

"Show respect for everyone. Love the family of believers. Revere God. Honor those placed in authority over you." 1Peter 2:17

The Kingsmen Car Club By-Laws

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be "The Kingsmen Car Club".

Article II – Mission

To enjoy and share the transforming gifts and talents God gives us; both in our garages, and through the grace and mercy we experience daily.

Article III – Affiliation

This club shall be affiliated with and sponsored by Twin Lakes Church, 2701 Cabrillo College Drive in Aptos, California and serve as the Charter Chapter.

Article IV – Founders

In 1959 Mike Wittman and Dave Lindaman formed the original "King's Men Car Club" as a way to mentor high school boys who had an interest in cars. The club was active for 5 years until 1964 when it disbanded. In 2007 a small group of Twin Lake Church (aka TLC) members, including former "King's Men" members, revived the club as "The Kingsmen Car Club", an outreach ministry of TLC to Santa Cruz County car enthusiasts. The new club's first official event was the "Hot Rods on the Green" car show, now an annual event held on the TLC campus. The club restored its high school mentoring ministry (open to both boys and girls) that included an apprenticeship program for car maintenance and restoration (which ended in 2017), which has since transformed into an Industrial Arts financial scholarship.

Article V – Membership

Membership shall be open (but not guaranteed) to all persons, with an understanding that the primary interest of the club is advancing the good news of Jesus Christ, and focuses upon a relational oriented outreach ministry. This club is a Christian / family-oriented organization and interacts directly with "high school aged youth" (typically between 14 and 18 years old). All members shall conduct themselves in a manner that would be pleasing to God. Club members are responsible for their children conducting themselves in a similar manner. There shall be no use of alcoholic beverages, or foul language at any public club function or any public function where the member's club affiliation is known (i.e. via the wearing of a club jacket or by invitation of the entire Kingsmen car club to an event). All illegal drug use by members is prohibited.

New members will be subject to a background check (due to the interaction with "high school aged youth" and in line with TLC's requirements for all youth ministry employees) and to a one year vetting period. If the background check indicates that an applicant would be unsuitable to work with "high school aged youth" for any reason, their application will be denied, becoming "null and void". During the one year vetting period, the new member may purchase and wear the "Club Jacket" (specifically a black Dickies Eisenhower jacket) embroidered with the club logo and member's name/nickname (minus patch and rocker). At the end of the one year vetting period, the Board of Directors will make the decision on whether to grant full membership status or not. The Board will seek input from the general membership to assist them with making the final decision. If the member is granted full membership status, the club's Sergeant-At-Arms will present the member with the jacket patch and rocker, which will remain the property of the club in perpetuity.

Dues shall be \$20 annually; the family of each member falls under his/her membership. All members' dues shall be paid at the November meeting. If anyone joins after November, dues shall be paid the month they become a member and will last until November of the subsequent year. Individual club members unable to pay his/her dues may request a "hardship waiver." Upon approval of the "Waiver" by the club's Board of Directors, the club treasurer shall pay the member's dues out of a Benevolent Fund.

It is a requirement of membership to attend and facilitate the logistics of the annual "Hot Rods on the Green" car show or any similarly planned club-sponsored event (i.e. Rod and Customs Swap Meet), unless excused by the Board of Directors. Members are expected to be involved in at least one club supported event each year, or face possible expulsion from the Club.

Article VI – Resignation

A member may resign at any time, by written notice to the Secretary. His / her resignation shall become effective upon receipt and upon payment of any and all indebtedness to the club.

Article VII – Termination of Membership

The membership of any person may be terminated by action of the Board of Directors at any regular or special club meeting for any of the following reasons:

- 1. Failure to pay dues or fees, infractions of club rules and regulations, or other causes determined by a majority of the present voting members.
- 2. Behavior which is out of harmony with the manner of conduct described in Article V above, the practices of Twin Lakes Church, or is detrimental to its testimony. Such action by a member shall be dealt with according to Article XVI of the By-Laws of Twin Lakes Church.

Written notice of termination of membership shall be given to the member, the terminated member will surrender the club patch and rocker. The names of terminated members shall be removed from the membership roster.

Membership may be restored upon payment of dues, provided that non-payment of dues was the <u>sole</u> cause of expulsion. Membership may be restored to a member for any other reason upon approval by a majority of the club's Board of Directors.

