## Hello Wyatt!

Thanks for your interest in Empire City MC. I am Chaz, the current president of Empire City Motorcycle Club (ECMC).

Let me be clear: You need not be "into leather" to be a member of ECMC, just into riding your motorcycle and desiring to be a part of a collective of brothers who share your interest. Yes, we have some members who are also into leather, and when riding, leather is commonly used for safety jacket/boots/gloves, etc.; however, that does not mean we're a "leather group" by any means.

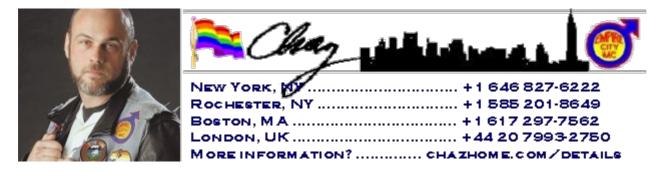
If your riding experience has been brief (under a year), you might want to be a "hanger on" and ride with us for a while as a non-member (GDI). Most of our rides are open to any other motorcycle-riding man, provided they are safe and sober riders.

We are a fraternity of gay men (and the occasional bisexual too!) and cherish brotherhood and riding above all. If that sounds like something you'd like to be a part of, please do consider joining. In order to join you must complete a number of requirements, as outlined in our Constitution and By-Laws (attached); but to put it in simple terms:

- Attend an Open General Meeting (held at 8PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at The Centre, 208 W 13<sup>th</sup> St)
- 2) Attend an ECMC Ride or ECMC Event (all rides and events are posted online at <a href="http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com">http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com</a>)
- 3) Ask two members to sponsor your membership application (membership application attached) and apply in person at the next meeting.
- 4) If made a pledge, within six months, participate on three (3) ECMC Official Rides.

Once you are a member of the club, you are expected to attend monthly meetings and participate as best you can (there are strict minimums for annual participation, as outlined in the by-laws). We are a <u>real</u> motorcycle club and have high standards of all our members – we'd love to meet you and get to know more about you! Our next event will be the NYC Pride March. Are you interested in riding with us at that event on Sunday, 26 June? If so, let me know and I'll forward additional information.

## Sincerely,



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