

# BLUE KNIGHTS<sup>®</sup> MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE CHIVALRY AWARD

## Proposal for Conference Award:

Blue Knights Nebraska II proposes the creation of a MWRC award to recognize outstanding service by a member to the Blue Knights LEMC and/or the member's community. NEII proposes the award by called the "MWRC Chivalry Award" in keeping with the traditions and customs of the Blue Knights LEMC.

Wikipedia defines **Chivalry**, or the **chivalric code**, as the traditional code of conduct associated with the medieval institution of knighthood. It was originally conceived of as an aristocratic warrior code, the term derives from the French term for *horseman*, involving individual training and service to others. Over time, its meaning has been refined to emphasize more ideals such as knightly virtues, honor and courtly love, and less the martial aspects of the tradition. The term *chivalry* is sometimes also used to refer to the medieval mounted men-at-arms with whom this code was associated.

Chivalrous conduct should be encouraged and recognized by the MWRC. The MWRC Chivalry Award would be presented to any MWRC Blue Knight LEMC member who is in good standing with Blue Knights International and their respective chapter for outstanding conduct or service to the club or their community which reflects chivalric conduct.

The MWRC Chivalry Award would be presented at each bi-annual MWRC business meeting. The recipient would receive a distinctive patch representing the award to be worn on the member's Blue Knights LEMC vest along with a Certificate of Award, signed by the MWRC Chairman. No member would be authorized to wear the patch unless duly awarded the MWRC Chivalry Award by the MWRC. As the MWRC Chivalry Award is meant to encourage and promote chivalrous conduct, there is no limit to the number of awards made at each bi-annual meeting.

The following procedures are proposed:

### **Nominations:**

A detailed nomination from any MWRC member will be submitted to the MWRC Chairman or his designee. Nominations must be received by the MWRC Chairman or his designee 30 days prior to the bi-annual MWRC business meeting. Consideration of late submissions will be on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of the MWRC Chairman.

Nominations shall include:

- Full name of the member being nominated
- The member's chapter affiliation
- Details as to the conduct or action supporting the nomination
- Whether the member will attend the MWRC bi-annual business meeting

**Voting:**

The members of the Executive Board (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer and Conference Representative) will vote at their planning meeting prior to the actual business meeting. A simple majority of votes received in support of the nomination shall result in the award of the MWRC Chivalry Award.

**Presentation:**

If the recipient member attends the bi-annual MWRC business meeting, the patch and certificate will be presented to the member at the banquet. If the recipient member is not in attendance, the award will be presented to the member's chapter representative. The chapter representative will then present the award at their earliest chapter meeting the recipient member can attend.

Patch



Certificate will be added here when they are completed.