liability provisions of the Born Again Brotherhood Motorcycle Ministry.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Certification of Adoption by the Board of Directors

The undersigned, being two duly elected officers of Born Again Brotherhood Motorcycle Ministry, certify that the foregoing Bylaws, consisting of Articles I through XX, were duly adopted as the Bylaws of the corporation by its Board of Directors on the date written below, and that they remain in full force and effect as of that date.

Officer Signature: _____

Printed Name and Title: _____

Officer Signature: _____

Printed Name and Title: _____

Date: _____