



KNIGHTS ON BIKES USA GUIDELINES

WHO WE ARE

We are Knights of Columbus (KofC) members in good standing who regularly ride motorcycles to support KofC Council and State Programs.

How we are organized.

We are organized within a diocese as defined by the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and then by each U.S. State. Each state should have an elected State President and each diocese that includes at least one member should have an elected Diocese Chairman. Knights on Bikes (KonB) INDIVIDUAL State and Diocese membership is determined by the Knights of Columbus Council to which that member belongs.

Note: it is up to each State President to define the operating titles within his state. For instance, on the diocese level, President of Diocese and Diocese Chairman are acceptable titles. It is also acceptable for the State President to appoint other positions to help in the smooth operation of his state. For instance these titles could be: State Vice President, State Vice Chairman, Road Captain, Secretary, Secretary-Treasurer, etc.

It may be advisable to confer with the appropriate Bishop, Parish Priest, KofC State Deputy, KofC District Deputy, KofC State Advocate, KonB National President, KonB National Vice President for his region for advice when naming these positions.

In addition there will be an elected U.S. National President and four National Vice Presidents (Eastern Region, Central Region, Mountain Region and Pacific Region) with limited duties and responsibilities. See Addendum 1 for states within each region. Their primary purpose will be to develop membership in state and dioceses that have little or no membership (recruitment) and to offer an opinion on issues that come up on state and diocese levels (advisory). Each National Officer may appoint other positions to help in the smooth operation of his jurisdiction.

For the purpose of brevity, this document will refer to these state and diocese positions as State President and President of Diocese.

Mission

Our mission is to support established programs within the appropriate Knights of Columbus State Council and/or local Council or Assembly with permission from the State Deputy and/or Grand Knight and/or Faithful Navigator. Examples may be: Silver Rose, Special Olympics, ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) – Pro Life, Rosary Run, Council Membership/Retention, etc.

Qualifications for Membership in Knights on Bikes U.S.A.

- Must be a member in good standing with the Knights of Columbus (possess a current membership card)
- Regularly and legally ride (licensed and insured) a motorcycle or 3-wheeled vehicle
- Register with appropriate State President and President of Diocese

- Willing to participate in sanctioned Knights on Bikes events and programs
- Be willing to purchase and wear the KonB sanctioned vest wherever appropriate

Election of Officers

Nominations and election of all KonB officers will be on the same time schedule and manner as election of KofC Council officers. All officers are voted in for a two year term. Voting will be by diocese majority for President of Diocese. Each state will determine how to elect their State president. It is suggested that each Diocese President will cast one vote for State President, reflecting the mandate of their diocesan membership. In the event of a tie, the sitting State President will vote to break the tie. For National President and National Vice Presidents there will be one vote per active diocese. It is up to the State President to determine how the voting within the Diocese should occur. All voting will be conducted online. Nominations will be made on odd numbered years between March 1 and April 30. Candidates will communicate to the membership between May 1 and May 31. Voting will occur between June 1 and June 15. Officers will assume their office on July 1.

In the event there is a vacancy in an elected position that is more than 4 months from regular elections, a special election for the position vacated will occur using the same process, time frames and procedures as the regular election for that position.

Changes to Guidelines

Each year, any motion to amend these guidelines will be submitted electronically in writing between March 1 and April 30. Consideration and local discussion will occur between May 1 and May 31. The National Officers will render a non-binding opinion on each change with a recommendation of yay, nay or no vote for each change by May 31. Each Diocese that has a President of Diocese will have 1 vote and each State that has a State President will have one vote. The State president decides how to tabulate the diocese vote by the President of the Diocese. Voting will occur between June 1 and June 15 and will be effective July 1.

Vest Guidelines

Knights on Bikes vest will be black (leather preferred) and contain the U.S. Flag, State Flag, KofC Crests and KonB Crests per Addendum 2 Vest and Dress Code Standards

Record Keeping

- It is the responsibility of each State President to maintain a list of members within his state and to periodically confirm that KonB members are members in good standing with Knights of Columbus.
- There will be no separate Knights on Bikes dues.
- Knights on Bikes at any level will not maintain any bank accounts. Any and all money will be handled by local or State Council officers per KofC Constitution and Rules.

