

Chosen Few Motorcycle Club

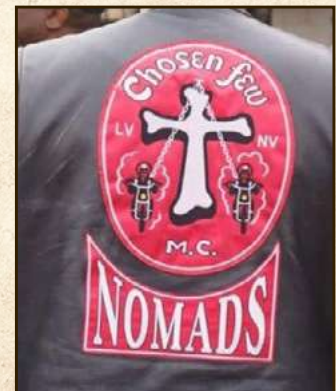


Chosen Few Patch

Most traditional outlaw motorcycle gangs (OMG) wear three-piece patches (top rocker, center patch, and bottom rocker). The Chosen Few, however, wear a two-piece patch. The patches are worn on a blue or black denim or leather vest. Their constitution (bylaws) describes their back patches:

“...the back centerpiece is oval in a sea of red blood with a cross made of human bones in the center, a chain connected to the top of the cross by a nail. The other end of the chain is connected to the two bikers surrounded by smoke. Chosen Few, arched across the top of the cross in white letter and MC at the base of the cross. The State rocker is worn an inch and a half below the center patch. The same applies for the Nomad bottom rocker.”

The Chosen Few refer to their vests with patches colloquially as their colors, patch, or rags.



History



The Chosen Few Motorcycle Club (MC) was founded in either 1959, according to the club's official website, or in 1960, as stated by founding member Lionel Ricks—known by the moniker “Father.” Ricks established the club in Los Angeles, California, after African Americans were prohibited from joining the Hells Angels, prompting him to create an all-African American motorcycle club. That same year, the Chosen Few became one of the first racially integrated outlaw motorcycle clubs when they admitted their first white member. Today, the Chosen Few remains a multi-racial organization. Despite its historical significance, the Chosen Few is classified as an outlaw motorcycle gang due to its members' frequent involvement in serious criminal activities, including murder, assault, narcotics trafficking, and illegal weapons distribution.

Structure

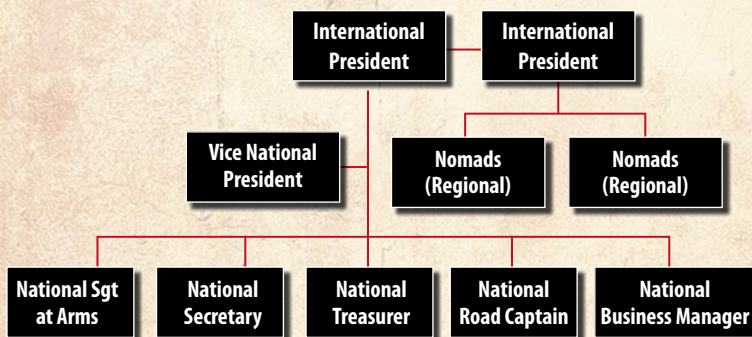
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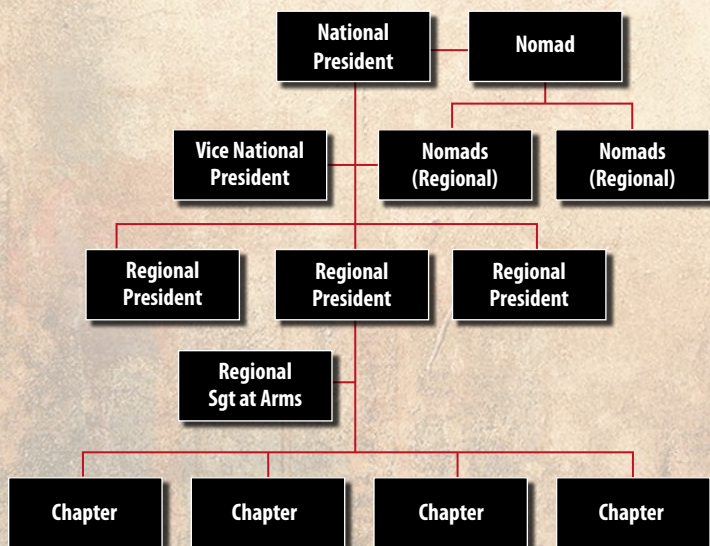
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National Officers



National Structure



The Nomad position in the Chosen Few is unique. The Nomad [in singular form] is an official role in the gang. He ranks third in the Chosen Few, behind the National President and Vice National, and before regional presidents. According to the Chosen Few constitution:

- The Nomad works directly for the National President.
- The Nomad position has no jurisdictions [editor's note: believed to mean no restrictions on or limit to jurisdiction].
- The Nomad builds and is overall in charge of the Region.
- Will be responsible for standing up new chapters and their success.
- The Nomad handles all matters either directly or indirectly under the Nationals supervision.
- The Nomad has the ability to take over any Chapter that the National has deemed that it is not functioning correctly and needs guidance and leadership.
- A Nomad has the ability to remove members out of their position under the discretion of the National President.
- The Nomad will have the responsibility of signing off on Chapters coming off probation.

The Nomad appoints regional Nomads [in plural form], usually six to eight per region. The Nomads work directly for the Nomad, and their jurisdiction is limited to the region in which they were appointed. The Nomads responsibilities include assisting the Nomad with starting new chapters and guiding them through their probation period, taking over any chapter in their region if the Nomad determines the chapter is not performing to the Chosen Few standards, or requires guidance or leadership. Nomads are required to attend all national and regional meetings.

The Nomads will wear "NOMADS" as their bottom and side rockers



Chosen Few Patches

The Chosen Few constitution outlines how other patches will be worn on the front of members' colors.

Other patches can be worn on the front of the vest only with the permission of the national president.

