



# Masonic Motorcycle Club International

## Vermont Chapter #48 – Constitution & Bylaws

### CONSTITUTION

#### Article I - Name:

This organization shall be known as the Vermont Chapter of Masonic Motorcycle Club International, Chapter 48. This name is to be used on all communications or in an abbreviated form, VT-MMCI Chapter 48.

#### Article II - Purpose and Objective:

The purpose and objective of this organization shall be to bring together Master Masons whose common interest is motorcycle riding, fellowship, promoting the Masonic fraternity and making the most of our time together.

#### Article III - Membership:

Members of this Chapter must be Master Masons of good standing in a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons as recognized by the Grand Lodge of Vermont. All Chapter 48 members are entitled to vote at all meetings of the Chapter. The membership year shall be concurrent with the International. Members of At-Large, Chapter 8 may move their current, paid memberships to Chapter 48 only as permitted by International.

#### Article IV - Associate Members:

Wives of Active Members. Associate Members will not be entitled to hold an elected office but can be appointed to a Committee and entitled to vote.

#### Article V - Officers:

Chapter 48 shall have the following Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Road Captain. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting, shall hold office for one year, and shall commence their duties after the Chapter 48 annual meeting.

## Article VI - Amendments:

The Constitution may be amended, altered or repealed at any regular meeting of the Chapter by a vote of three-fourths of the Chapter Members present. All proposed amendments must be in writing at least one regular meeting prior to action thereon, with the Membership being notified as to the substance of the amendment.

## BY-LAWS

### Article I - Meetings:

Regular meetings may be called by the President, Vice-President, or three regular members together. All members shall be notified at least 14 days in advance. The Annual meeting shall be held on the third Thursday of March each year. At least three officers must be present for business to be conducted.

### Article II - Order of Business for Meetings:

1. Call to order
2. Secretary's report of previous meeting(s)
3. Call for acceptance of secretary's report(s) as read
4. Treasurer's report of all accounts
5. Call for acceptance of report as read
6. Correspondence
7. Report of Committees
8. Unfinished business
9. New business
10. Awards
11. Announcements
12. Call for adjournment

### Article III - Elections:

Election for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Road Captain shall be held at the annual meeting. Any full member in good standing is eligible for office. Nominations may be made during the meeting once elections are open. Special elections of officers may be held in the event of the death or resignation of an officer at any scheduled meeting provided that notification of the special election was sent to all members 14 days in advance.

## Article IV - Duties of Officers:

### President.

The President will preside at all meeting of the Chapter, appoint Committees and non elected Officers. He will, at all times, enforce a due consideration and observance of the Constitution, By-Laws and Resolutions and will preserve order and harmony within the Club.

### Vice-president.

The Vice-President will preside in the absence of the President and discharge such other duties of the President in case of his disability or vacancy of his office. He will be responsible for money raising projects for the club and working with the International Convention Committee.

### Secretary.

The Secretary will attend all meetings when possible, keep a record of all proceedings, attend to all correspondence and receive all bills. After all bills have been properly approved by the Membership, upon receipt, all monies and checks will be turned over to the Treasurer. He will pay all bills with the assistance of the Treasurer keeping records of the same. He will render monthly reports to the Chapter, keep the Membership informed of all Chapter activities and functions and inform all members of the Constitution and By-Laws amendments or changes. At the expiration of his term, he will transfer all books, papers, and other Chapter property to his successor in office. The Secretary with the assistance of the Treasurer will forward the respective dues of all Active Members to the Masonic Motorcycle Club Inc. on or before their Annual Meeting.

### Treasurer.

The Treasurer will receive all monies and checks from the Secretary keeping a record thereof. He will open and maintain an interest bearing, free checking account in a Federally Insured Bank or Lending Institution of his choice. He will pay all bills submitted by the Secretary only after being approved by the Membership. He will give a report at stated meetings when requested by the President or any member. He will make his books available to the Audit Committee at the Annual Meeting and approved by the membership present. At the expiration of his term, he will transfer all records, checking and savings account, and other Chapter property to his successor in office. At the will of

the Membership, the duties of any offices can be combined into one office. The President will be involved in all financial transactions in this case.

#### Road Captain.

The Road Captain will be responsible for directing the movements of the Chapter while traveling together in a safe and lawful manner. He will be responsible for seeing that all are informed of proposed trips and scheduled stops. The Road Captain can also assume the Trip Coordinators' duties.

#### Article V - Fees:

Initiation fees for members of Chapter 48 shall be twenty dollars (\$20) due with application and yearly renewals of eighteen dollars (\$18) due August 1<sup>st</sup> for the following year. Initial membership fee includes 3-inch MMCI patch and MMCI lapel pin. Any change of fees proposed during the year must be noticed to all members 14 days before the scheduled meeting in which the vote to change will be taken.

#### Article VI - Elections:

Special elections of may be held in the event of the death or resignation of an officer at any regular meeting if such election was noticed to the membership at least 14 days in advance.

#### Article VII - Jurisdiction:

This Chapter is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Masonic Motorcycle Club International and the Constitution and By-Laws of Chapter 48. All rules, activities and conduct shall be in accordance with rules and regulations of these three organizations.

#### Article VIII - Road Committee:

The President, with the approval of the members may appoint a Road Committee. This Committee shall consist of the elected road captain and any number of road guards. They may be used to plan and conduct road activities for the Chapter.

#### Article IX - Other Committees:

Other Committees may be appointed by the President with the approval of the members.

#### Article X - Rules of Order:

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern any rules of order, not covered by the By-Laws of this Chapter, the International or the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

#### Article XI - Amendment to By-Laws

These By-Laws may be amended, altered or repealed at any regular meeting of the Chapter by a vote of three-fourths of the voting Members present. All proposed amendments must be in writing at least one regular meeting prior to action thereon, with the Membership being notified as to the substance of the amendment.

#### Article XII - Expulsion

Any member who is found guilty of un-Masonic conduct, or who has been suspended by his Blue Lodge, or any Member who is in arrears for dues as previously set forth will be dropped from the Membership rolls.