

TEMPLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION
POLICY STATEMENT ON DONATIONS

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The following statement of policy is provided for the information and benefit of the general membership of the Temple Riders Association. It is prepared so that every member and prospective member of the TRA may have an understanding of the guiding principles behind the receiving of donations and the use of them by those who have been appointed to positions of stewardship over the funds of the TRA.

1 - No one in the TRA receives any compensation for the services they give. Each one who accepts an appointment to serve in any position at any time does so voluntarily, with the desire to help those in the TRA who will be blessed by their service.

2 - The donations that are received by the TRA are voluntary contributions made by those who become TRA Members and others who may desire to contribute. Prospective TRA Members and friends may be invited to join us on TRA rides, to attend our various dinner meetings, or to participate in other TRA activities, but are not deemed to be TRA Members unless they complete and submit an "Application and Information Request" form, requesting TRA Membership. This form is sent out to prospective new TRA Members when requested and is sent out annually to existing TRA Members for renewal.

3 - The suggested annual donation amount for TRA membership is \$20.00 if the TRA Newsletter is received by postal mail and \$12 if the Newsletter is received by email. ~~This~~ These amounts ~~is~~ are reviewed on an annual basis and may be changed as needed at the discretion of the TRA Executive Committee.

4 - Those who join the TRA will receive a onetime gift of the TRA Patch & Pin. They will also receive the monthly Newsletter, and access to the "Members Only" section of the TRA Web Site. These items will be paid for from the funds donated by TRA Members. The member donations will also help to spread the word about the TRA to prospective TRA members and others and be used to cover the day to day operating costs involved in the administration of the TRA, including the cost of producing and mailing the monthly TRA Newsletter and the cost of maintaining the TRA Web Site.

5 - Some of the other areas where donated funds are used are listed below:

(a) Printing and mailing new member information packets to those who inquire about the TRA.

(b) Printing and mailing annual membership renewal packets to existing TRA Members.

(c) Paying for the TRA Patches & Pins that were initially given to every existing TRA Member and thereafter mailed to each new TRA member in the new member packet.

(d) Paying annual fees to maintain the registration of the name "Temple Riders Association" as our registered name in the State of Utah and in other states as required (the time and effort to file these annual reports is donated by individual TRA leaders and members).

(e) Paying for computer software to maintain the financial and membership records more accurately and efficiently. Please note that the TRA computer was donated by an individual TRA member and was not purchased with TRA funds.

Interim financial reports, including a detailed annual financial report at year's end, are prepared each year by the TRA Treasurer and these reports are submitted to the Executive Committee to account for all donations received and all monies spent by the TRA. No donated funds are used to pay for rides, rallies, dinners, or anything else that will benefit only a small group. Every possible effort is made to insure that all TRA donations are used for the good of the TRA membership as a whole.

We, the TRA Executive Committee, have complete confidence and trust in every person who handles these funds in any way, and we are grateful for their unselfish service.

TRA Executive Committee*

* See TRA By-Laws, paragraph 3