

Empire City Motorcycle

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> AMA CHARTER 1365 FOUNDED 1964

January 27, 1983

Under The Trees 314 Bleecker Street New York, N. Y. 10014

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check No. 242 in the amount of \$200.00 representing a deposit torwards our installation dinner for approximately thirty guests, to be held at your restaurant on Monday February 7th.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours very truly,

EMPIRE CITY MOTORCYCLE CLUB

empire city motorcycle club

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TO: MEMBERSHIP

FROM: DAN MAGEE, PRESIDENT

DATE: 3/9/83

SUBJECT: NYC CITY COUNCIL "INTRO # 17"

Please read the enclosed correspondence from the American Motorcyclist Association. It concerns us all.

I suggest you write Council President Bellamy and, if you are represented by any member of the committee, that member. The members of the committee are:

Samuel Horowitz
Ruth Messenger (Member-at-large)
June Eisland
Steven Orland
Noach Dear
Fernando Ferrer
Anthony Giacobe
Henry Stern (Member-at-large)

It would be useful to note in your letter, in addition to the suggestions from the AMA that, under New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, sections 375-31a and 381-11, it is already illegal to alter or remove mufflers or to install "straight pipes" (the kind that make the most noise).

If you have any questions, please call me @ 962-2503.



P.O. Box 141, Westerville, Ohio 43081

Telephone (614) 891-2425

Telex: 245392

March 3, 1983

Mr. Daniel Magee 80 N. Moore St., Apt. 31E New York, NY 10013

Dear Mr. Magee:

For New York motorcyclists, there's trouble on the horizon, and if AMA members don't act quickly, we will again be faced with a bike ban in New York City. Read over the enclosed News Release. You'll notice the ban, or more correctly a curfew, is the carbon copy of a bill in 1978 to ban motorcycles on residential streets between 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. We beat it then, but we may not be so lucky this time.

The bill has sponsors that are among the most influential on the Council, and we are certain the sponsors are serious in their intent. It is imperative we act to be sure our voices are heard in opposition to "Intro #11." You should note in your letter that we are still in favor of a quiet city and freedom from noise. Thus, if the problem is noise, Council should be going after noisy motor vehicles with existing laws, not just all motorcycles without reference to who and why.

You should write Council President Carol Bellamy at the address listed below and send a copy to your own Council member or state Representative. Some AMA clubs are already acting and a few letters have already arrived in Council mailboxes. Let's make sure they hear from each and every AMA member in the area.

Sincerely yours,

Gary Winn, Manager Legislative Affairs Government Relations

GW: tm

Council President Carol Bellamy New York City Council

State Capital

Albany, NY 10007

GRD 83-02

Contact Matt Benson (614) 891-2425

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 1, 1982

NEW YORK REVIVES BIKE BAN PROPOSAL

NEW YORK CITY -- In a repeat of a 1978 attempt, the New York City Council is once again proposing a nighttime ban of motorcycles from the city's residential streets, including some commercial thoroughfares as well.

The blatantly discriminatory bill, Council Bill 11, was quietly introduced December 14, 1982, and is sponsored by eight city lawmakers. They are council members Jerry Crispino, Herbert Berman, Noah Dear, Aileen Ryan, Walter Ward, Enoch Williams, Pirscilla Wooten and Jack Muratori. If enacted, the legislation would prohibit motorcycles from operating on many streets from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m.

The bill also is designed to entrap unknowing riders. If passed, the legislation would take effect immediately. However, the city would not be required to post warning signs for 60 days after the bill's passage. Such a stipulation would appear to do nothing but bolster city coffers with funds from traffic fines.

Currently before the council's transportation committee, Council Bill ll has not yet had a public hearing. Observers, however, feel that in keeping with the almost secretive tone of the bill, a hearing could be called with a minimum of public notice.

Legislation clearing the way for a New York bike ban was hurried through the state legislature in 1978, followed by city legislation almost identical to Council Bill 11. The participation of New York motorcyclists kept the 1978 bill from becoming law, and that participation is needed once again.

Due to the implications that a ban of motorcycles in one of our nation's largest cities would have, the American Motorcyclist Association urges riders all across the country to write in protest of the bike ban proposal. Letters should be addressed to Carol Bellamy, President, New York City Council, City Hall, New York, NY 10007.

Dear Ed,

Sorry to hear last night that you were in the hospital for a minor operation. Hope that by the time you receive this you will be recovered and at home.

