

# NEW MEMBER GUIDEBOOK & APPLICATION

## DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES



## TO BE A WARRIOR OF FAITH?

for a person to become a “Warrior of Faith”!

*God bless..... Brian Trudeau (Founder)*

The very first thing we would like for you to do is to read this new member/officer/chapter guidebook before considering becoming part of this ministry.

Reading this guidebook shows your desire to become a member/officer/chapter, but knowing it, shows your commitment in wanting to be part of this ministry.

If after reading this guidebook you still wish to start your journey in becoming a “Warrior of Faith” member/officer/chapter, then you will be asked to fill out the application form at the end of the guidebook and to donate \$25 for the ministry to do a background check.

On the day you fill out the application form, be prepared to start the FIGHT, because the last thing Satan wants is

### Isaiah 43 1-4

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD your God,

## Chapter 1: Warrior of Faith

Welcome to Warrior of Faith Motorcycle Ministry

I would like to welcome you on your journey to become a member of the “Warrior of Faith”.

Your courage to want to constantly take your relationship with our Lord and Savior to a deeper more fulfilling place is a true reflection of your heart and a new journey that will glorify God.

You would be part of a family that is led by the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, a family of brothers and sisters that can lean on each other when rough waters are present.

Our journey will be difficult in this life, but the reward that has been promised by our Lord and Savior is what drives us forward, shining a light for all to see.

This new member guidebook will never supersede the direction of the Holy Spirit, it is only meant as a guide to help you serve our Lord and Savior as it relates to being an officer or a member within a chapter.

Even though our battles at times may seem insurmountable, just remember God will always be with you.

Stay strong my brothers and sisters, FIGHT.....FIGHT and never give up ! Turn to your father, he will never leave or forsake you. I love you all and feel very privileged to have you as a brother or sister in our family of "Warriors".

## Why we started?

I was hungry to be part of a Christian motorcycle ministry that was made up of Christians that were true "Warriors" in the battles that are always present as one becomes closer to Christ.

I was searching for a Christian motorcycle ministry whose members did not flee from challenges, run from ridicule, fear persecution, or hide from conflict, but stood tall and willing to fight for Christ.... every time!

We have rules, guidelines and pre-requisites that are designed to help our brothers and sisters be prepared for battle and have the armor to remain in the never-ending fight (Ephesians 6: 10-20).

If you think that this motorcycle ministry is just about a patch, then maybe you should be looking for a different Christian motorcycle ministry. If you think being a servant of Christ is only when you're wearing your cut, then maybe you should be looking for a different Christian motorcycle ministry. If you think that you do not have to be held accountable for your actions..... at all times... then maybe you should be looking for a different Christian motorcycle ministry/club or association. If your pride, feelings, or ego gets hurt by a brother or sister in Christ and you want to run away, then maybe you should be looking for a different Christian motorcycle ministry/club or association.... If you want to change everything you do not like in the ministry, then maybe you should be looking for a different Christian motorcycle ministry/club or association. However, if you have a heart of a WARRIOR for Christ.....Willing to fight through challenges, trials, frustrations and disappointment.... Read on!!

A member of "Warrior of Faith" walks out their faith by ministering to all lost souls, serving those in need, remaining strong through fellowship with other brothers/sisters and most importantly, through it all keeps their focus on Christ!

## It's not about the patch!

Traditionally, in motorcycle clubs, (we of course are a ministry not a club) the cut signifies that a member is loyal to the club and the other members, and it is a 'badge of honor' to wear it.

No disrespect to the colors is tolerated; it is taken as an insult to the club and every member of it.

Men will do whatever they can to be authorized to wear the patch. For many, that is one of the highest goals in their life. It makes them feel accepted, and part of a family.

"Warrior of Faith" is different. Yes, we have a patch. Yes, there are requirements to be able to wear the cut. Yes, certain standards of conduct are expected.

Unlike most organizations, we do not view the patch as an honor to be earned or a badge of acceptance by "Warrior of Faith".



For us, the patch is a TARGET. For the man or woman who wears the cut, it shows that he/she realizes the great sacrifice his/her Lord and Savior has made for us and he/she has resolved to enlist in the army of the King of Kings in a war against beings more powerful than most of us can imagine. He/she has chosen to make him/herself accountable not only to God, but to his/her fellow warriors to constantly surrender to and focus on Jesus.

By wearing the patch, he/she is painting on a target and saying to the forces of darkness, "bring it on - my God is bigger, better, and tougher than anything you can do, and I stand for HIM, in and through victory.

And we do that with or without a patch. Because it isn't about the patch -it's about joining together to follow the only one who is worth following.....Jesus!

*Don Strong .....*

### **“Warrior of Faith” creed (unknown author)**

I am a warrior in the army of God. The Lord Jesus Christ is my Commanding Officer.

