



***“The Apostolic Motorcycle Ministry of Jesus Christ”***

## **HISTORY & GOALS**

As with most organizations, ***Azusa StreetRiders*** was formed due to a “need.” For years, several motorcyclists who attended the First United Pentecostal Church of Conway, SC, USA, attended the Spring and Fall Bike Weeks sponsored by the Harley-Davidson Dealers of the Carolinas in Myrtle Beach, SC, USA. The Spring Event had grown to over 250,000 bikers by 1998 and was reportedly the third largest motorcycle event in the world. Although having a much smaller attendance, Fall Bike Week still boasted of over 20,000 bikers and was growing rapidly. During these events, many Christian motorcycle organizations were present in the area and some had tents, provided refreshments, held worship services and passed out Christian literature. As believers in the Oneness Apostolic Doctrine as summarized in Acts 2:38, this group of bikers from the First UPC found that none of the preached messages at these motorcycle events delivered “full truth” and a burden began to develop.

It has been often stated that the two most under-evangelized groups in the United States are truck drivers and bikers. The efforts of these Trinitarian biker ministries attending Bike Weeks in Myrtle Beach paled in comparison to the “need.” Splintering of their organizations was quite evident and “bike-ministry-hopping” was as noticeable as “church-hopping.” The true salvation message was not being taught at these motorcycle events or promoted in any way.

Recognizing this void of “truth” in motorcycle ministries, the internet was searched to find any Oneness Apostolic motorcycle ministry or club. Countless hours were spent searching the web, to no avail...no motorcycle ministry or club could be found anywhere in the world that embraced the message of God’s Oneness. We found literally hundreds of Trinitarian motorcycle/biker ministries but no Oneness motorcycle/biker ministries.

***Azusa StreetRiders, The Oneness Apostolic Motorcycle Ministry of Jesus Christ*** was formed in August of 1999, as an outreach ministry of the First United Pentecostal Church of Conway, SC, USA, by the bikers in the congregation, under the guidance of Pastor Andrew Ben Cooke. The initial focus of this new ministry was to spread the Apostles’ Doctrine as found throughout the New Testament to the motorcycle community during the annual Spring and Fall Bike Weeks in Myrtle Beach, SC.

In the Fall Bike Week of 1999, our first “outreach” event, ***Azusa StreetRiders*** set up a “revival” tent to seat approximately 100, distributed flyers promoting the event which included free bar-b-que lunches and dinners, and provided live “praise” music. There were about 25,000 bikers in Myrtle Beach for that Fall Bike Week, but the ***Azusa StreetRiders Revival*** was sparsely attended by bikers. Were it not for the support and attendance of the congregation of the First UPC of Conway, the event would appear to most observers as a total “flop.” But the revival fire had been planted in the church and the event would be “tweaked” for the future Bike Week events.

Desiring to promote the Apostles' Doctrine of Oneness to the motorcycle community, **Azusa StreetRiders** decided to make some changes in the "outreach format" and decided to do a live music festival during the 2000 Spring Bike Week which was expected to have about 250,000 bikers in attendance. The bar-b-que lunches and dinners were continued as before, but the "revival" was eliminated, and the **Azusa StreetRiders Songfest** was born. Over a five-day period, eleven different Christian music "acts" performed live, on stage, from noon to 6:00 pm. Most every type of Christian music was performed; Rock, Gospel, Blue Grass, Contemporary, Praise and Worship. There were solo acts and praise teams with up to 17 members. Public testimonies were given between songs and during changes in performance groups. Nationally (in 32 states at that time), K-LOVE Christian Radio tagged the **Azusa StreetRiders Songfest** as their "Featured Event of the Week" and we had five daily one-minute national promotions for a week and live radio updates on the last day of the event. Again, the turnout was disappointing. Although we fed over 1,800 bikers free lunches and dinners and were able to pass out Oneness tracks, the music events were not well attended. We tried this same "Songfest" format for both the Fall of 2000 and the Spring of 2001, with similar results...we fed many, but the music did not attract the bikers. They were more interested in visiting the motorcycle "swap" events and bars.

Simultaneous to hosting the early **Azusa StreetRiders** events during Bike Weeks in Myrtle Beach, we began to put the Apostles' Oneness message on the internet stating that **Azusa StreetRiders** was the only motorcycle ministry that embraced this "truth.." We had secured the web address of [www.AzusaStreetRiders.com](http://www.AzusaStreetRiders.com) and over the course of a few years have found others with a similar burden for bikers and the Oneness message across the US and Canada. The first time **Azusa StreetRiders** was featured in print media was in Volume 12, Number 2 issue of Perspectives magazine published by Indiana Bible College (IBC) and since that time, we have been quoted in numerous newspaper articles regarding our Bike Week events and ride events. "Chapters" in other states and Canada were formed by individual bikers and small groups of bikers.

In the Fall Bike Week of 2001, shortly after the devastation of September 11<sup>th</sup>, we eliminated "live" music, went to Christian taped music, concentrating on the more successful food distribution, witnessing one-on-one, passing out Oneness tracks, distributing Bibles and praying with those who would allow. In essence, we have gone from a "grand music production" (our Songfest) to simply "making friends." Since that time, the fall of 2001, this has been the method of operation for the Bike Week events in Myrtle Beach. Through the **Azusa StreetRiders** "chapter" in San Diego, CA, USA, in 2004, **Azusa StreetRiders** featured a booth in Biketober West and passed out Oneness literature along with refreshments. At the Sturgis [SD, USA] Bike Week, several **Azusa StreetRiders** from Springfield, OR, USA, and San Diego, CA, proudly wore their "colors" at the world's largest motorcycle event and in many events around the country, you will now find ASR Members befriending bikers and witnessing to them of God's goodness.

**Azusa StreetRiders, Inc.** is now recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization. This legal structure does not extend to local chapters (to be defined later), so for legal purposes, they operate autonomously. Most do so under the umbrella of a local church as "a ministry of [local church name]" until they are ready to formally incorporate. Due to our many activities around the world and the litigious nature of society today, the "legal" protective covering offered by the local church should be exchanged for direct incorporation by all "chapters" as soon as practical. All individual "chapters" of **Azusa StreetRiders**,

whether now in existence or those to be formed in the future, will operate their “church” organization as “a ministry of [church]” until they deem it necessary to become autonomous themselves. This decision is purely a “legal” necessity and does not mean that we operate any differently than before, as a Oneness Apostolic motorcycle outreach.

Our goal is to unite all existing bikers (motorcycle riders) in Oneness Apostolic churches around the world, regardless of their church organizational affiliation, under the **Azusa StreetRiders** banner and to go forward spreading the Holy Ghost flames of revival begun on the Day of Pentecost as recorded in the Book of Acts and as witnessed in modern times on Azusa Street in Los Angeles, CA, USA, in the early 1900s, in what has become known as the “Azusa Street Revival,” the greatest outpouring of the Holy Ghost since Biblical days. We want to spread this message to fellow bikers and their families regardless of their existing beliefs, their loyalties, their church attendance, their traditions or their socioeconomic status...The soul-saving message of Acts 2:38 is for all!