Received your slips for expenses amounting to \$13.19. Believe I gave you a check for this at the Feb. 16th meeting (I did not make a record of it). If not, I apologize, and please call me.

Thanks also for your check for \$30.00 to cover two tickets to the circus event.

At this time I'm trying to get in contact with Hal about what procedure he is taking, have not seen him for some time at meetings - I missed the last one. At any rate, it will be straightened out by the next meeting, at which I look forward to seeing you - completely recovered. Hope you had a Happy St. Paddy's Day anyway.

Regards,

Emil

March 23, 1983

Mr. Emil Solis 773 Concourse Village East #16C The Bronx, NY 10451

Dear Emil:

I just spoke with Dan Magee. He has informed me that you are now unable to attend the Spartan MC 15th Anniversary on April 8-10. I am very sorry to hear that. However, Charlie Savage has applied to come; but he applied after we reached our sold-out cut off number. Dan suggested that Charlie take your already confirmed place on the Anniversary.

I am writing to inform you that Charlie Savage will be coming in your place. Since you were coming as our invited guest, he will be coming in that capacity. Therefore we have returned his check to him. This is also to inform you that the confirmation letter you have already received from us is being transferred from your name to Charlie's. I hope that all this is all right. If you have any questions, please call either Dan Magee or myself.

In brotherhood,

Paul Rose

President, Spartan MC



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> AMA CHARTER 1565 FOUNDED 1964

April 4, 1983

Spartan Motorcycle Club 458 L'Enfant Plaza P. O. Box 23832 Washington, D. C. 20024

Att: Mr. Paul Rose, President

Dear Paul,

Thanks very much for your letter of March 23rd. I do appreciate your taking the time to write about a matter that you should not have been bothered with, and which should have been straightened out at this end.

At any rate, I have already turned over the confirmation package I received from your club, to Charlie Savage, who is now going in my place. My apologies for the inconvenience.

I am really very sorry that I'll miss this important Spartan event, but I just have too much to do both at home and work to take off three days right now. I still remember the very first Spartan run back in 1969, and for a number of years I attended every summer run. Nevertheless, I intend to join the rest of Empire City for the weekend you have planned in July.

My congratulations to the Spartans on this 15th anniversary, and may there be many more years.

With best wishes for the success of the anniversary.

In brotherhood,

Emil Solis, Treasurer, Empire City MC.



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AMA CHARTER 1365 FOUNDED 1964

April 7, 1983

Mr. George Stein 5 Pearl Ave. White Plains, N.Y. 10604

Dear George:

Many thanks for your check in the amount of \$105.00 to cover the following:

Dues - 1 Year \$ 60.00 3 - Circus Tickets \$ 45.00 \$105.00

I am enclosing three circus tickets, numbered:

310 L 1 310 L 2 310 L 3

Sincerely,

Empire City M/C

Emil Solis, Treas.



PONTIFICAL MASS
in memory and for the repose
of the soul of
RICHARD KJELLAND

April 16th, 1983

CELEBRANT: Archbishop Robert M. Clement
EULOGIST: Roy Irving
ORGANIST: Jim Leaffe

ORDER OF SERVICE:

PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR
GREETING OF BENEDICTION
VESPERS FOR THE DEPARTED
PROPHECY
EPISTLE
GOSPEL
EULOGY
THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
THE CREED
OFFERTORY PROCESSION OF THE BREAD AND WINE
THE RECITATION OF THE NAMES AND THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEPARTED
THE KISS OF PEACE

The ushers will pass the Kiss of Peace to you during the Mass. This is an ancient custom of the Church that we have revived. It is done by kissing or pressing the cheeks together and saying, "The Lord be with you." the response is "And with your spirit." By doing so we indicate that we have put aside all negative feelings toward each other.

PRAEFATIO
CONSECRATION
THE LORD'S PRAYER
COMMUNION

There are no restrictions placed in your way if you wish to receive Holy Communion. God does not restrict His Love to anyone. You need only feel within your heart the desire to receive God, and He will welcome you at His holy table.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS
ABSOLUTION FOR THE DEPARTED
THE DISMISSAL AND FINAL BLESSING



VANGUARDS M.C. INC.

Post Office Box 2308 Phila., Pa. 19103

July 8, 1983

Dear Brothers:

As we all know, a new disease has entered our lives. This disease was originally called "The Gay Plague" and is now known as "Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome" (AIDS). It is killing our friends, our lovers and our brothers in the community around us. This life threatening problem has now stepped out of the closet and is bringing suffering and destru--ction to all who stray into its path.