The Holy Bible is my code of conduct. Faith, Prayer, and the Word are my weapons of Warfare. I have been taught by the Holy Spirit, trained by experience, tried by adversity, and tested by fire. I am a volunteer in this army, and I am enlisted for eternity.

I will either retire in this Army or die in this Army; but I will not get out, sell out, be talked out, or pushed out. I am faithful, reliable, capable, and dependable. If my God needs me, I am there.

I am a warrior. I am not a baby. I do not need to be pampered, petted, primed up, pumped up, picked up, or pepped up.

I am a warrior. No one has to call me, remind me, write me, visit me, entice me, or lure me.

I am a warrior. I am not a wimp. I am in place, saluting my King, obeying His orders, praising His name, and building His kingdom! No one has to send me flowers, gifts, food, cards, candy, or give me handouts.

I do not need to be cuddled, cradled, cared for, or catered to. I am committed. I cannot have my feelings hurt bad enough to turn me around. I cannot be discouraged enough to turn me aside. I cannot lose enough to cause me to quit. When Jesus called me into this army, I had nothing. If I end up with nothing, I will still come out even. I will win.

My God will supply all my needs. I am more than a conqueror. I will always triumph. I can do all things through Christ. Satan cannot defeat me.

People cannot disillusion me. Weather cannot weary me. Sickness cannot stop me. Battles cannot beat me. Money cannot buy me. Governments cannot silence me, and hell cannot handle me!

I am a warrior. Even death cannot destroy me. For when my Commander calls me from this battlefield, He will promote me to a captain.

I am a warrior, in the Army, I am marching, claiming victory. I will not give up. I will not turn around.

I am a warrior, marching Heaven bound.

### **Who do we minister to?**

We minister to any individual who does not know Jesus Christ as their personal savior or any individual knowing Jesus Christ but wants to take their relationship with Him to a deeper more fulfilling place.

Even though one of our goals is to be a shining light, illuminated by the Holy Spirit for the 1% motorcycle clubs to see and hopefully one day wish to embrace, but for all to see. For all to witness a love that can only be of the Holy Spirit.

We are merely the instruments that Jesus will use to fill a person's heart with the Holy Spirit. No agenda, formula or strategy will work. Just shine the light in your walk and the power of the Holy Spirit will do the rest.

## Chapter 2: Mission Statement

### Warrior of Faith Mission & Belief Statement:

*Love your God with all your heart.*

Our mission statement is to "Spread the word of God through our actions and our words".

Our belief statement is that we believe in the Holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who walked on this earth, was crucified at the hands of man, and died for our sins, and on the third day rose again.

We believe we are saved by grace not by works and that our works are a reflection of our Faith. (James 2:18)

Our objective as Warrior of Faith motorcycle ministry is to help men and women develop a closer more personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, to spread the word of God to as many people as possible and as a ministry we are blind to the color or ethnicity of any individual.

We believe that complacency as a Christian is one of Satan's worst attacks against Christ's people, and we must be on guard against it at all times.

Satan is threatened by the strength, wisdom, peace, and courage that is found within a person's deep personal relationship with Jesus and if he cannot stop the Word of God from entering your heart, then he will try and stop your growth by using everything in his power to stifle your personal relationship with Jesus from getting any closer or deeper than it already is.

As a Chapter, we do this by participating in monthly dinners, weekly rides, bible study, community events, fundraisers and outreach programs that promote fellowship and unity with each other while at the same time shining a light for all to see, a light that is a true reflection of the "Agape" love and peace that can only be found in and through a deep personal relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Warrior of Faith Motorcycle Ministry..... *Brian Trudeau (Founder)*

## Chapter 3: Warrior of Faith Member

### WELCOME

So...you think you would like to be a part a motorcycle ministry, specifically, Warrior of Faith. Before you make the decision to commit a season of your life to the ministry, please take a few minutes to read the following and ponder the thoughts contain herein. We say commitment because Warrior of Faith Motorcycle Ministry does not view the decision to minister Christ Crucified to a lost and dying world as a cliché! We view it as a privilege, an honor, and a responsibility granted us from the Most High God who saw it fit to send His only Son for you and for me. It is a commitment of mind, body, spirit, will, time, energy, talent, and yes, financial resources.

The word commitment means:

- The state or quality of being dedicated to a cause or activity.
- An engagement or obligation that restricts freedom of action.

In Galatians 2:20 Paul writes - I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Being true to that verse, giving of yourself to Christ through ministry is what we do as a Warrior of Faith. Your commitment to Warrior of Faith will be required after you have satisfied your other commitments to our God, your family, your church, and your job. You will not be allowed to just come to a meeting once a month and sit in the back of a room. You will be required to participate and to serve as opportunities present themselves. Warrior of Faith will not consume all your free time, for we at Warrior of Faith believe your family is your priority and your first line of ministry.