There are many Oneness Apostolic motorcycle riders across the globe. Our intent is to identify each and every one, involve them in outreach for Christ using their motorcycles and to encourage them to become active members of **Azusa StreetRiders**. Membership has a two-fold purpose. First is to get Oneness Apostolic motorcycle riders to be able to identify with others of like faith (Acts 2:38 message of “Truth”) and interests (motorcycling) in order to come together for larger outreach events—there is strength in numbers. And second, to be able to fellowship with fellow biker-believers. By organizing, perhaps we can prevent fragmentation into many different Apostolic Oneness motorcycle groups with varying messages, as Trinitarian motorcycle ministries have done throughout the years. We want to include all who believe as we and who have like passions and burdens. We will witness to all who have not had “Truth” revealed. **Azusa StreetRiders** is not a church and as individuals within the organization, we attend a number of different local assemblies that are affiliated with a number of different Oneness organizations and independent assemblies around the world. We recognize the authority of the pastors God has placed in our lives and willingly submit to that authority. We do not want a watered down version of the doctrine preached by the Apostles and we certainly do not want to offend our brothers and sisters in Christ due to our love of motorcycling. We simply use motorcycles as tools to witness to a segment of the world’s population that might not otherwise have that opportunity. To this end, we have formed “AZUSA STREETRIDERS, INC.”

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*“The Oneness Apostolic Motorcycle Ministry of Jesus Christ”*

## By-Laws

### ARTICLE 1

#### NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be “AZUSA STREETRIDERS, INC.” and the name promoted to the public shall be...

- A. *Azusa StreetRiders, The Oneness Apostolic Motorcycle Ministry of Jesus Christ, or*
- B. *Azuza StreetRiders, The Oneness Apostolic Motorcycle Ministry of Jesus Christ (NOTE: This spelling of “Azuzu” was initially used by Azusa StreetRiders, but has been changed. Many Members still have backpatches and other logo items with the original spelling.)*

...all hereinafter sometimes referred to as “ASR.”

### ARTICLE 2

#### PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The purpose of ASR is to unite all motorcycle riders (sometimes referred to herein as “bikers”) who profess the true Apostle’s Doctrine found in the Book of Acts under the name of **Azusa StreetRiders**.

- A. **Our Mission** is to *“Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”* (II Timothy 4:2)
- B. **Because** – *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lust shall heap to themselves teachers having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables.”* (II Timothy 4:3-4)

We use motorcycles and modest/decent motorcycle-related apparel emblazoned with the ***Azusa StreetRiders*** insignia and/or other logo items as our outward “tools” for witnessing of Christ’s true Gospel to bikers, their friends and families. We profess the plan of salvation found, discussed and practiced in the Book of Acts and supported in the epistles and encourage all (bikers or not) to recognize and act upon this fundamental tenant of Christianity. (***Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:38)***)

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL JURISDICTION**

Although incorporated in the State of South Carolina, USA, ASR has individual members throughout the world, all of which will abide by By-Laws of their own that will hopefully, be similar to these and which may be changed from time to time, as provided for herein. Listing from bottom up, the hierarchy of ASR begins with the true backbone, individual members, and flows through the organizational structure to the international level, as follows:

- A. Individual Members**—there are four (4) types or classifications of “individual members,” as discussed hereinbelow;
- B. Chapters**—Either Local or **Provisional**—Encouraged to be formed in local geographical areas where there is a sufficient number of Individual Members to form a Chapter, as defined hereinbelow;
- C. Countries** in which ***Azusa StreetRiders*** has Individual Members and/or Chapters; and
- D. International Organization**, the “umbrella” or parent organization under which Individual Members, Local Chapters and/or **Provisional** Chapters of ***Azusa StreetRiders*** operate.

**Despite this organizational structure, we fully recognize that God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is our head and our ultimate authority.**

### **ARTICLE 4**

#### **MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY**

There are four (4) types or classifications of “membership” in ASR, as follows:

##### **1. Member**

A “Member” of ***Azusa StreetRiders*** must be or have been a biker and must understand and embrace the Apostles' Doctrine as taught throughout the Bible's New Testament. The Apostles' Doctrine is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Peter summarized the only method of acceptance of the Apostles' Doctrine in Acts 2:38 when he said; "***Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.***"

**Azusa StreetRiders** is a motorcycle “ministry,” not a riding “club.” When and wherever we ride, we wear our large backpatch or “colors” emblazoned with not only “**Azusa StreetRiders**,” but also “Acts 2:38.” This outward evidence of our “Christianity” frequently generates questions thereby opening doors for witnessing opportunities. For this reason, **Azusa StreetRiders** need to be faithful, supporting members of their local churches and submissive to their pastor. As such, to be a member, one must have the approval of his/her pastor before membership will be granted—his signature is required on a membership form which, from time to time, may be amended.

**The signature of the pastor of the individual seeking membership in Azusa StreetRiders will confirm that the individual applying has in fact: REPENTED, BEEN BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS AND RECEIVED THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST EVIDENCED BY SPEAKING IN TONGUES.**

### **-----Azusa-StreetRiders-Basic-Doctrinal-Statement-----**

We believe in One God<sup>1</sup>, who made Himself flesh<sup>2</sup> through the overshadowing of His Holy Spirit on a virgin<sup>3</sup>. We believe that Jesus Christ was crucified for the sins of the whole world<sup>4</sup>. We believe in the salvation message given in Acts 2:38: repentance, baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ, and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues<sup>5</sup>. We believe we are to be holy in our behavior because He is holy<sup>6</sup>. We believe we have a great commission from Jesus Christ to go into all the world to witness, teach, and love others to the body of Christ (the church). We want as many people to go to Heaven as our Lord calls<sup>7</sup>. We believe in the assembling of ourselves together regularly in our local church<sup>8</sup> and in being obedient to those who have rule over us (our pastors)<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Deuteronomy 6:4; <sup>2</sup>John 1:14; <sup>3</sup>Matthew 1:23; <sup>4</sup>I John 2:2; <sup>5</sup>Acts 10:46-47; <sup>6</sup>Leviticus 11:44;

<sup>7</sup>Matthew 28:14; <sup>8</sup>Hebrews 10:25; <sup>9</sup>Hebrews 13:17

In addition to signing a statement agreeing with the **Azusa StreetRiders'** Basic Doctrinal Statement, above, “Members,” “Associate Members,” “Honorary Members” and “Life Members” must be a minimum of 18 years of age as of the date of application.

**The National Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any applicant they feel does not meet the ASR membership requirements.**

## **2. Associate Member**

The qualifications and requirements to be an “Associate Member” of **Azusa StreetRiders** are identical to the qualifications and requirements to be a “Member,” with the single exception that an “Associate Member” does not pay dues.

ASR is a “ministry” and individuals will not be excluded from membership simply because they cannot afford to pay dues. This election of membership classification is between

God, the individual and the Board. There will be no outward difference between the ASR insignia (backpatch) worn by a “Member” and an “Associate Member.”

To be an "Associate Member" of **Azusa StreetRiders**, one must agree with the Basic Doctrinal Statement above, and sign a statement stating such.

A “Member” who cannot afford pay dues automatically becomes an “Associate Member” and will retain all the rights and privileges of membership, except as stated hereinbelow, and shall be able to participate in all ASR sponsored rides and events.

“Associate Members” cannot hold elected offices, as defined hereinbelow, nor can they vote in elections for officers of ASR. **Spouses of Members are considered an "Associate Member" unless they upgrade to "Member." (2015)**

An “Associate Member” **may** upgrade and is encouraged to upgrade his membership classification to “Member” upon payment of dues in full for the ensuing twelve (12) months. All past dues will be forgiven.

