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Department of State  
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SUBJECT: BLUE KNIGHTS SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE, INC.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: ALEXANDER RAMIREZ  
Name (Printed or typed)

6770 FORREST ST.  
Address

Hollywood, FL 33024  
City, State & Zip

954 328-3591  
Daytime Telephone number

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S.,

**BLUE KNIGHTS®**  
Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club  
**SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE**  
Incorporated

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I Corporate Name

The official name of this corporation shall be the Blue Knights® Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Southern Regional Conference, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as "the Conference".

### ARTICLE II place of business

The principal place of business for the Conference shall be the residence of the duly elected Chairman and the mailing address of the corporation (Chairman) shall be 6770 Forrest Street, Hollywood, State of Florida, 33024, Broward County.

### ARTICLE III purpose of the corporation

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized shall include, but not limited to;

- a) promote open lines of communications between regional Chapters of the Blue Knights®, International LEMC, Inc.
- b) promote cooperation between all regional Chapters,
- c) assume a liaison role between the local Chapters and the Blue Knights® International LEMC, in the control and growth of the organization.
- d) Hearing and resolving issues between Regional Chapters of the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc.
- e) Assist, promote and coordinate regional charitable motorcycling functions.

#### Section 1

The geographical scope of this Conference shall consist of those states designated by the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc., which are Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the Bahamas.

#### Section 2

The organizational scope of the Conference shall be defined as a sanctioned, independent coalition of regionally chartered chapters of the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc.

#### Section 3

The Conference shall protect, endorse, promote and assist in the advertising and sale of any authorized Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc. sales item offered by a regional Chapter in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc.

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#### Section 4

All chartered member Chapters of the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc. within the geographical scope of the Conference, in good standing, Chartered by the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc., are eligible for membership.

#### Section 5

The membership dues shall consist of one dollar, (\$1.00) per member within the Conference, per annum, paid through the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc. (05/08)

### ARTICLE IV manner of election or appointment

#### Section 1

All Executive Board members shall be elected by majority vote of the Chapter Presidents, or their written delegates, at the Annual meeting of every odd numbered year. The Executive Board of the Conference shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, hereinafter referred to as, "the Executive Board", of the Conference. The elected International Representative shall attend the Executive Board meetings in an advisory capacity. All Conference officers shall be acutely aware of their responsibility to assume the posture of the office and be cognizant of the overall group they represent in their actions and the positions they express in public.

#### Section 2

The Duties of the Chairman shall include, but not limited to;

- a. Preside over all Conference Meetings,
- b. Compile the agenda from inputs supplied from the Chapter Presidents to the Conference Secretary,
- c. to represent, or appoint representation, of the Conference at any attended Blue Knights® function. Appointed representatives shall stem from the Vice Chairman, to the Secretary, the Treasurer, the International Representative, to any regional Chapter President, or member of a Chapter Executive Board, in that order. ~~Lacking any of the above, a member may be appointed by the Conference Chairman from any Chapter within the region only by majority approval of all regional Chapters contacted. This approval may be by telephone or mail out vote. If all Chapters may not be contacted, a majority of the Chapters within the Conference must be contacted to vote.~~
- d. On any major issue affecting the Conference, the Chairman will make every effort to solicit the input of all Chapter Presidents before deciding a course of action. If circumstances or timelines prevent that input, the Chairman will consider the scope of the Conference and base his decision in the best interest of the membership in good faith. All Chapters shall be notified within a reasonable time of any such decisions.
- e. Oversee and provide input in all sub-committees, except the nominating committee.
- f. Subject to impeachment by a majority vote of all Chapter Presidents, or their designees, in the event of termination of membership in the Blue Knights® International, LEMC, or proven allegations of misconduct, or violations of the provisions of his duties.

#### Section 3

The Duties of the Vice Chairman shall include, but not limited to;

- a. To assume the duties of the Chairman, as listed above, in the Chairman's absence, in the event of extended illness, or death.
- b. To preside over impeachment hearings of the Chairman,
- c. To oversee and receive all sub-committee reports,

- d. To supply primary input on issues affecting the Conference and assist the Chairman in compiling input from the regional Chapter Presidents,
- e. Subject to impeachment by a majority vote of all Chapter Presidents, or their designees, in the event of termination of membership in the Blue Knights® International, LEMC, or proven allegations of misconduct, or violations of the provisions of his duties.

#### Section 4

The duties of the Secretary shall include, but not limited to;

- a. Compile, store, retain and safeguard all records of the Conference for availability to all Chapter Presidents or their designees
- b. Keep and maintain records and minutes of each Conference meeting. To compile and distribute this information within thirty days of the regularly scheduled bi-annual meeting to; all Chapter Presidents, the Blue Knights® International LEMC Headquarters, other Regional Conference Secretary(s), the Conference Newsletter Editor, the Editors of other Conference(s) Newsletters.
- c. To keep Chapter Presidents apprised of all changes,
- d. Generally to act as a central focal point of information concerning the Conference and its activities.
- e. Subject to impeachment by a majority vote of all Chapter Presidents, or their designees, in the event of termination of membership in the Blue Knights® International, LEMC, or proven allegations of misconduct, or violations of the provisions of his duties.
- f. Will report the election results to the Secretary of State, listing the title, names and address' of the Conference Officers and amend the Constitution & By-laws.