With that said, neither is Warrior of Faith a social club for you to escape your responsibilities and hang out with your biker friends and have a good time. While you will have the opportunity to “hang out” and you will have the opportunity to “have a good time”, both will occur as we minister Christ to those the Lord puts across our path. After you fulfill your other responsibilities listed above, serving in the Warrior of Faith ministry will be an additional sacrifice of your time, talent, and abilities. Paul writes in Romans 12:1-I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercy of God, that you present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. I Cor. 9:19 - For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more.

Are you willing to be a living sacrifice for our Lord Jesus?

Serving with the brothers and sisters in Warrior of Faith will be a sacrifice of your time. We will require of you:

- To attend and participate in monthly chapter meetings.
- To attend and participate in chapter outreaches.
- To attend and participate in chapter rides.
- To attend and participate in a chapter bible study if your chapter establishes one, of course only if you are not already attending one.

Must you be at every function, every time - **no**, that would be impossible for anyone, but you must attend and participate to the fullest of your ability.

Not only will you be required to sacrifice you time, but you may also be required to utilize your talents and abilities. It is written in Romans 12: 4 - 6 We have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function .....having gifts differing according to the grace given to us, let us use them. An opportunity for the chapter might arise that your talents and abilities will be called upon. The situation might force you out of your “comfort zone”. It is okay! We here at Warrior of Faith have all had that experience. It is okay if you to feel inadequate.

Moses, when God called him through a burning bush to set the Israelites free, felt inadequate. You are in good company! God has given each of His creation gifts. When we allow God to use us in our gifting, we show God and the world we love Him. As well as your time and talents, your financial resources will be required of you.

If you have read the website, you know, there is a donation to be given when you order your patches (cut). Once the donation has been made, and your cut is ordered, there is no refund. Before you make the commitment, seriously consider if you have the money to lose should you change your mind. Your local chapter is not a lending institution and does not hold your money “in case you made a mistake”. Most chapters, especially new ones, operate on a very small budget.

Please ponder your time and resources prior to making the decision to join Warrior of Faith. In addition to the initial investment, your local chapter will participate in events that require capital. Warrior of Faith understands that families might have limited financial resources, and that is okay. We ask that you give when you can to help your local chapter do the work of the ministry.

Each chapter will usually have a member dues of \$15 per month to help with local and national causes.

The purpose of this guidebook is to give you much to think about and ponder. We here at Warrior of Faith Motorcycle Ministry do not want you to take the responsibility of membership lightly. However, neither do we want you to feel overwhelmed. Know that we take the sharing of the gospel of Christ seriously. It is our hope at Warrior of Faith that you will take time to pray and seek the Lord for His direction and will regarding membership into Warrior of Faith. We love the fellowship and unity of brothers and sisters coming together to serve our Lord. We gather, we laugh, we have fun, but we are always ready to serve Him to whoever He brings across our path. That could happen in a grocery store, a gas station, a highway, a rest stop, or at your local Starbucks!

Before we leave you, please consider the following words from our founder Brain Trudeau (Taz):

*When you chose to become a "Warrior of Faith", you place a target on your chest, because you are publicly stepping out for our Lord and Savior and proclaiming His name! If you choose to publicly make the claim to be a "Warrior of Faith" by wearing our cut or merchandise, you must also be prepared to put on all the armor of God and be prepared to walk out a much closer, more personal relationship with our Lord and Savior. You are part of a family, an army willing to support each other during the trials we all face as Christians.*

*Just remember, when you are in battle, you have our Lord and Savior and an army of "Warriors" ready to fight with and for you! Also know that your actions impact all Warriors, so you must be strong in the Lord, at all times!*

*Make no mistake, you are committing to a level of faith that is claimed by many and reached by few.*

*"Be prepared, if you want to claim to be a WARRIOR you will be expected to walk out your faith as a WARRIOR—not a poser wanting to wear a cool patch!!!!"*

*" Only one question remains.....Are YOU ready to be a WARRIOR OF FAITH?"*

As you ponder your level of commitment, your ability to commit, the resources you will have available, time, treasure, and talents, let's look at how a ministry is different from a church family and the type of conduct that will be expected from you, should you decide that Warrior of Faith is most definitely for you! The next couple of pages might be the hardest to understand or to accept....and that is OKAY. Being a member of the Warrior of Faith Motorcycle Ministry is not for everyone. There are many motorcycle ministries, and each is just a little different. We here at Warrior of Faith are confident that if you decided Warrior of Faith is not for you, you will be successful in finding a motorcycle ministry that is right for you and your family.

Because so many of us come from different backgrounds, we must not allow our experiences and our belief system to override the central message of Christ Crucified. Some of us will be Baptist, some will be Methodist, some will be Lutheran, Calvary, Four Square, Catholic, Orthodox, and the list goes on.

There are over 33,000 different denominations in the world today, each denomination believes things just a little differently.