### 3. Honorary Member

1. Honorary membership in ASR **may** be bestowed on any individual or entity (i.e., church, club, organization, company, corporation, LLC, etc.) that has/have been “unusually helpful” to ASR in some manner. This may be for physical help in working an ASR sponsored ride or event or for a significant donation of product(s), money and/or material(s).
2. Any “Member” may submit the name of an individual or an entity in writing to the ASR Board for consideration to be an “Honorary Member,” along with the reason(s) for requesting honorary membership.
3. The Board will review each request for honorary membership on a case by case basis at the first Board meeting after receiving the request for honorary membership.
4. Upon approval by the Board, the general membership will be notified via email of the new “Honorary Member.”
5. “Honorary Members” will pay no dues.
6. “Honorary Members” are not authorized to vote on ASR issues or hold any office. Honorary memberships will not exceed 10% of the chapter membership. Honorary members may attend ASR general meetings, rides and events as they choose.
7. “Honorary Members” are authorized to wear ASR colors with “HONORARY MEMBER” on **bottom ribbon**.
8. Honorary Memberships will be reviewed by the Board on an annual basis to determine if the existing honorary memberships will be continued or terminated.

Other Articles concerning requirements for members are presented later, herein.

#### 4. Life Member

1. Life Membership in ASR **will automatically** be bestowed on any individual that has been a dues-current Member of ASR for 20 consecutive years.
2. The general membership will be notified via email of the new “Life Member.”
3. “Life Members” will pay no dues.
4. “Life Members” are authorized to vote on ASR issues and may hold any ASR office. “Life Members” may attend any ASR general meetings, rides and events.
5. “Life Members” are authorized to wear their original ASR colors but there will be no “Life Member” designation shown on the ASR colors.
6. Life Memberships will be reviewed by the Board on an annual basis to determine if the individual’s Life Membership will be continued or terminated.

Other Articles concerning requirements for members are presented later, herein.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **GOVERNING BODY**

#### **A. Governance**

ASR will be governed by a Board of Directors (hereinafter sometimes referred to as “Board”). The Board will strive to maintain the quality and integrity of ASR as formulated by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and as humbly attempted to be defined in these By- Laws, as may be amended from time to time, as provided for herein.

#### **B. Composition of Board**

1. **Elected Officers:** The Board of Directors of ASR will consist of the following officers elected by majority vote of all “Members” entitled to vote, as defined herein and as may be amended from time to time, as provided for herein.
2. To be eligible to be on the Board an Individual “Member” must be a dues-paying “Member” in good standing for at least a period of one year. The term of office shall be two (2) years and elections shall be every year at the annual meeting of ***Azusa StreetRiders***.
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer

**Note:** The office of Secretary and Treasurer **may** be filled by a single Individual Member rather than by two different Individual Members.

3. **Optional Officers:** The following Optional Officers **may** be appointed by the Board or the President on an “as needed” basis to fulfill the responsibilities of the ministry.
  - a. Road Captain(s)
  - b. Information Officer(s)
  - c. Chaplin(s)
  - d. Sergeant(s) at Arms
  - e. Information/Public Relations Officer

### C. Duties and Responsibilities

The Board of Directors will perform or cause to be performed the following functions:

1. Maintain a roster of all members;
2. Maintain control over the usage of the **Azusa StreetRiders** insignia and logos;
3. Maintain a treasury, which will be used to promote continued growth of ASR and to fund various forms of ministry, as allowed for herein and as may be amended from time to time, as provide for herein;
4. Issue a periodic email newsletter known as “**Azusa StreetRiders’ Rumblings**” to the ASR’s general membership and other interested parties, which will provide updates on events and developments of interest to the membership as a whole;
5. Operate and maintain a website with information about “beliefs” for anyone to see and to provide a means of contact between ASR Members. The web address will be [www.azusastreetriders.com](http://www.azusastreetriders.com) and will also be connected from the web address of [www.azuzastreetriders.com](http://www.azuzastreetriders.com).
6. Oversee the management of property owned by ASR and report to the membership at its annual meeting.
7. Oversee the ASR’s financial books, which may be reviewed by a C.P.A. annually. The Board **may**, or at the direction of a majority of the Membership **shall**, call for an audit.
8. Appoint as necessary, all agents and employees of ASR who, except as may be otherwise provided by lawful contract, shall serve only with the approval and consent and solely at the pleasure of the Board. The Board shall fix and determine salaries and duties and shall have the power, except as otherwise provided, to regulate the same at its pleasure.

9. Perform all other such assignments as may be ordered by the Membership or as may be in the best interests of ASR.
  
10. **The ASR National Board of Directors will maintain strict adherence of the ASR membership requirements when accepting a new application for membership. Will follow up with a phone call to the pastor who signed the application to verify they understand about the ASR ministry and answer any questions.**

#### **D. Meetings of Board**

1. The Board shall meet electronically or in person, at least semi-annually and the date of the next Board meeting will be announced at the close of the Board meeting.
  
2. Special meetings shall be called upon petition of three (3) Board members for any purpose whatsoever. A quorum of four (4) Board members, one of whom must be the President, shall be necessary for the transaction of business. If, however, the office of Secretary/Treasurer is filled by a single Individual Member, then a quorum of three (3) Board members, one of whom must be the President, shall be necessary for the transaction of business. The President may vote by proxy at any such meetings. A Board member may vote by proxy as long as there are two Board members, if secretary/treasurer is held by one person, as long as one of the two present Board members is the President.

#### **E. Removal from Office**

1. Any member of the Board who is absent without an acceptable excuse for two (2) consecutive Board meetings **may** be replaced at the discretion of the Board. A hearing shall be held within 15 days of a decision to replace the member. This hearing is open to all "Members." A vote on replacement shall be taken within 10 days of said hearing. The nominee will be confirmed by majority vote of all "Members."
  
2. In the event of death, resignation or termination of any Board member, a special Board meeting shall be called by the President to appoint a "Member" to replace the departed Board member until a new Board member can be confirmed by a majority vote of the membership at the next annual meeting of **Azusa StreetRiders**. If the departed Board member should be the President, the Vice President shall be elevated to President and shall fulfill the duties thereof for the remainder of his term of office and the newly elected replacement member shall assume the duties of the Vice President for the remainder of the two-year election cycle.

## F. Duties of Board Members

- 1. President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board. At all such meetings, the President shall maintain order and require strict compliance with these By-Laws and such rules and regulations that may be adopted pursuant hereto. While occupying the chair, the President shall not participate in debate without relinquishing the chair. The President shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board. Additionally, the President ...

  - a. shall nominate and with the advice and consent of the Board, appoint the Chairman and members of all standing and special committees, and shall serve as an ex- officio member thereof.
  - b. shall, with the Secretary, sign all contracts and other official documents authorized by the Board.
  - c. shall, with the Treasurer, be an authorized signer on all financial accounts authorized by the Board.
  - d. shall provide vision for the future of ASR and shall lead by example.
- 2. Vice-President:** In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall discharge the duties of the President. He shall execute all other such assignments as may be ordered by the Board or President. This shall include presiding at membership meetings and/or Board meetings at the request of the President. Additionally, the Vice-President...