The battle is on to beat AIDS. The Federal Government is slowly dribbling funds out to help win the war. These funds are primarily for research and not a penny is going to help the victims of this dreaded disease. These people need funds to help pay for their basic necessities: food, shelter, etc..

This Vanguard Anniversary Year, the Vanguards are not asking for cocktail parties or program ads. We are asking that you come and enjoy yourselves and for a few of you to assist in the entertainment. This is our 14th Anniversary Celebration. We also ask that your organization and your individual members consider making a donation to assist these AIDS victims.

What are the Vanguards doing? Well, this year we did not have our traditional "Vanities" from which funds would be donated out of the net proceeds. Instead, from our own treasury, we will match dollar for dollar up to a total of \$500 in combined gifts. This means that if we are able to collect a total of at least \$500, the Vanguards will donate \$500 and the combined monies will be at least \$1000.

We believe that these contributions will help to alleviate a little of the heavy financial burden of some of the AIDS victims. Remember the old saying "God helps those who help themselves"? Well not all are able to help themselves. We can help them and we must! God will do the rest.

Isn't this what "Brotherhood" is all about?

Please send all contributions to: "AIDS Victims" c/o The Vanguards M.C. Inc. P.O. Box 2308 Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

The clubs and individuals whose contributions have been received and the total monies raised, will be announced at our 14th Anniversary Dinner.

In Brotherhood,

Joe Russo, Captain

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August 21, 1983

TO: MEMBERSHIP

FROM: Dan Magee

SUBJECT: 20th Anniversary Celebration Proposal

Please read the enclosed proposal submitted by the 20th Anniversary Celebration Committee. This committee has worked hard to develop a plan for a number of events for the 20th anniversary year that they feel are both exciting and feasible.

Plan now to attend the September 7th meeting at Ken Keyser's house. The proposal will be discussed and voted on at this meeting. Bring your questions, concerns and comments. Remember that this proposal is a broad outline of the events planned and is subject both to your approval and suggestions for improvement. Your participation in the decision-making process is very important because it will impact the direction and scope of our plans for the next year.

Be there 9/7 and be prepared to vote on this issue.



EMPIRE CITY MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC.

GPO BOX 2543 NEW YORK, N.Y. 10116 October 5, 1983

"AIDS Victims" c/o The Vanguards M.C., Inc. P. O. Box 2308 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Gentlemen:

In response to your drive to collect money to help AIDS victims, we are pleased to enclose herewith our contribution of \$35.00. We commend you for this undertaking, and wish you success with your lith Anniversary Dinner. Congratulations.

Yours in Brotherhood,

EMPIRE CITY MOTORCYCLE CLUB



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GPO BOX 2543 NEW YORK, N.Y. 10116

October 5, 1983

Wheels M.C. c/o Mr. Norman Oppenheimer Apt. 15-G 280 Ninth Avenue New York, N. Y. 10001

Dear Norman,

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$25.00 to cover our fuul-page ad in the June, 1983 issue of "Tread".

Please accept our apologies for the delay in sending you this.

It's been a hot summer, and I'm finally getting around to clearing up some club business.

Yours in Brotherhood,

EMPIRE CITY MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC.

Dear Fernando,

Like the other Empire City members, I received from you a copy of your letter to the club regarding the fact that your application for membership was voted down. Since I have known you for a long time, including the time you were in the club and during your presidency in 1970, I feel that I owe you a personal reply, and regret that due to other pressures I have not been able to send you one sooner.

I would like to begin by saying that I was surprised and dismayed to find that three or more members voted negatively. Under the constitution, the ballot is secret, and a negative vote of three or more constitutes rejection.

During the discussion of your membership, it was mentioned by several members that they had not gotten to know you at all during the pledge period - you either made no attempt to talk to most members, or else, when approached, did not respond in a friendly manner.

Contrary to some clubs whose membership has remained almost intact over the years, our club has grown in a different way in that even though many members of the early years resigned, we have nevertheless had a constant influx of new members who have come in with new ideas and enthusiasm.

These new members, for the most part in their late 20's and early 30's, upon entering the club had been totally unfamiliar with the leather/levi club scene as we know it. Consequently, many of them do not know you, nor have they seen any of your movies or photos.