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See ARTICLE V added Pursuant to F.S.S. 617.

05/08

#### Section 5

The duties of the Treasurer shall include, but not limited to;

- a. To maintain the records of all income and expenses and file a report to the Annual Meeting of the Conference.
- b. Subject to impeachment by a majority vote of all Chapter Presidents, or their designees, in the event of termination of membership in the Blue Knights® International, LEMC, or proven allegations of misconduct, or violations of the provisions of his duties.

#### Section 6

The duties of the Conference Newsletter editor shall include, but not limited to;

- a. To solicit, receive, compile and distribute information from the Chapters within the Conference, the Conference Executives, other Conferences, or any sources that would help communications between brother Blue Knights®.
- b. List all activities that may be of interest to Blue Knights®, including rides & meetings.
- c. Keep the Chairman and the Executive Board advised of any proposed changes, delays or any other information that would affect the operation of the Conference Newsletter.

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## Section 7

The duties of the Conference International Representative shall include, but not limited to;

- a. To represent the interests and concerns of the Conference on the Executive Board of the International Blue Knights®.
- b. To act as a liason in the resolution of International or intra-Conference matters involving local Chapters or individual members.
- c. To advise the Conference Executives on all matters pertaining to the administration of the Conference.
- d. Subject to impeachment by a majority vote of all Chapter Presidents, or their designees, in the event of termination of membership in the Blue Knights® International, LEMC, or proven allegations of misconduct, or violations of the provisions of his duties.

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## ARTICLE V Names, Addresses and Title of Officers

NOTE: Pursuant to F.S.S. 119.07(i)1: the addresses of current and retired law enforcement officers are exempt from public records disclosure.

The names, addresses and titles of the elected officers of the Southern Regional Conference, Inc. are published and available through electronic, magnetic, digital and internet mediums.

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## ARTICLE VI Initial registered Agent and street address

The initial registered agent shall be:

Alexander Ramirez, residing at 6770 Forrest Street, Hollywood, Florida 33024, Broward County. Pursuant to F.S.S. 617., I will accept service of process for the above corporation at the listed address. I have signed the certificate accepting the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

05/08

## ARTICLE VII Incorporator

The incorporator is Alexander Ramirez, residing at 6770 Forrest Street, Hollywood, Florida 33024, Broward County.

## ARTICLE VIII Meetings

### Section 1 (Meeting Dates)

The Conference shall schedule the Annual (Fall) Meeting in the month of October each year and meet annually in the (Spring) month of April. The first recorded meeting was October 23, 1982.

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### Section 2 (Meeting places)

The meeting place of the Conference shall be geographically rotated to encourage the participation of as many members as possible. At the conclusion of each Annual Meeting, the next two meeting sites will be selected announced.

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**Section 3** (Quorum)

A quorum to conduct business at the regularly scheduled Conference meeting shall be a body consisting of the Chapters represented at the meeting. (10/84) Those representatives holding quorum status representing a Chapter should be the elected President, or member of the standing Executive Board of that Chapter. In the absence of an official delegate to the Conference Meeting, any regular member, with a letter of authorization signed by the Chapter President, may act as a delegate for his or her Chapter. Each Chapter shall be entitled to two (2) delegates, who shall collectively represent one vote, as to each matter presented at the Conference Meeting. Any member in attendance may voice the needs of a member Chapter, but may not vote or disrupt the matters concerning the overall Conference meeting.

**Article IX** (Constitutional Amendments & changes)

**Section 1** (Constitutional Amendments & changes)

Once the Constitution and By-Laws are accepted by representative vote of all Chapters, any alterations and amendments thereto shall be presented at the annual meeting and subject to passage by the majority vote of the membership present at the following meeting. (05/08) On issues of major importance affecting all Blue Knights®, the Conference may enlist the input of the International Headquarters and/or deliver the issue for a vote of all Chapter members within the Conference. Any proposed amendments to the Constitution must be delivered to the Conference Secretary at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

**Section 2** (Conflicts)

The Constitution of the Southern Regional Conference is herein drafted as an administrative guide of the organization and not designed to supersede the laws of the United States within the boundaries of the Conference, as set forth by the Blue Knights® International. Wherein any provisions, now or in the future, conflict with State Laws, the latter will prevail. In all matters not herein specifically cited, the International Constitution & By-laws, and Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail in the guidance of the Conference. (05/08)

BE IT KNOWN to all members of the Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club that the Southern Regional Conference herein publishes it's Constitution & By-laws effective February, 2008.

Alexander Ramirez 2/23/08  
Alexander Ramirez, Chairman Date

William Solen 2/25/08  
William Solen, Treasurer Date

*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.*

Alexander Ramirez ALEXANDER RAMIREZ FEB 23, 2008  
Signature/Registered Agent Date

Alexander Ramirez ALEXANDER RAMIREZ FEB. 23, 2008  
Signature/Incorporator Date