  - a. shall coordinate the efforts of all standing and special committees appointed by the Board and/or the President, and be the liaison between the Board and said committees.
  - b. shall oversee and help implement the vision of the future of ASR.
- 3. Secretary:** The Secretary shall be responsible for all books, documents, papers, and records of ASR not otherwise entrusted, temporarily or permanently, to other officers or to standing or special committees. The Secretary is, therefore, custodian of all ministry records. Additionally, the Secretary ...

  - a. shall maintain all membership lists, complete with names, addresses, email addresses, church affiliations, etc., pertaining to all current and prospective members.
  - b. shall transcribe all minutes of meetings of ASR and the Board, and shall submit it for approval or amendment at the next meeting thereof.
  - c. when so required, shall conduct the general correspondence of ASR.
  - d. shall with the President, attest and seal all duly authorized and approved contracts of ASR and keep copies thereof in the corporate files.
  - e. shall execute all other such assignments as may be ordered by the Board or President.

- f. at the expiration of the term of office, shall deliver to his successor the seal and all ASR books and papers in possession.
4. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of ASR. As such, the Treasurer...
- a. shall, with the President, be an authorized signer on all financial accounts authorized by the Board.
  - b. shall issue all checks duly authorized by ASR of disbursement of funds.
  - c. shall keep an itemized record of all receipts and disbursements.
  - d. shall deposit all funds collected in a bank approved by the Board.
  - e. shall set up special accounts for special funds and allocate to each, respectively, the amounts allocated or collected thereof.
  - f. shall make semi-annual reports to the Board as to the conditions of the funds.
  - g. shall provide letters or statements as needed to contributors for donations of goods, materials, cash and/or other contributions received by ASR for ministry purposes.
  - h. shall execute all other such assignments as may be ordered by the Board or the President.
  - i. at the expiration of his term of office, shall deliver to his successor all ASR money, securities, books and records in possession.
5. **Sergeant at Arms:** At ASR general membership meetings, the Sergeant at Arms shall attend the door and shall not permit entrance to any person who is not properly authorized by the membership or who is not a duly invited guest, unless otherwise ordered by the President. In this regard, it must be stated that ASR is a "ministry" and strong-arm tactics are not permitted. Christian wisdom must be used in turning someone away from a meeting. Additionally, the Sergeant at Arms...
- a. shall maintain a roster of attendee's upon admittance to the general membership meetings, shall sign the register and shall insure that said register is provided to the Secretary as soon as feasible after the meeting has begun.
  - b. shall execute all other assignments as may be ordered by the Board or the President. The Sergeant of Arms will keep order and dignity during all ASR rides and functions. The Sergeant of Arms shall also collect all patches and other property of ASR upon terminations as provided in Articles 7 & 9.
6. **Road Captains:** Road Captains shall gather information on upcoming rides and events sponsored by other motorcycle ministries, clubs and/or organizations and shall, upon approval from the President, organize and plan any rides and/or events to be sponsored by ASR. Also, Road Captains...

- a. shall, with the assistance of the Sergeant of Arms during the rides and events, perform such other ride/event-related duties as may be necessary.
- b. shall maintain an attendance list for each ride and event to include the names, addresses, and email addresses of all in attendance, both ASR members and non-members, and shall provide the compiled list to the Secretary by the next Board meeting. The non-ASR member attendees are prospective (future) members and/or potential Honorary Members.
- c. shall, for all ASR sponsored rides, lead according to the following Guidelines for Group Motorcycle Riding Activities, as shown below.

## GUIDELINES FOR GROUP MOTORCYCLE RIDING ACTIVITIES

Riding a motorcycle in a large group of other riders is much different than riding alone or with one other motorcycle. You must be alert that to insure the safety of the entire group and your riding style may have to be altered.

1. **Emergencies**... All group rides will be led by the Road Captain or designated alternate. Two Rear Road Captains will be appointed for the ride who will ride in the rear of the group in the last two positions. In the event of an emergency, one of the Rear Road Captains will stay with the disabled motorcycle, while the other proceeds in a safe manner to the front of the group to inform the Lead Road Captain of the situation. The Lead Road Captain will then lead the group off the highway at the first safe stopping place. In the event the Rear Road Captain does not return within 10 minutes, a club officer will be sent to ascertain the difficulty.
2. **Safe Riding Habits**... Group riding in close parallel formations requires constant attention and awareness of safe riding habits. Any "Member" that feels it is necessary to deviate from safe riding habits within the group will be summoned to the rear of the group by the Sergeant of Arms. Discussion of the offender's unsafe riding habits will be held in private at the next appropriate stop.
3. **Group Separation**... In the event the group becomes separated, the Lead Road Captain will slow the group down to enable stragglers to catch up to the main group. If this is unsuccessful, the Lead Road Captain will pull the group off the traveled section of the road in a safe location and wait for the rest to catch up.
4. **Support Vehicles**... If a support vehicle is accompanying the ride, the support vehicle will under normal circumstances drive at the extreme rear of the group, unless otherwise directed by the Lead Road Captain.
5. **Speed**... The maximum speed on any event will be no greater than the safe speed for current driving conditions, not to exceed the posted legal limit.
6. **Headlights**... All riders should ride with their headlights on at all times. Headlights should be kept on high beam during the daylight hours.
7. **Entering a Freeway**... When the group is in the process of entering a freeway the club will attempt to remain as a whole. All freeway riding under normal circumstances will take place in the right lane of traffic on a four-lane road or in the second (center) lane from the right side of the freeway on a six-lane road, unless otherwise designated by the Lead Road Captain.
8. **Exiting a Freeway**... When exiting a freeway, the Lead Road Captain will signal and commence lane changing in preparation for the off ramp no less than ½ mile from the exit ramp.

9. **City Streets**... City riding is the most difficult of all group-riding activities. The group can easily be separated by traffic signals, stop signs and other factors. Caution must be exercised when riding in this situation and extra time for lane changes, turns and parking must be allowed to safely accommodate a large group.

10. **Traffic Lights**... The Road Captain will attempt to time traffic lights to allow the group to proceed as smoothly as possible, with a minimum of starting and stopping.

