

Prayer for a Motorcycle Christening and Blessing

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures; Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly. For it is out of the fossil fuels in existence at the beginning of our times, together with the machine work of our hands that we have created the motorcycle.

O God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel on Bike and Road; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through your grace.

Reader:

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; praise Him and magnify Him forever.

People:

O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; praise Him and magnify Him forever.

Reader:

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord.

People:

O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.

All:

O ye creations of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; all motorcycle riders praise Him and magnify Him forever. Amen.

EMPIRE CITY
MOTORCYCLE CLUB





Prayer 1 (Christian)

I name this motorcycle _____, thus blessing it in the Name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, from whom everything in heaven and earth is named, grant your blessing upon this motorcycle and its rider. May safety and Joy travel with them wherever they may go. Protect them in the hollow of your hand.

May God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit Bless and Keep you now and always.



Prayer 2 (Jewish)

I name this motorcycle _____, by this naming I dedicate this motorcycle and its owner to the Glory of the Lord.

O Lord, how many are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. (Psalm 104:25-29)

Bless this motorcycle and protect its rider that your name may be glorified and your creation made new to him who rides.

Bless the Lord, o my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.



Prayer 3 (General)

I name this motorcycle _____, thus blessing it in the Name of the Creator. May this be a sign of joy in God's creation and of hope for protection and safety as you travel. May the winds of the Spirit of God strengthen you and give you joy because of His works and wonders.

Blessed be the Creator! Hallelujah!



General Blessing

(For bikes which have already been Christened or Named. May be repeated as often as desired.)

Bless O Lord this motorcycle _____, may it be an instrument of your grace showing forth the beauty of your creation with its strength and safety. Bless too he who rides that your spirit may be glorified.

I Bless you in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

(or)

I Bless you in the Name of the Lord.

(or)

I Bless you in the Name of the one who Creates.

OUR HISTORY & MISSION STATEMENT

Empire City Motorcycle Club, Inc. of New York City, was founded by a group of twelve motorcycle riders in October, 1964 as a motorcycle owner/rider club. It is the oldest ongoing gay organization east of the Rockies and continues to be a vital part of the gay community in the New York Metropolitan area.

Club events actively promote both the sport of motorcycling and brotherhood in our community. Group rides, scheduled throughout the riding season, provide the opportunity to explore regional riding venues and to enjoy the comradery of the group experience. Social events are held to both bring the members of the organization closer together and to help others to get to know the membership.

As part of the ongoing commitment to safety, Empire City Motorcycle Club has sponsored and participated in Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider training programs. Our group rides, led by our Road Captain, always emphasize safe group riding techniques.

There are two major events in the Empire City Motorcycle Club's annual social calendar. The Bikers' Picnic, held annually since 1969 around Memorial Day, is open to all motorcycle operators and their buddy riders free of charge to the participants as Empire City's gift to its friends and supporters. In recent years, the evening before the Bikers' Picnic has been designated as the Bike Christening/Blessing where we call on a Higher Power to watch over riders and machines. Our Christmas Party, an annual event since 1964, is an event designed to celebrate the joy of the holiday season and to share that joy in the form of a "Toys for Tots" drive for local charities. In addition to the annual events, Empire City has presented the First Empire, its first run, and celebrations of the fifteenth, twentieth and twenty fifth anniversaries that included motorcycle tours of the Eastern seaboard and of New York State.

Current membership includes charter members who have been involved since the formation of the organization. Former Empire City members went on to found Cycle M.C., Commanders M.C., Wheels M.C. and Nova M.C.

Membership requirements are ownership of a legally registered and insured motorcycle and possession of a valid drivers' license with appropriate motorcycle endorsement. Men interested in membership must be sponsored by two members in good standing.

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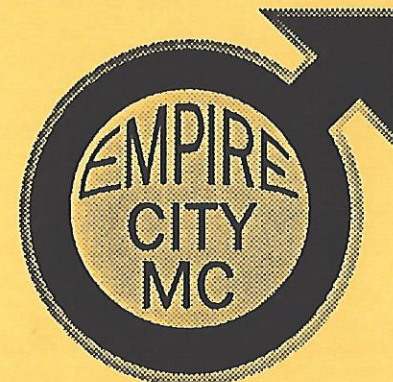
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.....and our THANKS to Chuck, Bob and the Dugout staff

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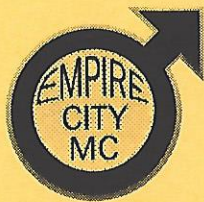
ANNUAL BIKE CHRISTENING & BLESSING

JUNE 4, 1993
8 - 10 P.M. at THE DUGOUT

The Christening of Bikes will begin at 9 p.m. on Weehauken St. followed by The Blessing of all motorcycles for the riding season.