Article VIII – Officers

The Kingsmen Car Club's Board members should be members of Twin Lakes Church, or any affiliated sister church in Santa Cruz County, be in good standing with TLC and/or their home church and with the club, and be elected by the club members present at the club's November Elections meeting. The principal officers of this club shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-At-Arms. The principal officers of this club shall be elected annually at the November meeting by the membership of this club and they shall serve a 2-year term. The first President and Vice President of the reformed club were elected in 2009. Beginning in 2011, the offices of the President and Secretary shall be opened for nominations and elections shall take place. In 2012, the offices of the Vice-President and Treasurer shall be opened for nominations and elections will follow that format from that point forward. The position of Sergeant-At-Arms (with duties as described below) shall be opened for nominations and elections will the 2021 November meeting, and will be nominated/elected during the same years as the Vice-President and Treasurer.

No principal officer shall serve more than two (2) successive terms; unless approved by all voting members in attendance. After serving two (2) consecutive terms, a person may be re-elected as a principal officer if they have been a member of the church in good standing for at least one year after the end of their second term.

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-At-Arms shall serve as the club's full Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly to discuss club ministry goals, policies and programs, club and membership development and any other matters deemed necessary by the Board. The President or Vice President may call special meetings of the Board as necessary.

The President:

Serves as chief officer of this club and shall preside at all meetings of its membership. The president shall supervise all the affairs of the club and meetings of its membership. He / she will also serve as the "Event Director" of all club events.

Vice President:

Shall act as the president of this club, in the absence of the president, and shall assure all committees report on their progress. He / she will also assign and receive updates from members assigned various responsibilities in the successful completion of these events, and report directly to the President.

Secretary:

Shall record attendance and record all proceedings of this club and shall be empowered to certify jointly with the president as to such proceedings. Minutes of meetings shall be prepared and distributed to the officers, general membership and other interested parties no later than two weeks following the meeting. Meeting agendas shall be prepared and distributed to the membership and other interested parties no later than one week in advance of a scheduled meeting. He / she shall also handle all club business correspondence, and keep all members advised via letter, email, etc. of any and all club business. The Secretary will also record notes and comments during events, which will be used during post-event evaluations.

Treasurer:

Shall have custody of all club funds and shall provide full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements for the club. He / she shall deposit all monies in the name of the club in such depositories as may be designated for that purpose by Twin Lakes Church for its affiliate organizations. He / she shall disburse the funds of the club as may be directed by the officers and membership, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements and shall render to the officers and membership at the regular monthly meetings. The Treasurer will be responsible for funds gathered and dispersed during club events.

Sergeant-At-Arms:

Shall have the duty of maintaining order and ensuring the following of all by-laws at all club meetings and events (which may include asking disruptive members or attendees to leave the meeting or event), in charge of issuing / retrieving club jacket patches and rockers to / from club members, as well as collecting ballots and tallying votes (if needed) during elections.

Separate from the club's general funds, the Treasurer shall set up and maintain a Benevolent Fund account, of an amount and for charitable purposes as determined by the Board of Directors. Distribution of funds from this special fund will be at the discretion of the Board. This account shall be funded through voluntary contributions.

Article IX – Meetings

The monthly meetings of the membership shall be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm, lasting approximately 1 hour, at Twin Lakes Church, Aptos, CA; unless organized and designated in sufficient time prior to the monthly meeting. The annual meeting of the club will be held in November of each year for the purpose of the election of officers, annual reports of officers, and committees and such other business that may come before the meeting. The Board of Directors will hold a special Board meeting prior to the annual meeting to discuss upcoming elections and agendize the Annual Meeting.

All members are required to attend a minimum of 4 meetings per year. Monthly meeting attendance may be earned by a member, by attending the Santa Cruise, KSBW's Share the Holidays event, or other Board approved functions.

Special meetings of the members may be called by the President and/or Vice-President.

Article X – Rules of Order

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order (revised) shall govern the business proceedings of this club in all cases where they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

By-Laws Adoption and Revision

The initial version of these by-laws were approved and adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a meeting held April 7, 2011.

Revised: 01/09/2022

Appendix A History of Club Elected Offices:

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
2005	John Galli	Dave Moeller	Andy Rovegno	Linda Lawrence
2006				
2007	John Galli	Dave Moeller	Andy Rovegno	Linda Lawrence
2008				
2009	Ron Oliver	Dave Moeller	Andy Rovegno	Linda Lawrence
2010				
2011	Dave Moeller		Summer Campbell	
2012		Steve Andrews		Linda Lawrence
2013	Dave Moeller		Monica Arias	
2014		Steve Andrews		Linda Lawrence
2015	Dave Moeller		Bob Nash	
2016		Dave Moeller		Linda Lawrence
2017	Steve Andrews		Jerry Tobin	
2018		Bob Nash		Linda Lawrence
2019	Bob Nash		Jerry Tobin	
2020		Rich Walrod		Linda Lawrence
2021	Bob Nash		Monica Arias /	
			John Yung	
2022				

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