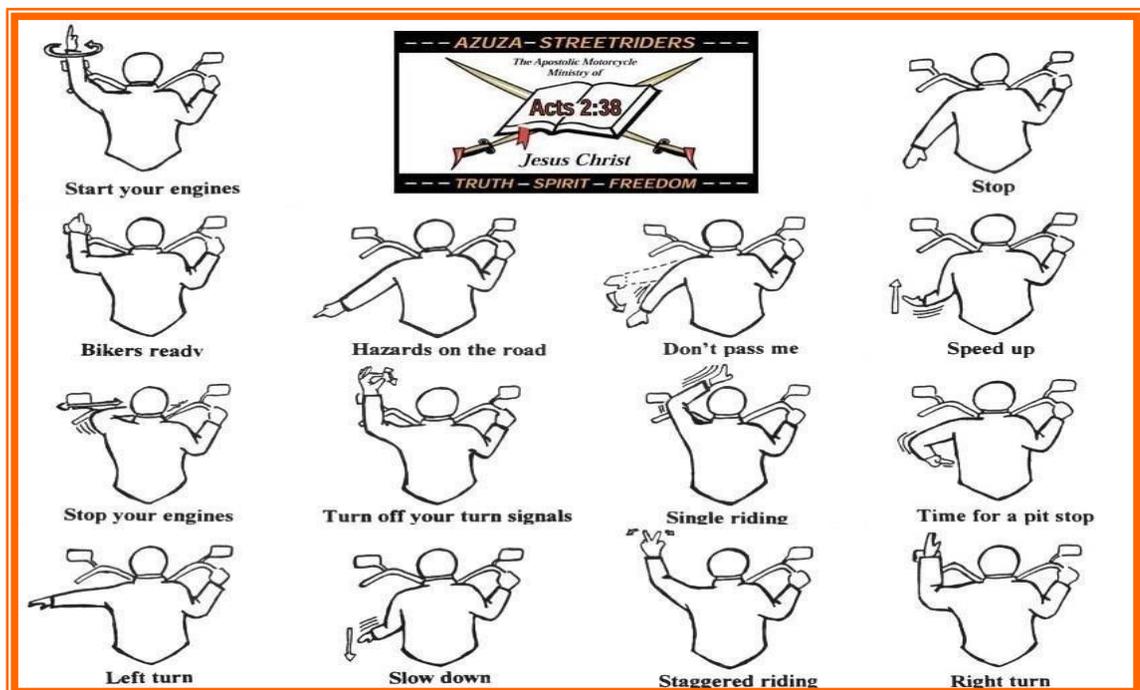
11. **Lane Guarding**... The procedure known as lane guarding will **not** be used to block traffic having the right of way in a lane of traffic, or intersection allowing passage of the group in a unsafe manner. This is against the law unless a "parade permit" has been secured for the ride or unless part of an officially recognized parade.

12. **Mountainous Terrain**... When encountering mountainous terrain or roads, which would make parallel group riding unsafe, the group will fall into a staggered-right riding formation, where the Lead Road Captain takes the position closest to the center lane and the second rider drops back one bike length and takes the position closest to the right side of the road, and so on.

13. **Variations from the Norm**... Riding situations may arise which will force changes from the normal guidelines. To ensure the safety of the group the Lead Road Captain is responsible for all lane changes and speed changes, ensuring the safe passage of the group.

Remember the ride is for the enjoyment of the ride and to be with others who enjoy the same experience. As a ministry, rides sponsored by ASR or those in which ASR members participate will be observed by the general public and we, as ASR members must represent Christ. It benefits all to be extra cautious and courteous to make the event safe and an "effective" witness.

- d. shall, for all ASR sponsored rides, lead the rides obeying all applicable traffic laws using Hand Signals, as shown below.



7. Information/Public Relations Officer: The Information/Public Relations Officer shall have duties determined by the Board and/or the President and will be responsible for all advertisements and/or information released to the public pertaining to rides and events of ASR.
8. Chaplains: At ASR general membership meetings a chaplain will open and close in prayer. Keep a list of all members. Minister to a downed biker or a family member of a downed biker. Additionally, the Chaplain shall:
  - a. Start a prayer chain when needed through social media.
  - b. Pray before a ride or event.
  - c. Any additional requests deemed necessary from the board. (2013)

## G. Term of Office and Elections

1. Each Board member shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, with a term commencing on September 1 of the year of the election.
2. The Four (4) Elected Officers positions will be elected by the general membership in alternating years at the annual membership meeting, with the President and Treasurer being elected opposite the Vice President and Secretary.
3. Elections will be held during the annual meeting of the membership which will be held each year between March 31 and August 30, as to be determined by the Board. **NOMINATION BALLOTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE STARTING APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> EACH YEAR. NO OTHER NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICE WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>. (Nomination dates amended 2018 Rally Business Meeting).**
4. The Board shall be elected from the membership of ASR, by majority vote and by written ballot of eligible "Members." **Absentee** ballots will be designed by the Secretary for each election and made available through the internet at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled annual meeting. **Absentee** votes must be submitted in writing to the Secretary or President prior to the vote. **Starting 14 days PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL ASR BUSINESS MEETING (2015)**, no **Absentee** ballots will be accepted.
5. Members running for office on the Board must declare their candidacy to the Secretary or President for the specific office that they seek at least forty-five (45) days prior to the scheduled annual meeting. Members may nominate other dues-current ASR Members for office in the same manner.
6. Term limits for board members is set at 2 consecutive full terms. To serve beyond 2 terms, requires a super majority vote of two thirds on the nominating ballot.
7. All "Members" shall have one vote for each office.

8. In the event that a clear majority (50% + 1) is not received for an office due to more than two individuals running for the same office, then the top two vote recipients will have a runoff election immediately following the first vote count. In this instance, **Absentee** ballots will be counted only if they cite one of the top two vote recipients

## H. Removal From Office

The entire Board, or any Individual Board officer may be removed from office at any time by a vote of 75% of the voting "Members" of ASR. If any or all officers are so removed, new officers will be elected at the same meeting and will hold office for the remainder of the term of the officer removed.

## ARTICLE 6

### REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS AND/OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- A. As stated in Article 4, hereinabove, the first requirement for membership in ASR is that **"one must be APOSTOLIC, REPENTED OF HIS/HER SIN, BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS, FILLED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST WITH THE EVIDENCE OF SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES."** The second requirement for membership in the ASR is that "one must be or have been a biker." ASR is a motorcycle "ministry" not a motorcycle "club." The reason for the exclusion of non-bikers from membership in ASR is that most non-bikers simply do not understand the biker culture and generally cannot be effective in a full membership position. There are, however, "Associate Memberships" and "Honorary Membership" positions available for non-bikers in ASR, as are addressed hereinabove.
- B. Although there is no requirement to own a motorcycle to be a **"Member," "Associate Member," "Honorary Member" or "Life Member"** of ASR and there is no exclusion of any biker due to the make or model motorcycle he may own, ownership of an operational street-legal motorcycle is suggested to enable members to participate in ASR rides and events.
- C. All **"Members"** will pay yearly dues and any other assessments ASR deems necessary for the good of the organization. All dues and assessments shall be paid in a timely manner and, in no event, later than 30 days after the date due, except as otherwise specifically provided in these By-Laws.
- D. All **"Members," "Associate Members," "Honorary Members" and "Life Members"** will be supportive of ASR Chapter activities and events and will participate in local area ASR sponsored rides and events. Local area, for purposes of ASR, shall mean within 100 miles of the home of an ASR "Member," "Associate Member," "Honorary Member" or "Life Member."