As a Warrior of Faith, you must be willing to lay down "these differences" while we ride and minister and take up one doctrine – Christ Crucified! This one and only doctrine cannot be emphasized enough! When you join Warrior of Faith, you are joining US, we are not joining YOU. To better illustrate this concept, we offer the following story on the next page.

## A Story of a Man, a Boy, and a Donkey



A man and his son were once going with their donkey to market. As they were walking along by its side a countryman passed them and said: "You fools, what is a donkey for but to ride upon?"

So, the man put the boy on the donkey, and they went on their way. But soon they passed a group of men, one of whom said: "See that lazy youngster, he lets his father walk while he rides."

So, the man ordered his boy to get off, and got on himself. But they had not gone far when they passed two

women, one of whom said to the other: "Shame on that lazy lout to let his poor little son trudge along."

Well, the man did not know what to do, but at last he took his boy up before him on the donkey. By this time, they had come to the town, and the passers-by began to jeer and point at them. The man stopped and asked what they were scoffing at. The men said: "Aren't you ashamed of yourself for overloading that poor donkey of yours—you and your hulking son?"

The man and boy got off and tried to think what to do. They thought and they thought, till at last they cut down a pole, tied the donkey's feet to it, and raised the pole and the donkey to their shoulders. They went along amid the laughter of all who met them till they came to market bridge, when the donkey, getting one of his feet loose, kicked out and caused the boy to drop his end of the pole. In the struggle the donkey fell over the bridge, and his fore feet being tied together he was drowned.

"That will teach you," said an old man who had followed them: *Please all and you will please none!*

- Resolve all differences between members within the group as outlined in Matt. 18:14-16.
- Do not speak ill of any chapter member or officer to the public, to your family, or church family.
- Uphold all Chapter and ministry rules and bylaws.
- Walk in an attitude of love, grace, mercy, forgiveness - encouraging and supporting the members and the Officers of the Chapter.

You will **not** always agree with the direction the ministry is going, it is not for you to cause strife and division during your efforts to take the chapter down another course of action. Individuals in leadership are placed there after prayer and seeking the Lord. Your job will be to submit yourself to the leadership of the governing officers. This does not mean you are not allowed to voice your concern and ask for a time to talk about those concerns. Discussion might not yield the result you believe is correct, you must have a willing spirit to submit and trust that God knows what He is doing even if you do not understand.

Warrior of Faith is not a dictatorship, but a community of believers gathered in unity and one focus – Christ Crucified, Psalms 133. We are all at different levels of maturity in Christ and we all have different depths of understanding. There must be order and unity in purpose, Members cannot be grumbling and complaining when they do not get their way. As a member of Warrior of Faith, you will never be asked to do or participate in anything that is illegal or unscriptural.

You might be asking yourself "why, those issues are important" and you are right. Please remember though, the word of God also says that a house divided against itself will fall. Therefore, while

Warrior of Faith is not against the subjects listed above, it is important to keep the unity and focus. In fact, the Christian life would do well to understand what the Bible teaches on such matters. That is why regular weekly fellowship in a body of believers is critical for spiritual growth. The word of God states that iron sharpens iron, Proverbs 27. Without regular fellowship, we are in danger of allowing our own limited ability to decide what God is saying to us through the Bible and that can lead us towards danger.

Warrior of Faith exists to preach Christ Crucified as we ride, 1 Cor. 2:2 We are combining two passions, Christ and Motorcycles, to reach a lost and dying world. When we put our patch, our cut, on our backs, it is a sign, a tract, telling the world we love Jesus, and we are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. People will be interested in what is a "Warrior of Faith" and doors will be opened for conversation.

Not only will you be given opportunity to give reason for the Hope that lies within you, but you will also be watched. People today are looking for the "real deal" - authentic Christians -who walk the talk, "be doers of the Word not just hearers". The world is full of individuals that play church and religion that spits out hypocrites. What we do, what we say, and how we act brings attention to our Lord and the Name of our God. Our jobs as Warriors, is to defend the name of the Lord.

Your conduct is the utmost importance to ministry. If you have read the WOF website, you understand there is a hang around time. We will be watching you. This is a time for us to get to know you and you to know us. Must your conduct be perfect? Absolutely not! But you must show that you are depending on the Lord for your life to give Him Glory and that your spirit is humble and teachable. We need to see, like all of us, that when you fall, you are willing to repent and learn so that you, like us, continue to mature in the ways of our Lord.

Let us now look at what is expected as conduct worthy of a Warrior of Faith member:

- Participate in Monthly meetings per Chapter By-Laws.
- Participate in Chapter outreach activities and functions.
- Conduct yourself in a manner worthy of God's calling outlined in the Chapter By-Laws.
- Hang all Doctrinal differences on the door post outside the door when you arrive at a meeting or function.

