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### **Basic Information**

#### **What is the BONE Motorcycle Ministry?**

The Brotherhood Of No Excuses Motorcycle Ministry, also known as BONE Motorcycle Ministry, was founded in 2011 by four lost and broken men. These men saw a desperate need for community, fellowship, and accountability. The BONE Motorcycle Ministry is **not** a motorcycle club, riding group, or association. Rather, we are a biblical brotherhood that uses motorcycles in the continual service of each other and those in need.

#### **What is membership?**

Are you ready to serve, lead, and grow?

Membership in the BONE Motorcycle Ministry is an incredibly rewarding experience. From doctors and lawyers to former alcoholics and ex-convicts, our members vary in ages, experiences, and testimonies. Membership allows for the entrance into a true biblical brotherhood. As a member, you are immersed in an environment of growth and accountability while you fellowship with others through the common love of motorcycles.

#### **What are the basic requirements of membership?**

1. Be of the professed Christian faith.
2. Be male.
3. Be at least eighteen years of age.
4. Not be a current member of another motorcycle club or motorcycle ministry.
5. Be a regular attendee of a church.

#### **Motorcycle Rider vs. Non-Motorcycle Rider**

Because we are a motorcycle ministry, we have certain requirements for membership. In addition to the basic requirements listed above, to qualify for Full or Associate membership, you must ride a motorcycle.

However, do not be discouraged if you do not ride a motorcycle. The BONE Motorcycle Ministry offers a unique Support membership. This membership is for individuals that desire brotherhood and display a commitment to BONE, even though they do not ride a motorcycle. In fact, Support Members even receive a vest with patches to signify their membership in the BONE Motorcycle Ministry.

Additional information regarding the abilities and limitations of each membership type can be discussed with the chapter Vice President.

#### **How do I become a Member?**

Becoming a Member of the BONE Motorcycle Ministry is not an easy or immediate process. Membership requires commitment, dedication, and hard work. Overall, membership is a multistep process that takes time and devotion.

The BONE Motorcycle Ministry does not approach or invite people to become members of this ministry. We desire for individuals to display a genuine interest in membership and inquire on their own. The BONE Motorcycle Ministry uses a three-step process for membership. This policy protects the ministry and ensures members are only those who truly seek brotherhood.

Each step is outlined and discussed in greater detail within this document. However, trust us when we say the hard work is definitely worth it!

## Step 1: Hangaround

### Your Time as a Hangaround

Your time as a Hangaround is literally what it sounds like: you hang around. As a Hangaround you are invited to attend and participate in our events. This includes, but is not limited to, rides, charitable events, bible studies, and fellowships. If you already know that you are interested in membership, then it is important that attend ministry events. In other words, during your time as a Hangaround, you should make every effort to be in attendance and be seen at our events.

The BONE Motorcycle Ministry requires individuals to be a Hangaround for a minimum of six months.

### “Why do I have to be a Hangaround for six months?”

That is a great question.

We require you to be a Hangaround for a minimum of six months so that you get a chance to know us while we get a chance to know you. This period is also designed to ensure that you are committed to this ministry. Furthermore, this stipulation is intended to protect BONE’s name and integrity. We take this seriously because individuals who are accepted into the Discipleship Program will wear a patch that represents this ministry.

Please be aware that it is your responsibility to inquire about Discipleship.

### What happens next?

Once you have been in **constant** attendance for a minimum of six months, you may then be considered eligible for our Discipleship Program. Please understand that satisfying the six-month eligibility requirement does not guarantee entrance into the Discipleship Program.

The foremost requirement for becoming a Disciple is simply showing genuine interest, commitment, and passion for the BONE Motorcycle Ministry. Upon showing commitment and completing the required Hangaround period, you can complete the Discipleship Program application. This application may be obtained from the chapter Vice President. Once again, it is your responsibility to inquire about eligibility.

## Step 2: Discipleship

### Life as a Disciple

Before you can put on the ministry vest and call yourself a member of the BONE Motorcycle Ministry, you must first complete the Discipleship Program. Since this ministry is not a motorcycle club, we do not follow the traditional, “prospect” period. Instead of a prospecting period, we have a Discipleship Program. This program is intended to allow you to see the inner-workings of the BONE Motorcycle Ministry. Interestingly, the Discipleship Program is uniquely designed to meet the needs of each individual.

Furthermore, we require individuals to serve as a Disciple for a minimum of nine months before they can be considered for membership.

### The Process

As a Disciple, you will be partnered with a Member who will serve as your Advocate. Your Advocate will be your source of contact and mentorship throughout this informational and interactive period. Additionally, you will be provided ministry patches to be worn on a black leather or denim vest signifying your status as a Disciple. In addition to the vest, you will be permitted to attend business meetings and receive priority status on events. Overall, the Discipleship Program is intended to teach you what we believe in and stand for as a ministry.

As part of the Discipleship Program, you will learn our governing documents (constitution/bylaws, commitments, and resolution). Additionally, you will witness first-hand how we operate and function as a ministry. This period is intended to ensure that you understand the commitments and responsibilities of membership.

## **Step 3: Membership**

### **Next Stop ... Membership!**

At the end of your discipleship period, your Advocate will meet with the chapter membership on your behalf. In order to become a Member, the chapter membership must unanimously vote to accept you.

Upon a chapter's unanimous approval, you will then participate in a formal patch-in ceremony. This ceremony is extremely special and important because it is an outward expression of your newfound status as a member of the BONE Motorcycle Ministry!

### **What membership types does the BONE Motorcycle Ministry offer?**

During the Discipleship Program, you will work with your Advocate to determine which membership classification best suits you. The BONE Motorcycle Ministry currently offers four membership types: Full, Support, Associate, and Honorary.

## **Questions or Concerns?**

### **Join us and discover biblical brotherhood!**

We understand the process of membership is a long one, but the reward for commitment is well worth the work and wait. If you are interested in membership, we encourage you to contact [info@boneministry.com](mailto:info@boneministry.com) for additional information.

### **Questions or Concerns?**

If you are still confused or unsure about any portion of this document, please contact your chapter Vice President.

In addition, you can also contact [info@boneministry.com](mailto:info@boneministry.com) for any questions.

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