- E. **“Members,” “Associate Members,” “Honorary Members” and “Life Members”** are expressly prohibited from being a member of any “motorcycle club” or another “motorcycle ministry” other than ASR. For purposes of this Article 5 (D). “Motorcycle club” shall not include motorcycle benefit organizations, such as A.M.A., H.O.G., or A.B.A.T.E.
- F. **“Members,” “Associate Members,” “Honorary Members” and “Life Members”** are expressly prohibited from being a member of any secret society or organization that requires anything to be done in secret, for this does not line up with the Holy Scriptures.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **DURATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Membership in ASR will continue as long as a **“Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member”** maintains membership in good standing, as provided herein, and actively supports ASR. Membership will cease upon resignation or dismissal from the ASR. Thereafter, the former “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member” will have no right, title, interest or claim in any asset of ASR, including all ASR backpatches (insignias) as delineated herein, nor any rights to any refund of any dues, fees or contributions the **“Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member”** has made to ASR. Upon demand, the Member backpatch (insignia) and property, if any, will be returned to an ASR Sergeant at Arms within thirty (30) days.
- B. Subject to the provisions of Article 10, an individual who maintains active membership for a period of twenty (20) consecutive years shall be deemed a Life Member. Lifetime membership shall entitle the individual to retain the ASR backpatch (insignia) in the event of resignation from ASR.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of any “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member” of ASR will terminate after the “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member” has submitted a written or verbal request for such termination to the Board or any Board member. The Board will respond in written form to said request.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **RIGHTS UPON TERMINATION**

Subject to the provisions of Article 7. (B). (Lifetime Membership), all rights, privileges, interest and representation of a “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member” will cease upon the “Member’s” resignation and/or termination. Upon resignation and/or termination, all ASR backpatches (insignia) and property, if any, will be returned to an ASR Sergeant at Arms within thirty (30) days.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSION**

The Board or the President will have the authority to suspend, expel and terminate the membership of any “**Member,**” “**Associate Member,**” “**Honorary Member**” or “**Life Member,**” for reasons A through C in Article 10. The suspended, expelled or terminated “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member” will be advised that he may request a hearing with the general membership to be held at the first scheduled general membership meeting following such action. The general membership must approve the action taken by the Board or President with a vote of 75% or greater.

- A. For conduct which, in the opinion of the Board or the President disturbs the order, dignity, business, and harmony or impairs the good name and/or popularity of ASR. ASR is a “ministry” and we shall not provoke other ministries and/or clubs, or individuals in other ministries and/or clubs to anger because of our Oneness Doctrine. We must be “wise” in discussing our beliefs in an effort to help others understand “Truth.”
- B. For conduct which, in the Board’s or the President’s opinion(s), endangers the welfare, interest or character of ASR.
- C. The President shall have the authority to immediately suspend a “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member” for any of reasons set forth in subsections A and B, above. Said suspensions shall remain in effect until the hearing set forth above.
- D. Any “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member” accused of a criminal matter and charged with such will be suspended “in good standing” until the matter is adjudicated. Any suspension demands a forfeiture of backpatch until the matter is decided, at that time a hearing will take place in order to either expel or reinstate that “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member,” Refer to Article 10 section A, hereinabove.
- E. Any “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member” suspended for any reason set forth above has the right to appeal to a Grievance Committee of seven (7) “Members” that will be formed from the general membership and that will not include any Board member or the “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member” who filed the grievance. Each of the seven (7) Grievance Committee Members will be selected by a random drawing of all “Members” of ASR, excluding those specifically prohibited from being on the committee as provided herein. A majority vote concerning the matter by the Grievance Committee will be the final decision on the matter, which can only overturned by a 75% majority vote of “Members” at the next scheduled annual meeting of ASR.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Any “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member” in good standing may request a leave of absence by submitting such request to the Board. Each request will be determined on an individual basis. No leave of absence may exceed six (6) months, provided, however, that a “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member” may apply to the Board for an extension of the leave period based on “need,,” i.e., overseas military service.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **REINSTATEMENT**

- A. Any “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member” whose membership is suspended or expelled as provided in Article 10 may have his membership reinstated on such terms as the Board deems appropriate. Members must pay a fee for suspension reinstatement to the Board plus any other fees owed.
- B. All applications for reinstatement must be submitted in writing to the Board and the Board must act upon such request at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, then promptly notify the applicant of the results of his reinstatement request.

## **ARTICLE 13**

### **NON-TRANSFERABILITY OF MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in ASR is non-transferable and non-assignable. This also applies to any ASR property and ASR backpatches (insignia).

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **DUES AND FEES**

- A. ASR is a non-profit organization. Initial annual dues for each “Member” will be \$60.00 per year payable within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice from ASR international headquarters. Each year “Members” will be provided with an invoice via email or US Postal Service at the last known email or postal address. Spouses are automatically “**Associate (2015)** Members” of ASR—as with Christ, husband and wife are “one,” however the husband and wife may each become voting members by paying annual dues of \$60.00 each.
  - 1. If a “Member” does not pay the annual membership dues within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice, he will automatically be transferred to “Associate Member” status.

2. If a local chapter with five (5) or more members is formed under the “umbrella” of AZUSA STREETRIDERS, INC., then **\$30.00 (2016)** of the \$60.00 total annual dues received by ASR international headquarters for each “Member” of that ASR local chapter will remain with the ASR local chapter to help fund that ministry **after the first year (Example: Joined \$60.00, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Renewal \$60.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> year \$30.00/\$30.00).** “Provisional Chapters” of three (3) or four (4) ASR Members can be formed and in such case, the total annual dues of \$60.00 for each member of that chapter will remain with ASR International Headquarters.
3. If a local chapter is formed and decides to become an autonomous tax-free corporation under the “name” of **Azusa StreetRiders**, then **\$30.00 (2016)** of the \$60.00 total annual dues for each “Member” of that ASR local chapter will remain with that ASR local chapter to help fund that ministry.

**Annual dues of \$60.00 for new chapters and new members will remain with ASR International Headquarters for the first year. (2013)**

- B. Dues received by the ASR international headquarters may be amended from time to time as provided for herein, and will be used for...
  1. ASR ministry expenses
  2. ASR administration expenses
  3. ASR operating expenses
  4. ASR promotional expenses
  5. Any Board approved expenses, as may be directed.
- C. An initial application fee of \$10.00 will be charged by the ASR international headquarters for postage, processing and handling of an individual’s application for “Membership.”
- D. Although there will be no other fees associated with ASR, unless changed from time to time as allowed herein, there **may** be costs for purchases of logo items, support items and/or registration costs (sometimes called “fees”) for ASR sponsored rides and events.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

- A. An annual membership meeting of ASR shall be held anytime from March 31<sup>st</sup> to August 30<sup>th</sup> of each year at a location to be determined by the Board.
- B. Special meetings of members shall be called by the President or by any two Board members and shall be held at such times and reasonable places as may be ordered by the Board.
- C. Written notice via the internet will be given to all members in advance of a general membership meeting. Notice of special meetings will be given as far in advance as possible.

- D. At general membership meetings where voting takes place there must be a quorum, which shall consist of a majority of those persons entitled to vote. **Absentee (2015)** ballots will be counted as “attendance” of an ASR “Member” for purposes of the quorum.

## ARTICLE 16

### NAME, LOGO, AND INSIGNIA

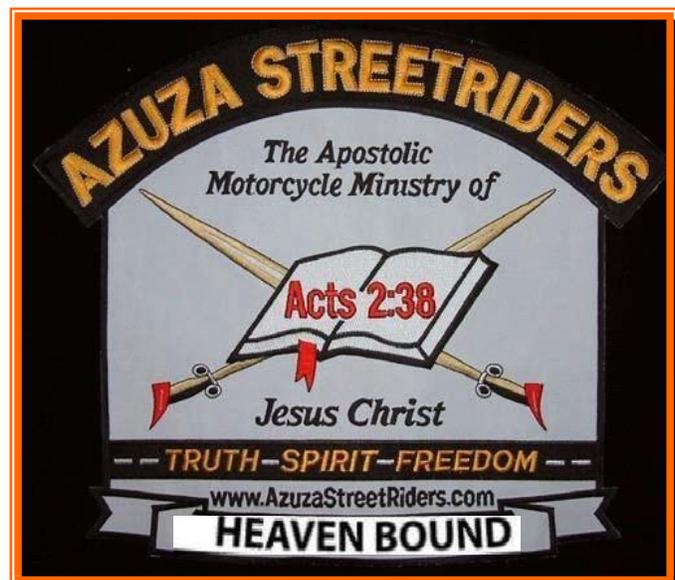
The ASR logo is for the sole use of the “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member” in good standing. The **Azusa StreetRiders** name and logo, as shown below, is a registered trademark owned by AZUSA STREETRIDERS, INC.