As an organization, it is impossible to please every person, every doctrinal difference, and every nuance of belief systems of every individual that desires to join the ministry and Warrior of Faith is not going to try. There is only one person worthy of our efforts to please and that is the Great I Am, the Alpha and Omega, the Creator of you, I, and the universe. The vision was given, the vision was birthed, and the vision shall go forth! The question is, do you want to be a part of Warrior of Faith. Again, there are many ministries and motorcycle ministries to select from, Warrior of Faith is not for everyone and it might not be for you.

## **How does someone become a "Warrior of Faith" member?**

First, "Be Prepared", if you want to claim to be a "WARRIOR", you will be expected to walk out your faith as a "WARRIOR" not a poser wanting to wear a cool patch.

A member can be male or female and can be someone that rides a motorcycle or someone that does not ride a motorcycle. All members must be just as committed!

However, first and foremost a potential member, must believe that Jesus Christ is their personal Savior, died and rose again for our sins, and a potential member must have an internal passion to constantly grow closer to Christ, allowing Him to break all the chains that bind the potential member to sin by continually growing in their walk with Christ and outwardly reflecting that by their actions. (James 2:18)



**Why would you become a member?** Because you want to make a public statement to the world that you have a "Warrior's Heart" and that even when worn, beaten, battered, and broken you will fight on against the prince of darkness, because you have a gracious Lord that has already promised us victory. Will you fall? YES, but the "Warrior" gets up and continues to fight! Will you make mistakes and succumb to trials and temptations? YES, but the "Warrior" gets up and continues to fight.

**Hang Around** - The first step in becoming a member is to simply start "Hanging Around" with your "Warrior of Faith" brothers and sisters in Christ. Unfortunately, there are many people that say they want to be a "WARRIOR" for our Lord and Savior but want more to wear a cool patch than to serve God.

The purpose of the "Hang Around" stage is to become known by present members before being accepted as an official member. The "Hang Around" period depends on the chapter's members. We feel that if someone cannot wait a period of time, then we really must question their motives behind wanting to wear a "Warrior of Faith" cut or patch.

Just start by attending the weekly "Warrior" rides, monthly "Warrior of Faith" dinners, weekly bible study or other "Warrior of Faith" ministry functions, events, or outreach activities. Another purpose of a "Hang Around" period is for other members to discern if you have a heart for Christ and are a good fit for the ministry. It not only gives us a chance to evaluate your commitment and 'fit' but gives you a chance to decide whether you are led to become more involved as a "Warrior of Faith" member and if this ministry is right for you.

If after a period of time, you are sure you still want to be a member, and of course have been to several Warrior of Faith events, functions, or outreach activities, you must make it known to the delegated officer(s) in your Chapter that you would like to "Prospect" as a "Warrior of Faith" member. All local Chapter members have a say on accepting a new "Prospect". Remember, when and if you become a Warrior of Faith patch holder you are publicly stating that you are a "Warrior", not a passive Christian. You are ready for spiritual battle and are capable of meeting the challenges that you will face as a growing Christian and a fighting WARRIOR. Your actions impact all the Warrior of Faith members, and the ministry as a whole, so before you can wear the patch you must prove you are worthy of being a "Warrior of Faith" member as it relates to representing Christ and the Warrior of Faith ministry. Make no mistake; you are committing to a level of faith that is claimed by many and reached by few.

After making it known that you wish to become a prospect and the Chapter has agreed to accept you as a "Prospect", you will be asked to start the process to be awarded a number of the "Warrior of Faith" patches and start the process of becoming a vested "Warrior of Faith" member.

*\*\*There are exceptions that someone may bypass the prospecting time period and be awarded a full cut, your chapter president will know those exceptions.*

1. Your Chapter representative will direct you to submit your "Member Application" form, which includes you reading our ministry guidebook.

2. The application form in itself is another way to weed out people that really want to walk out their faith as a "WARRIOR" or just wear a patch.

a. On the "Application Form" you will be asked some basic questions about your faith and general information so we can contact you if needed, and to allow the ministry to do a basic background check (the only reason we do this is that we feel as a ministry we have an obligation and responsibility to keep everyone safe). A criminal record in itself does not keep someone from becoming a "Warrior of Faith" member, we are about grace and love but as well know we live in very evil times.

b. Once your application is approved, you will be asked if you have made a patch donation on-line. In return for your donation, you will be awarded a front set of patches that you can wear on your vest. *\*\*As previously mentioned, in some cases you may be awarded all of the patches once your application is approved.*

c. For potential motorcycle members only, your conduct and walk are evaluated by the Chapter, and at that time, the Chapter at its discretion, may award you the remaining patches for the back of your vest.

Dues - As I am sure you are aware it takes money to continue to build this ministry & help spread the word of Christ in many parts of the city, country, or world. It takes money to help people in need and it takes money to be part of outreach programs in places outside our back yard.

It is mandatory, each member is asked to make a \$15 monthly donation to the chapter in order to help with both local and national causes/needs.