Fernando, another reason I am sending you this personal letter is that in my contacts with you I have noticed that you appear to have the same problem I have had for years - shyness. Unfortunately, most people perceive those who are retiring, quiet, etc. as antisocial, and wonder why they are being ignored, instead of recognizing the problem. Early this year I decided to do something about it, and went into therapy, both group and private, which was difficult, especially the grouppart, but it opened my eyes as to what others think of those of us who wait for others to approach us first. Though by no means cured, I have made some progress.

As you are aware, the club is having its 19th Anniversay Dinner at Under the Trees on Monday, October 10th - 7 PM. From what I understand, you have not yet responded to the club's invitation, but I would very much like you to come as my guest. As you know, even though you were rejected, you can again apply for membership, and your presence at the event will enable the others there to get to know you, as it is the right atmosphere.

I am not showing this letter to anyone in the club, nor will I say anything about it, this is just between you and me. But I do wish you would think about what I said, make an effort to get to know the guys, and re-apply for membership. Please feel free to call me at 538-0690. I know it is difficult, but some action on your part will be of benefit to yourself.

Sincerely,

Emil

Dear Emil:

Thank you for your personal interest, even thou is six moths late. I do not need to have my day spoiled, the first thing in the morning, by the kind of Letter you wrote. None of your members showed any interest in getting to know me. I was never approached by any of them. As to the claim that when spoken to; I "did not respond in a friendly manner", does not surprise me. Some of your members will perjury themself. If you want to know what I mean ask Frank Olson. One of your members, positively said, that he approached me and asked me to do something during your Christmas party last year and I refused. Well, I proved to Frank Olson, with photo copies that I was not in the country at the time. So do not be so quick to believe just because they belong to the same club. As far as I am concerned, the issue is closed. Empire (ity has turnned me off clubs. We have known each other for many years. If you know me at all, I am very polite, good manner, never talk about others in a derogatory way, I have a college education and come from a prominent family and I am certainly not antisocial. In reference to your problem, I am very happy for you. I hope you get a medal for your courage. I do not consider myself timid at all. I speak my mind when it is necessary. Thank for your unwanted advice, but I do not need any therapy. I know myself pretty well and most important I am very happy. I do what I please, travel whenever I want and stay away as long as I want. I try to keep my life private and like to be alone most of the time. You can call my behavior anything you like. As far as xxxxxxxx showing your letter or the answer to it, I could not care less. In other words, I do not give a damn.

Fernando Ascencio

October 13, 1983

Dear Brothers:

To achieve the broadest possible mailing list for our 20th and to inform formally all past members, I ask each of you to jog your memory and get out your old address book, as well as your new one, and send in to us a listing of address (phone also if available) of all past members you know about or even suspect.

We will edit the list so don't worry if some other brother may have a more current address. We will cross check all duplications.

If all of us cooperate we just might pull together a roster of all past members.

If you can, mail the list to Brugh in the envelope provided. Try to mail by October 24th, if you can't please bring it to the 1st meeting in November.

Thanks for your effort,

John A. Lawrence

November 17, 1983

Mr. Ken Keyser 137 West 85th St. New York, N. Y. 10024

Dear Ken,

This is to acknowledge with sincere thanks your check in the amount of \$150.00, representing an advance to the club's twentieth anniversary fund.

Your advance is being used for the prepayment of goods and services in connection with next year's planned events.

As proceeds from the advance sale of tickets are received, refunds will be made to club members who, like yourself, were kind enough to make loans to the anniversary fund.

Sincerely,

EMPIRE CITY MOTORCYCLE CLUB

November 17, 1983

Mr. Ed Bresnahan 104 Perry St. New York, N. Y. 10014

Dear Ed,

This is to acknowledge with sincere thanks your check in the amount of \$200.00, representing an advance to the club's twentieth anniversary fund.

Your advance is being used for the pre-payment of goods and services for next year's planned events.

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Sincerely,

EMPIRE CITY MOTORCYCLE CLUB

November 17, 1983

Mr. Ron Buchanan 101 Maple Street Weehawken, N. J. 07087

Dear Ron,

This is to acknowledge with sincere thanks your check in the amount of \$500.00 representing an advance to the club's twentieth anniversary fund.

Your advance is being used for pre-payment of goods and services for next year's planned events.

As proceeds from the advance sale of tickets are received, refunds will be made to club members who like yourself were kind enough to loan money to the anniversary fund.