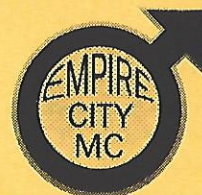
CHRISTENING PARTICIPANTS

- JEFF ARNOLD**, *President, Empire City M.C. - BMW, "Lāsir", K-90, '76*
- PAUL HERSHKOWITZ** - *Honda, "Shadow Joe", Shadow 600, '93*
- JOHN HILTUNEN** - *Harley-Davidson, "Samantha", Sportster, '93*
- GIGI IRIZARRY**, *T.F.L., Sirens M.C. - Kawasaki, "Tu Maja", Vulcan 750, '89*
- DICK JOHNSON**, *Stars M.C. - Harley -Davidson, "Hog", Sportster, '86*
- PAUL MARTIN**, *E.C.M.C. Member - Honda, "Renegade", Custom CB 750, '80*
- ALEX MURIELLO**, *Empire City M.C. Pledge - Honda, "nataS", Hurricane, '87*
- GERARD H. O'BRIEN**, *Road Captain, Riders M.C., Boston*
- *Honda, "Red Baron", Shadow VT 1100, '92*
- JACQUI STURGIS**, *Pres., Sirens M.C. - Yamaha, "Beasty", Maxima 650, '82*
- PAUL TEIXERA** - *Suzuki, Intruder 1400, '93*
- LEONARD VOGT** - *Harley-Davidson, Fatboy, '93*
- BRYAN WAGNER**, *Empire City M.C. Pledge - BMW, "Rory", K-75, '92*
- JOHN WHOOLEY** - *Kawasaki 440, "Flash", '83*
- FRED WITTENBERG** - *Honda, Nighthawk*



E.C.M.C. OFFICERS

- | | member since |
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| JEFF ARNOLD , <i>President</i> | 4/91 |
| <i>Honda, "Fleming", Shadow 500, 1984</i> | |
| <i>BMW, "Lāsir", K-90, 1976</i> | |
| JOE MARENGO , <i>Vice-President</i> | 5/91 |
| <i>Honda, "Black Beauty", Gold Wing, 1984</i> | |
| DAN MAGEE , <i>Road Captain</i> | 9/80 |
| <i>Moto Guzzi, "Testarossa", 1000 SP, 1983</i> | |
| <i>Hiatus 6/88-5/92</i> | |
| EMIL SOLIS , <i>Treasurer</i> | 6/65 |
| <i>Honda, Night Hawk 650, 1982 (Ret.)</i> | |
| BOB BROWNE , <i>Recording Secretary</i> | 3/88 |
| <i>Honda, "Deuteronomy", Magna V-65, 1983</i> | |
| JIM NEWHARD , <i>Corresponding Secretary</i> | 5/88 |
| <i>Yamaha, "Leviticus", Virago 750, 1982</i> | |



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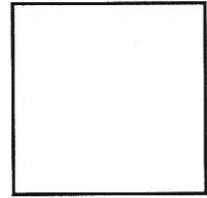
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| JAMO BLAKE | 10/64 |
| <i>Honda, Shadow 1100, 1992</i> | |
| MARK WIND | 6/75 |
| <i>BMW, "Bodhi", K-75, 1988</i> | |
| KEITH BATTIN | 8/75 |
| <i>Honda, "Borgle", Gold Wing, 1975</i> | |
| CHARLES SAVAGE | 6/76 |
| <i>BMW, "La Puta di Cachet", K-755, 1987</i> | |
| <i>BMW, "The City Of St. Louis", R-60 W/250, 1969</i> | |
| JOSÉ REYES | 2/85 |
| <i>BMW, "Del Jeffé", LE 1000, 1984</i> | |
| <i>Harley-Davidson, "Siglinda II", Electra Glide, 1971</i> | |
| <i>Harley-Davidson, "Siglinda III", Heritage Classic 1400, 1990</i> | |
| MEL FLYTHE | 11/86 |
| <i>Harley-Davidson, "Dick", Lowrider-1340, 1990</i> | |
| KEN LANCASTER | 6/89 |
| <i>Honda, "Ridge Runner", Shadow 700, 1986</i> | |
| JOHN LEE | 5/91 |
| <i>Kawasaki, "Sarek", Vulcan SE, 1988</i> | |
| MICHAEL PEZZUTI | 6/91 |
| <i>Suzuki, "Richard", Intruder, 1990</i> | |
| JACK BRUSCA | 6/92 |
| <i>Harley-Davidson, "Black Cat", Sportster, 1992</i> | |
| PAUL JEANNERET | 7/92 |
| <i>Harley-Davidson, "Eros", Sportster, 1992</i> | |
| PAUL MARTIN | 1/93 |
| <i>Honda, "Renegade", Custom CB 750, 1980</i> | |

E.C.M.C. PLEDGES

- ALEX MURIELLO**
Honda "nataS", Hurricane, 1987
- BRYAN WAGNER**
BMW, "Rory", K-75, 1992

Bikers meet at the Dugout tomorrow at 9:30 AM for coffee and doughnuts before departing for the Empire City M.C. Annual Picnic

Empire City MC Bike Christening



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Year: _____

Make: _____

Model: _____

CC: _____

Bike's Name: _____