## **Chapter 4: Activities & Expectations**

A "Warrior of Faith" member is expected to always keep their relationship with Christ growing. There are a number of activities that a member is expected to participate in. The reasons we have some of these activities is that we feel fellowship, prayer, bible study and gracious works help us to keep growing in Christ.

### **1. "Bible Study".**

It is important that anyone travelling to any city that we have a Chapter in, can attend a weekly bible study if they do not have one of their own, there will be a bible study on one night during the week. The assigned chapter officer is responsible (when applicable, some Chapters may not have their own bible study) to make sure that this bible study takes place weekly. If for whatever reason one has to be cancelled or moved to a different location, the assigned officer will notify everyone no less than 1 day before the scheduled time.

These bible studies are important for brothers/sisters to have a place they know they can go to weekly to get filled with the Holy Spirit and gain wisdom for battle through fellowship, scripture, and Holy Spirit discernment. The Warrior of Faith bible study is not mandatory if you are already attending one, it is meant for anyone that may be searching for a bible study.

If a Chapter does not run their own bible study, for whatever reason, they should at least be able to direct a new Christian, or an out-of-town Warrior of Faith member to a number of local bible studies.

### **2. Monthly Meeting**

Each Chapter has a "mandatory" monthly Chapter meeting to discuss any topic that any member/officer would like to address/discuss.

### **3. Monthly Fellowship Dinner**

Each Chapter has a monthly chapter dinner for members, prospects, families & friends. This is a great way to glorify God and enjoy fellowship together. Psalm 133: 1 How good and pleasant it is when Gods people live together in unity.

A "Monthly Fellowship Dinner" manual is available as a guidebook for any officer or member that would like one.

#### **4. Outreach/Community Activities & Fund Raisers**

Every Chapter can be involved with as many outreach programs, fund raisers or community activities as they like but should be involved with at least Two or Three of these activities during a fiscal year.

Every outreach program, fund raiser or community activity that a chapter supports not only helps people and/or the community in general, but it gives each member a chance to spread the word of God to the people who attend and helps strengthen the unity and fellowship between members.

Also remember that each member may have a different passion or cause that the Holy Spirit has put on his/her heart. It is very important that a chapter comes together during the monthly chapter meeting to discuss things like (but not limited to):

- Setting the outreach/activities & fund raisers that require mandatory participation and are done as a chapter event, united to glorify our Lord and Savior.
- Listen to what is on the hearts of each member. Help to promote the events that may be on the specific heart of a member. This may not be mandatory, but something that is promoted as a chapter and the members participate in as their heart dictates.

#### **5. Unity Ride**

A "Unity Ride" is a National Annual event that the Warrior of Faith Ministry promotes and organizes. It is a public statement of Faith, proclaiming that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ and all love each other, irrelevant of what patches we wear, church we attend or bible study we go to. We are all part of the one Church that which resides in each one of our hearts.

Everyone is welcome to our annual "Unity Ride"!

We may be weak, battered and broken but never beaten. Together we are strong! On this day we ride as a united force, willing to stand against all the fiery darts that Satan may throw our way.

Christian or not, Harley, Honda, and anything in between. Family and friends all willing to "UNITE" as brothers and sisters..... riding for Christ!

#### **Discipline**

This is of course is a very delicate subject. Our objective is not to be judgmental, that is between you and God.

However, as stated above, your actions have an impact on other members and the motorcycle ministry as a whole. If you are conducting yourself in a manner that could have a negative impact on the members and/or the ministry you will be asked (based on scripture) to stop the actions immediately. Should your conduct so warrant, you will be asked to remove and turn in your patches.

Either of these requests must be the result of a majority vote within the chapter.

The first offense will result in the chapter members gathering and making the member in question aware of their actions that may not be consistent with a "Warrior of Faith" member guidelines and/or the will of God.

The second offense may consist of a suspension. The third offense may consist of asking the member to turn in their "Cut".

There is no way to list out all the do's and don'ts"; Scriptural truth and Christ's Spirit is the guide we use in these situations.

## Chapter 5: Officer Positions

Below is a summary of the responsibilities. Every member as well as officer should be well versed with this guidebook and/or local Chapter bylaws.

Taking on the position of an "Officer" in a chapter is a very important decision and comes with a shepherd's responsibility to the flock.

Like we say, "it's not about the patch", the same thing applies to a title. A title simply represents a higher level of responsibility to a chapter and is more of a servant's role.

Let us look at the positions within a chapter and the responsibilities that come with each position.

### • **President**

The president is the shepherd of the entire flock. The president is the local ministry leader and is usually the spokesperson when dealing with other churches, charities and other community organizations or the media, but the role is so much more important than that.

A Warrior has the potential to plant an unlimited number of seeds for Christ to water, a President has the responsibility to use the resources available to him/her to actively help all of the Warriors in a chapter stay strong, united, productive, and prepared for constant battle against the price of darkness.