Each ASR “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member” in good standing is allowed to use the ASR name and Logo as follows:

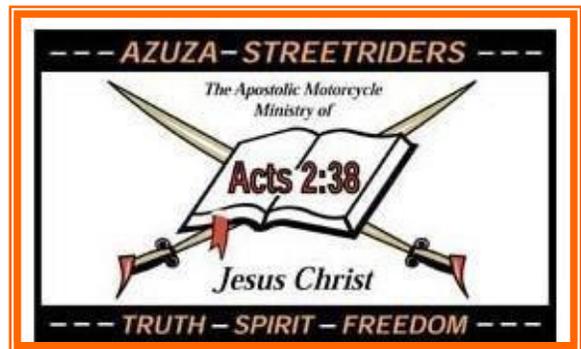
- A. The name “**Azusa StreetRiders**” must appear with the logo as stated in Section 1 (c) of the trademark agreement {not to use the word “**Azusa StreetRiders**” alone, as a trademark or service mark, namely not to use the word alone on commercial goods or services or in other words, not to use “**Azusa StreetRiders**” without the design element on goods for sale to the public. By way of explanation and not limitation, use of “**Azusa StreetRiders**” or “ASR” as an abbreviation of the ministry name in news letters would not constitute trademark use, and therefore would be acceptable}.

- B. The insignia as it appears on our ASR “Colors” (backpatch), as demonstrated at right, is only for “Members,” “Associate Members,” “Honorary Members” and “Life Members” in good standing and is to be worn only by ASR “Members,” “Associate Members,” “Honorary Members” and “Life Members.” Since spouses of “Members,” “Associate Members,” “Honorary Members” and “Life Members” are automatically members of ASR, they are entitled to have their own set of Colors and must abide by the same rules of use as other ASR members. Girlfriends, boyfriends and children of ASR “Members,” “Associate



Members” and “Honorary Members” or “Life Members” are allowed to wear the ASR Colors, but only during rides and events in which the “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member” is participating, whether sponsored by ASR or not.

- C. The Colors (a/k/a known as backpatch or insignia), although obtained from ASR at a cost to the individual, remain the property of ASR and are authorized for use by ASR “Members,” “Associate Members,” “Honorary Members” and “Life Members,” as provided herein. Upon termination of membership, whether a “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member,” the Colors will be returned to the Sergeant at Arms upon request.
- D. The “**bottom ribbon**” (as shown on the insignia on the preceding page with the words, “MYRTLE BEACH, SC”) can be modified for every individual “Member,” “Associate Member” or “Life Member” of ASR to read with their city and two-letter state or providence identifier, or the words “Heaven Bound” can be inserted instead. This is a personal decision for each “Member,” “Associate Member” or “Life Member” of ASR and nothing else can be inserted therein (except as stated in Article 4, section 4 (7)) and no other part of the insignia can be changed without a 75% vote of all “Members”. Please note, a disclaimer form is being processed for members who choose city and state.
- E. Only “Members,” “Associate Members,” “Honorary Members” and “Life Members” will wear the ASR insignia on the back of a vest, jacket and/or shirt. No other patch can be worn on the back of a vest, jacket and/or shirt, in such a manner as to hinder the sight, or to render ineffective the ASR insignia.
- F. “Supporter Items” using the ASR (insignia) Colors must be produced with some type of wording that signifies it is a “support” item. Supporter items may have the Colors appear on the back of any clothing item but must be fashioned with the “HEAVEN BOUND” wording on the bottom. Supporter items, using the name and logo, such as on hats, are acceptable and supporter “patches,” as shown to the right are for use on the front of jackets and vests of “Members,” “Associate Members,” “Honorary Members” and “Life Members,” and may be worn by others, bikers or not, as a sign of support for ASR. The supporter “patch” may not be worn on the back of a shirt, jacket or vest by any “Member,” “Associate Member,” “Honorary Member” or “Life Member” of ASR.



- G. The production and sale of items with the ASR name and logo for “Members,” “Associate Members,” “Honorary Members” or “Life Members” or Supporters should be done only to benefit the AZUSA STREETRIDERS, INC., local ASR chapters and/or rides and/or events sponsored by ASR. We are a non-profit corporation (ministry) and to do otherwise would jeopardize our tax-free status with the IRS.
- H. The **Azusa StreetRiders** insignia (backpatch or Colors) is the greatest witnessing tool that we, as **Azusa StreetRiders**, have. All “Members,” “Associate Members,” “Honorary Members” and “Life Members” are encouraged to wear their patches proudly wherever they travel, whether on a bike or in another type vehicle. Numerous times, strangers have seen the backpatch emblazoned with “Acts 2:38” and have asked what the scripture says or what the patch is about. It is an open door to witness! For this reason and this reason alone, the ASR Colors **shall be** worn to all ASR sanctioned rides, events and meetings, provided, however, the Board or the President may authorize individuals to wear an officially sanctioned ASR T-shirt to a meeting (not a ride or an event) in lieu of the Colors

on a vest or jacket.

## **ARTICLE 17**

### **LIABILITY**

All individuals, including members and guests, participating in ASR-sponsored events will be required to sign a liability/**waiver** release form.

## **ARTICLE 18**

### **CHAPTERS**

- A.** Any “Member” or new “Member” operating in a **state** with fewer than five (5) “Members,” and/or “Life Members” in a 100 mile radius will operate under the By-Laws set forth herein, as may be amended from time to time. **“Area” boundaries will follow “loosely” state boundary lines.** Although having five (5) “Members” or fewer, such individuals or groups of fewer than five (5) ASR members may be called **“Areas”**, as designated by their state or providence. **Unless there are multiple active local chapters in an Area, there is no need for “Area Officers”.** **“Area Coordinators” will be considered in states where needed. Coordinators must be approved by the ASR Board. Guidelines will be established for Area Coordinators by the Board. (2013)** The Board will make the announcement of a new **Area** to all other existing Chapters worldwide via email and such **area** will be denoted on the Azusa StreetRiders website.
- B.** A locale having five (5) or more “Members,” and/or “Life Members” within a 100 mile radius can form a “Local Chapter” which must be authorized and sanctioned by the Board. Request for a new Local Chapter must be submitted in writing to the Board, which will sanction all new Local Chapters and make the announcement of a new Local Chapter to all other existing Chapters worldwide via email and such chapter will be denoted on the **Azusa StreetRiders** website. Local Chapters of ASR may elect to operate under the corporate “umbrella” of AZUSA STREETRIDERS, INC., or may become autonomous by filing the appropriate forms with state and federal authorities for their independent tax-free corporation status. In either case, the Local Chapter must operate under the general guidelines of these By-Laws, as may be amended from time to time, as provided for herein.
- C.** A local **“Provisional Chapter”** of ASR can be formed with three (3) “Members,” and/or “Life Members” within a 100 mile radius which must be authorized and sanctioned by the Board. Request for a new **“Provisional Chapter”** must be submitted in writing to the Board, which will sanction all new **Provisional Chapters** and make the announcement of the new **Provisional Chapter** to all “Members” and other Chapters worldwide via email and such chapter will be denoted on the **Azusa StreetRiders’** website. **Provisional Chapters** of ASR **MUST** operate under the corporate “umbrella” of AZUSA STREETRIDERS, INC., and may **NOT** become autonomous by filing the appropriate forms with state and federal authorities for their independent tax-free corporation status. The **Provisional Chapter** must operate under the general guidelines of these By-Laws, as may be amended from time to time, as provided for herein.
- D. All chapters are encouraged to use chapter bylaws provided by ASR (2015)**

