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Fellow Red Knights,

It has been a tough year or more trying to follow the various and changing rules around the pandemic while still wanting to spend time with our chosen brothers and sisters. There is light at the end of the tunnel but this pandemic has cost us numerous rides and rallies and even a couple of conventions. You don't have to look far to see people getting tired of the rules and looking for ways to not have to follow them. More recently it has been brought to our attention that it is also our own club rules that people are looking to set aside for a "better life."

Before this becomes a problem for our club as a whole, the International Executive Board would like to clarify our position in the motorcycle world. Although our name, our email addresses, and much of our merchandise includes the abbreviation "MC" for MOTORCYCLE CLUB. And although we are widely accepted in the motorcycle world as a Motorcycle Club. It is important to note that the "MC" abbreviation in some sections of the motorcycle world means more than just that. In some circles, the "MC" is interchangeable with "1%", we will not pretend to be a 1% club, and we do not want to give the 1% MC clubs any impression that we want to infringe on their part of the motorcycle world. We are a social Motorcycle Club. In the motorcycle world there are a few things that the 1% Clubs do that we do not:

1. Prospect new members
2. Ride only American motorcycles
3. Do not allow women to be members

None of the above items pertain to our membership. First and foremost, each member should review our By-laws and READ THEM one by one to understand them. We the International Executive Board, are going to take a hard stand on the chapters that are running themselves in a way that draws the attention of 1% MCs. The Red Knights cannot afford to have the 1% MCs thinking that we are here to take over their territory and to steal their members. This thinking is very dangerous for our members personally and threatens the continuation of our club as a whole!

As we move forward, we will be contacting chapters that we hear may be drawing unwanted attention to our club so we can work with them to ensure their safety on and off the road, ensure we have a clear understanding of which people belong in which clubs in the motorcycle world, and ensure the long-term sustainability of the Red Knights.

Our Founding Fathers started this club to make friends with other firefighters, their families, to ride and to socialize. Not only did they want this to NOT be a 1% MC, they recognized the relationship we, as firefighters, have with police in our jobs and out of respect for that relationship chose a name for our club that mirrors the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club. Officers of the chapters, please pass this letter to ALL Members. For those of you who already understand what has been stated above, we thank you!