When someone decides to become a member of Warrior of Faith, the target is on their chest. The battles start and they are fierce, Satan will hit from every direction to stop a Warrior. The president should always be aware of that and use all the Holy Spirit filled resources to help keep the WARRIOR strong.

Fellowship is very important when you are constantly in battle. Even the greatest Warriors get tired, weak and weary. It is the President's responsibility as God's instrument, to help keep all warriors strong by implementing the appropriate guidelines.

### • *Contact*–

- **E-mail** - I cannot stress enough the importance of a minimum of a weekly e-mail to all the chapter members. This can be done as a group e-mail. Always send some form of spiritual inspiration and ammunition found in God's word to help keep the Warriors who are on/in the battlefield feeling that their shepherd cares about the flock and is feeding them to stay strong and prepared for more battles. We suggest setting a specific day a week to send out the e-mails, so they are consistent and help the President form this weekly habit.

- **Phone calls** – it only takes a small amount of time to call each member once a week to say hello and see how they are doing. How else will you know if they are getting weak or weary? Sometimes when you are in battle all alone, it is sure nice to know and hear that there is a small army of Warriors close by just in case. As the chapter grows a president can start a "Seed of Hope" whereby one of the Chapter members agree to call 4 other members every day. Hopefully, enough members agree to be Seed of Hope volunteers so that every member in the chapter is being called every day. This may not seem like much, but it has much value once a warrior starts getting weak. Just a call from another warrior can reenergize that warrior to finish the battle that they are fighting. If you call one or two members each day, it does not take much time, but that consistent weekly call can make a tremendous difference.

- *Fellowship-*

Dinner/BBQ/Picnic – At least once a month the President [or chapter member he designates should organize a BBQ, potluck, or picnic for all the members and families to just enjoy time with each other. It is very important for families to get to know each other better and solidify the unity with all the members of the chapter.

- **Vice President**

The Vice President is second in charge and fills in when the president is away. The Vice President is often the “heir apparent” to the President although this is not always the case. It is his/her job to make sure that matters passed at chapter meetings are carried out satisfactorily.

The Vice President should be aware of all the responsibilities that the President has just in case the Vice President has to carry out the President’s responsibilities in the case of vacation, accident, or injury.

The VP can volunteer, or the President can assign some of the responsibilities of the President to the VP in order to help share the workload of the position.

- **Secretary**

The Secretary is responsible for the chapter's paperwork. He/she keeps minutes of meetings and records dates of significant events, fundraisers, community involvement such as anniversary dates any other information that the chapter should be made aware of.

It is the Secretary's job to keep members informed by posting upcoming events on the chapter calendar.

After each event it is the responsibility of the Secretary to get any pictures that were taken put online for all to see.

- **Treasurer**

The Treasurer is to ensure that a bank account is opened on behalf of the chapter and is in charge of collecting club donations, event funds, fundraisers, etc., and paying the bills.

The Treasurer is responsible for collecting any debts owed to the chapter. The treasurer is usually the person who handles the chapter funds designated to benefit those who need help.

The positions of secretary and treasurer are sometimes combined. The treasurer is responsible to have an updated Profit and Loss statement at every monthly meeting for all to see.

- **Sergeant at Arms**

Traditionally a Sergeant at Arms is basically the club's referee, mediator, liaison, enforcer etc... Any politically correct name you would like to use. However, in this ministry we rule by love and grace.

The Sergeant at Arms would make recommendations to the chapter as it relates to a member's behavior, and then would pass on any ministry decision to that member by the entire membership or the officers of that chapter.

Remember, true discipline & punishment lie in the hands of Jesus. A Sergeant at Arms can only identify actions that may have a negative impact on the entire chapter or effectiveness of the ministry.

The chapter will make decisions that are scripturally sound and always show the grace and love that our Lord and Savior showed us.

- **Road Captain**

Most motorcycle ministries have a position known as “Road Captain”. He/she is in charge of route logistics during a ministry run, event, fundraiser, weekly/monthly ride etc....

He/she plans the route and organizes refueling stops etc. The Road Captain rides at the front and leads the ministry with the President. Even though the Road Captain is responsible for all the rides he/she does not have to take on the entire responsibility.

#### • Patched Member

Any member or Officer may be asked to complete a background check. Because our ministry works with a lot of vulnerable children and adults, we must do our due diligence to always protect them.

Patched members are members of the ministry who are authorized to wear the ministry colors after showing that they have a heart of and for Christ and the ministry but are not officers of the chapter.

As James 2:18 says, show me your faith by your works!

We would hope that each member has it on their hearts to share in the responsibilities of the chapter's ministry as well as contribute financial support.

Everything a member does, whether in their cut or not, could have an impact on the entire ministry.

A member was not pushed into becoming a Warrior of Faith, they have chosen to become a member, to be held to a higher standard, and to make the public claim to be a WARRIOR for our Lord and Savior, with an attitude of heart willing to fight against sin.