- E. Once a Local or **Provisional** Chapter is formed, it shall be the responsibility of that Chapter to maintain and control all records, fees and functions therein. Each Local or **Provisional** Chapter is encouraged to designate a “Member” with an e-mail access to communicate to all “Members,” “Associate Members,” “Honorary Members” or “Life Members” and other ASR Chapters about rides, events, and “Members,” “Associate Members,” “Honorary Members” or “Life Members” in need of assistance.

## **ARTICLE 19**

### **NON-PROFIT STATUS**

- A. ASR was founded as a Non-Profit motorcycle ministry and is now recognized as a 501(c)3 corporation by the IRS. It is each individual’s responsibility to insure that that status with the IRS is not jeopardized and each Local (not Probationary) Chapter’s responsibility to do the following, at such a time the Local Chapter deems it necessary for its proper operation.
  1. Establish Articles of Incorporation in their respective state or province.
  2. File for the appropriate “Non-Profit” tax filing status.
  3. File tax returns in accordance with appropriate state and federal laws.
  4. Each Local Chapter is responsible for the proper conduct and licensing of any and all fundraisers, raffles, and/or events that raise monies for their Local Chapters and must do so in accordance with applicable local, state or providence and federal laws.
  5. Being a “ministry,” ASR requires all of its chapters and members to obey all local, state or providence and federal laws.
- B. In order to comply with our 501(c)3 with the Internal Revenue Service, **Azusa StreetRiders**, Inc. will only issue funds to organizations within the United States. For example, to donate motorcycles in our Motorcycles for Missionaries program, we must make the cash donation for the motorcycle purchase to the US based parent organization of the foreign missionary. They, in turn, will provide the funds to the missionary for the purchase of the motorcycle or motorcycles.

## **ARTICLE 20**

### **CHAPTER AUTONOMY**

Each new Local (not **Provisional**) Chapter approved by Board is autonomous and operates independently from the AZUSA STREETRIDERS, INC., and independent from all other Local Chapters throughout the ASR Motorcycle Ministry.

- A. Each Local Chapter is responsible for its own actions, conduct and liability for any and all of the functions performed.

- B. AZUSA STRETRIDERS, INC., reserves the right to suspend or revoke the use of the Trademark name and logo, by any Local Chapter, **Provisional** Chapter, "Member," "Associate Member," "Honorary Member" and/or "Life Member" for violations of the By Laws, violation of local, state or providence and/or federal laws (Criminal Offenses) or conduct that brings discredit to ASR.

## **ARTICLE 21**

### **AMENDMENTS**

- A. These By-Laws may be amended, from time to time, by resolution(s) made in proposing such amendment(s), which must be approved by not less than 75% of the "Members" of ASR to become effective.
- B. The resolution(s) for amendment(s) shall be written and forwarded via email to all "Members" or "Associate Members" of ASR at the last known email address by the Board Secretary. The amendment(s) shall be considered and passed if affirmed by a 75% vote of the "Members" responding within thirty (30) days.
- C. Once amended, revised By-Laws will be posted on the ASR website within thirty (30) days and shall become effective as of the date posted.
- D. State or Local Chapter By-Laws and subsequent Amendments thereof shall not replace, supersede or conflict with the overall philosophy of ASR as expressed in these By-Laws.***

## **Article 22**

### **Dissolution**

AZUSA STRETRIDERS, INC. may be dissolved by a 75% or greater majority vote of the responding "Members." The entire membership must be notified of a "Decision to Dissolve" by the ASR Board via email or US Postal Service to the last known addresses of all "Members" and there will be a thirty (30) day period for responses. After receiving a favorable vote to dissolve, ASR's charter, records and all other assets will be transferred to the founding church, First United Pentecostal Church, Conway, SC, USA.

**The undersigned organizational officers of ASR understand this to be a true statement of the By-Laws of AZUSA STRETRIDERS, INC.**

**May God travel with us and all future ASR members and may He bless us as we strive to be effective witnesses of His mighty wonders in our lives.**

**AMEN**

(Initially Enacted 02/28/2005; modified periodically with latest revision **October 22, 2018** )

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Robert Thompson, Maryville TN, President**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Randy Hennigan, Metairie LA, Vice President**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tom Thompson, New Straitsville OH, Secretary**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lauren Theodore, Warren OH, Treasurer**

# Disclaimer for Ribbon on Back Patch

Due to the possibility of issues that may arise from a member of the Azusa StreetRiders Intl, hereafter referred to as the "ASR in this document, this hold harmless agreement must be signed by any member who wishes to have his City and State displayed on the ribbon of the ASR backpatch.

The potential for the Confederation of Clubs, hereafter referred to as the "COC, or a motorcycle club having an issue with a backpatch color or design does exist, however as an actual motorcycle ministry, the ASR does not fall under the rules in place by the COC, MC or RC. The COC is not an international organization and each state or region does their own regulation within their region. This allows for different opinions as to how each COC use to govern that particular region. The addition of city and state on our backpatch can be viewed as a statement of territory even though we do not have a bottom rocker but a ribbon on the bottom of our patch. The ASR is a motorcycle ministry, or MM, and should not be held to any standard or rule in place for either a club or support club. We do not wear a three piece back patch nor is the ribbon on the bottom of our patch considered to be a bottom rocker.

As with any situation that can arise that could be confrontational, the ASR recommends that if you encounter a potential problem with either a MC or the COC, apologize and remove your cut to diffuse the situation and then assess whether or not to change to a Heaven Bound ribbon at that time.

Along with our backpatch, any patch produced or displayed by a member of the ASR should bear careful consideration as to the color and design in regard to other 1% clubs. We should never have a patch or color arrangement that could be mistaken for another group or club. This is why the only patches that have ASR or Azusa StreetRiders on them require an approval from the board before printing or distribution.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to protect, defend, indemnify, save and hold harmless the Azusa StreetRiders International, its officers, agents, servants and employees, including volunteers, from and against any and all claims, demands, expense and liability arising out of injury or death to any person, or the damage, loss or destruction of any property which may occur or in any way grow out of any act or omission by me, or any and all costs, expense and/or attorney fees, investigative cost, or any and all expenses incurred by me as a result of any claim, demands, and/or causes of actions arising out of my action in connection with my displaying of my city and state on the ribbon of the ASR backpatch.

The ASR has members and chapters that have great working relationships with many 1% MC's and the COC in different regions around the US. To receive respect, we must give respect. The motorcycle community is our first and most valued missionary field and our relationships must be nourished and guarded for the ASR to be successful in reaching the unsaved of that community. If you encounter a problem with our backpatch in any way, please contact the ASR board as quickly as possible to discuss the issue and solutions.