

A Comprehensive set of 'Rules & Constitution' has been developed, coupled with 'Byelaws' to enable the Organisation to be run on a very democratic basis. The Criteria for Membership is that a Prospective 'Regular Member' must either be a Serving or Retired Law Enforcement Officer: i.e. A Police Officer, Prison Officer, Customs & Excise or Immigration Officer, or even a Water Bailiff. In effect anyone who has a Statutory 'Power of Arrest' as part of their employment. An 'Associate Member' is either a Serving Retired or Part Time Officer in any of the above agencies, Special Constables etc. And lastly, 'Honorary Members', are those who have directly contributed to the cause of the 'Blue Knights', and whose application is approved by a vote of the Membership. The Club allows 10% of its Membership to be 'Honorary'.

United Kingdom & Ireland Conference

The UKIC is one of 11 conferences that go to make up the Blue Knights® International organisation. In our conference we have a total of 23 chapters, the latest two of which were formed in November 2008 and we currently have a membership in the region of 650 scattered throughout the UK and Ireland.

Chapters in the UK were originally a part of the now defunct Atlantic Regional Conference, but in November 2002 the UK chapter Presidents formed the United Kingdom Conference. Later, with the formation of Ireland I, the UKC became the United Kingdom and Ireland Conference.

The current chapter presidents administer the conference with an elected board of officers consisting of current and past presidents who oversee the running of the conference on a day-to-day basis.

In the UK and Ireland, we have members who are serving as well retired police officers, customs officers, prison officers and members of the police services in all three branches of the armed forces, among others.

Wherever possible, the Blue Knights® throughout the world actively support charities in their areas. Here in the UKIC all the chapters support the charity, Care of Police Survivors (COPS) raising money each year to help the charity continue with its important work.

MEMBERSHIP

quoteRegular Members

All regular members must be persons who are full time (32 hours per week minimum) employees of a governmental law enforcement agency or department. Such employment must be the primary source of employment of all Regular members. All Regular members must have arrest authority.

Persons receiving disability income or job reclassification due to injuries received while engaged in law enforcement employment or who are receiving retirement income for full-time employment as herein defined, by a governmental law enforcement agency or department are eligible for Regular membership although they are not presently employed by such a law enforcement agency or department.

Persons who have served twenty (20) years or more and have been a Blue Knight for one (1) year or more, who have taken a retirement option and who have taken a separation from law enforcement employment, under honorable circumstances, and will at some time receive retirement income for full-time employment, as herein defined, by a government law enforcement agency or department are eligible for Regular membership although they are not presently employed by such a law enforcement agency or department. The person must provide letters of proof of honorary separation from all departments.

Persons who are presently Regular members for one (1) year or more and who have fifteen (15) years or more with a law enforcement agency or department who have for any honorable circumstance, taken a separation from an agency or department are eligible for Associate Membership although they may not be employed by a law enforcement agency or department. The person must provide letters of proof of honorable separation from all departments.

Persons who are presently Regular members for five (5) years or more and who have served ten (10) years or more with a law enforcement agency, who have for any honorable circumstance, taken a separation from their agency are eligible for Associate membership although they may not be employed by a law enforcement agency or department. The person must provide proof of honorable separation.

Each Regular member must be properly licensed to drive a motorcycle by the State or Province in which he resides and must own a motorcycle, excepting, however, that persons who otherwise qualify as Regular members, but do not own motorcycles, may become members if they have plans to own a motorcycle and do in fact acquire ownership rights in a motorcycle within six (6) months of their acceptance as members.

Any Regular member who because of an injury or medical or physical condition is unable to continue riding a motorcycle, may retain his/her membership as a regular member.

quoteAssociate Members

All Associate members must be persons who are employed on a part time basis (less than 32 hours per week, minimum 96 hours per year) by a governmental law enforcement agency or department and receiving monetary compensation for such employment. All Associate members must have arrest authority. Any Associate member on May 24, 1983 shall have the right to continue as an Associate member if he meets all other requirements.

Persons who have been employed on a part time basis (less than 32 hours per week, minimum 96 hours per year) by a governmental law enforcement agency or department for fifteen (15) years or more and have been a Blue Knight for five (5) years or more who have taken an honorable separation from his/her law enforcement agency or department (reasons - health, retirement, age, or injury) are eligible for Associate membership although they may not be employed by any law enforcement agency or department, and are not receiving retirement compensation. They must provide letters of proof of honorable separation.

A person may also qualify for Associate membership as per Section 1, paragraph 4.

Each Associate member must be properly licensed to drive a motorcycle by the State or Province in which he resides and must own a motorcycle, excepting however, that persons who otherwise qualify as Associate members, but do not own motorcycles, may become members if they have plans to own a motorcycle and do in fact acquire ownership rights in a motorcycle within six (6) months of their acceptance as a member.

Any Associate member who, because of an injury or medical or physical condition, is unable to continue riding a motorcycle, may retain his/her membership as an Associate member.

quoteHonorary Members

Honorary members must be persons who have substantially contributed to the promotion of the Corporation and to the purposes for which the corporation is organized. Honorary membership in any given chapter may not exceed more than ten percent (10%) of the previous year's membership of Regular, Associate and Life members.

quoteSpecial Honorary Members

Special honorary membership may be granted to an ordained member of a recognized religious order for the position of chapter Chaplain. This is limited to one (1) per chapter and will not effect the chapter's ten percent (10%) honorary limit. If you feel that you qualify and would like more information or an application to become a member of the world's largest and best motorcycle club for law enforcement officers contact a chapter near you or our International Headquarters.

quoteLife Members

Life members are restricted to the Founding Fathers of the International and Past international Presidents in good standing. Life members are not obligated to be a member of a chapter.

Definitions

Governmental Law Enforcement Agency or Department:

Any agency that is duly formed and is a State, Province, Nation or Country recognized, whose primary function is to deal directly with the enforcement of criminal and/or vehicle and traffic statutes/laws of their respective jurisdictions or is responsible for the prosecution, incarceration or supervision of offenders.

Arrest Authority:

Employees of a Governmental Law Enforcement Agency or Department who must be empowered "by statute" to arrest offenders (other than as a private citizen) at all times while on duty. Said employees must receive monetary compensation (as defined) from their respective agencies.

Monetary Compensation:

1. A salary in its normal meaning or workman's compensation benefits. If a salary is received, it must be paid directly to the employee by their respective Governmental Law Enforcement Agency or Department. Salary is deemed to mean money received as compensation for work performed, computed by the hour, day, week, month or year.
2. A pension, as that term is normally applied, received as compensation for the years of service, which may be paid out in installments or in a lump sum.

Military Personnel Definition:

An active member of a National or Federal Government Military Agency whose primary duty (job title or description) is in Law Enforcement, who has the right to detain and has completed a prescribed Military Law Enforcement Training Program and is eligible for Regular Membership. Any Military Personnel that has retired from active duty after serving twenty (20) years or is or will receive Federal or National retirement income, and has the form DD-214 or its equivalent and /or a certified Military History record that identifies the primary duty (job title or description) prior to discharge as Law Enforcement is eligible for Regular Membership. Military Personnel. Applicants must meet all qualifications as defined in Article 6 of the Constitution.