A member asks to be part of this ministry and what it stands for, so they accept the direction, rules, & bylaws of the ministry. This ministry is not designed to be self-serving; it is to glorify our Lord and Savior. Every member reads a copy of this guidebook and asked to read it carefully before they receive the official set of patches.

I must say that if you think you can go out and get drunk in public, swear at whomever you want whenever you want, give the finger to anyone who pisses you off, do not like following rules, regulations & bylaws of this ministry because you feel you can do what you want or act in ways that do not Glorify our Lord and Savior, then this ministry is NOT for you! Yes, we all fall, yes, we all sin, but it is the individual who recognizes their sin and repents that is given all the love and grace to help them overcome the chains that bind them.

However, the person who continues to sin because they feel they can do anything they want, then once again, this is not the ministry for you, this is all about JESUS and serving Jesus, let no WARRIOR ever forget that.

#### • Chapter Website

Every chapter will have a space of our national website. This website is paid for and designed by head office for each chapter. Each chapter is accessed through the [www.warrioroffaith.com](http://www.warrioroffaith.com) website.

The chapter president, representing all chapter members, will work with the National Officers to design a website that reflects the chapter and consistent with National website policies and procedures.

## Chapter 6: 1% Motorcycle Clubs

Proper protocol:

Even though we minister to anyone that does not have Christ in their hearts, some Warrior of Faith members may have a desire to outreach to a 1% motorcycle clubs.

This is a little bit of information that may help.

Remember, this is their domain not ours! We are fortunate enough to be given permission to ride as a motorcycle ministry in their respective cities and states so we can shine the light of Christ for all to see.

Disrespecting a 1% club member will usually have a quick and immediate response, so let us start by understanding some of the protocol, then we can discuss how we might be able to spread the word of Christ within a local club.

These are some things for you, as a "Warrior of Faith" ministry member, to consider when dealing with 1% motorcycle clubs. They are also things to consider when you are going to be around motorcycle clubs.

1. 1% Patch holders are people too. They have good and bad days; they have jobs, families, and normal everyday problems and concerns just like anyone else. There are those who no matter what you say or do, it will not be right with them. Just like with any group, you will find both good and bad.
2. Protocol and Respect are primary rules when dealing with a 1% motorcycle club patch holder. When FORMALLY introduced to a 1% patch holder, make sure either the person doing the introduction (or you) make sure they know what motorcycle ministry you belong to and if you are an officer, what position you hold. Under no circumstances do you interrupt to correct a mistake while that person is introducing you or while they are talking. Wait till the introduction is done & politely introduce yourself correctly.
3. Greet them as you would meet anyone else & wait until the offer is made to shake hands. DO NOT interrupt; wait for them to recognize you. DO NOT be offended or make a big deal if they do not offer to shake your hand. Many times, they want to get to know about you and your ministry a little better before they will offer to shake your hand.
4. If anyone knows a 1% patch holder, do not let him/her throw the patch holders' name/nickname/club's name around as if you are a great buddy of theirs (even if you are). Many clubs consider that as a major disrespect to the whole club.
5. "SHOW THEM RESPECT." That is A #1 with them! (And worth repeating).
6. If you already know a patch holder, or get to know one in the future, do not just walk up to him/her and interrupt when they are with other members. Wait till he/she acknowledges you first and NEVER touch them or put your arm around them like a buddy. Do not put your hand out to shake theirs; wait for them to extend their hand first. If for some reason, you are not acknowledged at all, then just keep walking. If you need to talk to an officer of a Motorcycle Club the proper way is to go through the Sgt at Arms or one of the patch holders.
7. If someone from a 1% motorcycle club requests that you remove your vest/patch, do not argue. The best reply is, "No Problem" & politely take it off and let your ministry Officer know what motorcycle club it was so they can deal with any potential problems. You normally will only get asked once.
8. In regard to women who are with a 1% club, Old Lady is not a negative or derogatory term, it's just a slang term commonly used. "Property Of" patches are their way of showing support for their man and the club he is in.
9. A patch holder may not, acknowledge your wife or girlfriend, especially upon a first meeting.
10. The term Brother or Bro has special meaning to a 1% patch holder; do not call a patch holder Brother or Bro. Their Brothers are fellow Patch holders and those that have earned that term.
11. Don't ever touch any part of another 1% club member's colors, which includes the vest or jacket it is sewn on. That is considered serious disrespect.

Ok now that you have been educated, how do we help bring them to Christ? Maybe some of you might not feel comfortable trying to minister to a 1% club. That is OK, you do not need to minister, just shine the light of Jesus with your actions, the Holy Spirit will move them to you when God is ready.

### **Congratulations!**

You have read the entire guidebook and are still here. If you have not been scared away and would still like to become a Warrior of Faith MM member, then follow the application link, fill out the application and make your \$25. Donation for the background check.

**Someone will be contacting you soon!**