Sincerely,

EMPIRE CITY MOTORCYCLE CLUB

November 17, 1983

Mr. Robert Pierce 117 Perry St. New York, N. Y. 10014

Dear Bob,

This is to acknowledge with sincere thanks your check in the amount of \$150.00, representing an advance to the club's twentieth anniversary fund.

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Sincerely,

EMPIRE CITY MOTORCYCLE CLUB

November 17, 1983

Mr. John Lawrence 27-PH 240 East 27th St. New York, N. Y. 10016

Dear John,

This is to acknowledge with sincere thanks your check in the amount of \$100.00 representing an advance to the club's twentieth anniversary fund.

Your advance is being used for the pre-payment of goods and services for next year's planned events.

As proceeds from the advance sale of tickets are received, refunds will be made to club members who, like yourself, were kind enough to make loans to the anniversary fund.

Sincerely,

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November 17, 1983

Mr. Frank Olson 148 West 72nd St. New York, N. Y. 10023

Dear Frank,

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Sincerely,

EMPIRE CITY MOTORCYCLE CLUB



December , 1983

Dear

Many thanks for your advance order for one ticket - together with remittance of \$15.00 - to our Christmas Party.

The party will be held at the SPIKE (11th Ave. & 20th St.) on Saturday, December 10th, from 6:30 to 11:00 P. M.

This is our 20th Annual Christmas Party. As has been our custom since 1969, we will be collecting Christmas gifts for the children of the Graham-Windham Home, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. The home was originally established in Greenwich Village in the 1830's. One of the founders was Alexander Hamilton's widow Elizabeth.

Most of the children are teenagers, so gifts for this age group are suggested. Also, they need not be gift-wrapped if you prefer, but please indicate age and sex (M-F) on the outside.

We will be serving a traditional holiday buffet supper consisting of turkey and all the trimmings.

No entry ticket is necessary. Your name and advance payment have been recorded.

Thanks again for your response. We look forward to seeing you.

With the greetings of the season,

EMPIRE CITY MOTORCYCLE CLUB



December 27, 1983

Mr. Dennis Conroy WhC Church St. East Hartford, Conn. 06108

Dear Dennis,

Many thanks for your contribution of \$10.00 torwards our Christmas Gift Drive for the Graham-Windham Home for Cildren at Hastings-on Hudson, N. Y.

Your contribution has been turned over to the home.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Yours in Brotherhood,

FMPIRE CITY MOTORCYCLE CLWB

John A. Lawrence 240 East 27th St. New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Brothers,

I had a great time at our intimate 19th Anniversary and I am looking forward to our big bash next year. At the next meeting I will bring you all up to date on the 20th, as we are moving ahead on all fronts.

Our invitation and announcements are in process and hopefully by the 19th we will have them ready, so you can see them. The printing will all be at no charge but the stock will cost, also mailing of these will be measurable as we are using several <u>national and local</u> mailing lists. Our treasury has some funds in it, but could be wiped out by the mailing costs.

We are taking a gamble by asking for a pre-registration fee of \$10.00. I don't know how it will be received, hopefully favorably. 100 positive responses will be \$1,000.00, so we don't wipe out our treasury. I am asking those of us who pledged advance money to try and come up with some of the front money now. If each who pledged could bring a check or cash for \$150.00 or whatever possible to the meeting on the 19th we will be off and running for our 20th.

At the 19th, I will bring up again for your review the money raising possibility thru Club Scene. There has been a lot of ambivilant feeling towards this proposal, so on the 19th we can discuss it further.

You all have given me real positive energy towards our coming events.

Working together it will be year full of hot and happy memories.

See you on the 19th.

Fraternally

John Al Lawrence

empire city motorcycle club

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I am writing to express my opposition to Intro# 11, the bill to ban motorcycles on residential streets from 9 P.M. to 8 A.M.

While I am in favor of a quiet city and freedom from noise, I feel this legislation is unwarranted and discriminatory. Under the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, a motorcyclist whose motorcycle is unduly loud may receive a summons for violation of Section 381-11, which prohibits alteration, removal of or replacement with other than comparable exhaust systems. Section 375-31a prohibits sale, use or installation of "straight pipes" (exhaust systems without mufflers). Since motorcycles must now meet Federal noise standards and are, in general, as quiet as automobiles, this bill would be duplicating already existing statutes.

This bill also discriminates against motorcyclists, by depriving them of the use of thoroughfares supported by their taxes and registration fees. I hope that you will oppose enactment of this legislation.

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