Rallies:

Bi-annual Rally

There will be a bi-annual Knights on Bikes Rally on the odd numbered years. This will be open to all Knights on Bikes members, spouses and guests. The rally will be a celebration of accomplishments and

an opportunity for fellowship of Knights on Bikes from all over the world. The only business that should occur at this rally is a vote on where the next rally should occur.

Region, State and local Rallies

It is recommended that each Region and/or State and/or Diocese conduct a local rally when appropriate. The idea is to involve members that would/could not attend a bi-annual rally.

Addendum 1

States within Region

Eastern Region States	Central Region States	Mountain Region States	Pacific Region State
Connecticut	Alabama	Arizona	Alaska
Delaware	Arkansas	Colorado	California
Florida	Illinois	Idaho	Nevada
Georgia	Iowa	Montana	Oregon
Indiana	Kansas	New Mexico	Washington
Kentucky	Louisiana	Utah	Hawaii
Maine	Minnesota	Wyoming	
Maryland	Mississippi		
Michigan	Missouri		
New Hampshire	Nebraska		
New Jersey	North Dakota		
New York	Oklahoma		
North Carolina	South Dakota		
Ohio	Tennessee		
Pennsylvania	Texas		
Rhode Island	Wisconsin		
South Carolina			
Vermont			
Virginia			
West Virginia			

Addendum 2

Vest and Dress Code Standards

A. No member of KonB will wear the KonB Vest or Emblems at any event or situation that is not in keeping with the good of the Knights of Columbus or Knights on Bikes. The vest will be as follows:

1. Black leather, textile or cloth material.
2. On back of vest:
 - Place a gold cross between the shoulder blades
 - Place at least a 10 inch KofC Emblem of the Order under the cross.
 - No other items or patches on the back of the vest
4. Front left chest side will be a 4-inch KofC Emblem of the Order. The 4th Degree Emblem may be placed below the Emblem of the Order for Sir Knights. Past KofC patches i.e.: Past Grand Knight, Past District Deputy etc. shall be placed below these patches. If a USA flag patch is worn on the vest, it shall be situated on the left-hand side and above the KofC Patch.
5. KonB patch will be worn on the front right chest and a state flag patch shall be situated above the patch.
6. Officer or Past officer position patch rockers may be placed above or below the KonB emblem as designed.
7. Other patches may be worn that are in good keeping with the KofC Constitution and Rules of the Order.
8. Members are encouraged to wear the KonB vest as much as possible and wherever appropriate.
9. Approved Optional Patches
 - a. Please reference Ringolde (konbgear.com) our national supplier for approved patches.
 - b. Any use of the Knights of Columbus Emblems and Knights on Bikes logo will be in compliance with Constitution and By Laws of the Knights of Columbus and Guidelines of Knights on Bikes.
 - c. Silver Rose Escort Patch
 - d. Tempus Fugit/Memento Mori Patch
 - e. State patches as approved by each State President and Knights of Columbus State Deputy and shall be in keeping with the good of the Order and upon approval of the National Officers

B Official KonB dress attire for fallout or Mass should include KonB Vest, White long-sleeved shirt, black pants, black belt and black shoes or boots.

Note: All members of KonB who's vest was approved prior to these 2022 guidelines are grandfathered in until said vest is no longer serviceable/wearable.

Note: It will be the responsibility of the KonB State Officers to ensure vests and patches are within KonB Guidelines for their jurisdictions.

**Knights on Bikes Vest & Crests
Standards Graphic 1**

Approved Base Material of the KonB Vest include:
Black Leather or Black Denim Cloth or Black Textile



KonB Gold Cross
Between the shoulder blades
Large KofC Crest - 12 inch
Centered from lower part of the cross
& the bottom of the vest

No other crests may be placed on the back



Approved by majority

vote at the Bi-Annual Rally held in Branson MO on Wednesday the 7th of June 2023.