THE TAKE NONE GIVE NONE

is the Chosen Few version of the 1% diamond. It is worn on the upper right breast area of the vest. No patches are to be worn above the Take None Give None diamond. Unlike traditional outlaw motorcycle gangs, members of the Chosen Few must earn the Take None Give None diamond, usually by an act of violence or other significant service to the gang. The Chosen Few do not consider someone to be a full member until he earns his diamond.

THE CHOSEN FEW MEMORIAL PATCH

is optional. If worn, it will be on the right side below the Take None Give None Diamond. Individual Memorial Patches will be worn on the right side, bottom of vest. Memorial patches can only be worn if the member knew the deceased personally, or if a member's sponsor or mentor gave him the memory patch.

THE CFFFCF

(Chosen Few Forever Forever Chosen Few) patch is worn on the lower right front lined up on the front seams of the vest. The CFFFCF patch is optional.

ANNIVERSARY PATCH

worn by members who attended the event commemorating a chapter anniversary. Note the Chosen Few symbolism on the patch: TNGN for "Take None Give None," the bone cross, and dice showing 3 and 6 for the third and sixth letters of the alphabet, C and F.



PROSPECT PATCH

Someone who has completed his prospect period and earned the Chosen Few is called a "red Patch."



THE 36

is optional and if worn it will be worn on the left side of the vest above the side rocker, centered or on the lower right side of the vest. The diamond 36 is reserved for members. The circle 36 has been seen worn by members, prospects, and property.



THE CF FATHER PATCH

is worn by every member as a tribute to Lionel Ricks, founding member of the Chosen Few, on the upper left breast area. Ricks, who is held in the highest esteem by the Chosen Few, died on October 22, 2015. No patches are to be worn above the Father patch.



OFFICER POSITION PATCHES

are worn on the left side below the Father patch.



The U.S. flag with the bone cross is also optional. If worn, will be displayed on the left breast below the officer position patch.



THE CHAPTER CITY ROCKER

is worn on the lower left side of the vest.

This memory patch is for Chosen Few founding member Lionel Ricks—known by the moniker "Father."



STATE PATCHES

are worn by members of chapters within the state, or given to other members as symbols of brotherhood.

GROUND POUNDER

is reportedly given or awarded to members who have ridden their motorcycles over 1500 miles to a Chosen Few event. The state or chapter of the event is often featured on the patch.

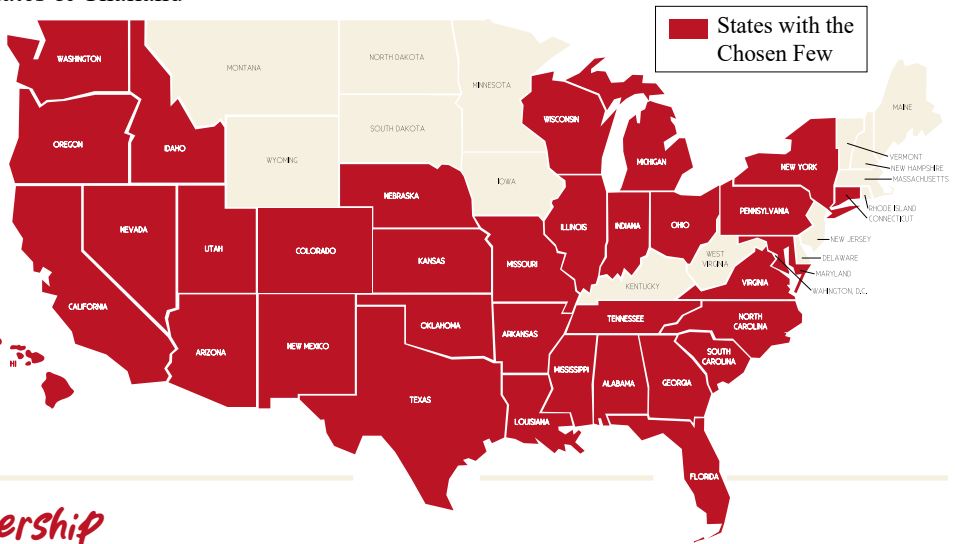


Chosen Few Chapters

The Chosen Few have chapters in the United States & Thailand

As of March 2025, they claim to have chapters in the following states:

California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Idaho, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.



Individual Chapter and Membership

Individual Chapter – A chapter is the basic unit the Chosen Few. It is semi-autonomous, will have its own bylaws and officers, but operates in accordance with the National bylaws and directions

Chapter Officers – Each charter has its own officers, including president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, road captain, business, and sergeant at arms. Officers wear position patches indicating rank on the front of their cuts.

Members – Members wear a full patch with the Chosen Few oval and state bottom rocker on the back. Members who have completed the prospect period are referred to as “red patch members.” Red patch members are not considered to be full members until they ear their Take None Give None diamonds. Members without an American made motorcycle are required to obtain one within one year. Each chapter is allowed to have up to two “truck and trailer” members who don’t ride motorcycles. New members are on probation for their first two years in the gang.

Prospect – Prospect period for the Chosen Few is a minimum of one year. Prospects wear a black leather vest with black oval and white bone cross on the back. The prospect period is minimum of six months. A majority vote (75%) of the chapter is required for a prospect to become a member. Prospects must participate in all Chosen Few functions and do anything a member in good standing directs them to do.

Hangaround – Prior to prospecting, a prospective member is required to be a hangaround for a minimum of 30 days. The hangaround phase is generally considered an opportunity for the gang to evaluate the man for potential membership. Hangarounds often wear plain vests or support clothing.



Women and the Chosen Few

According to the Chosen Few constitution, a member involved in a relationship with a woman (wife or girlfriend) for at least six months may allow her to wear a property patch or medallion. This must be approved by a majority (75%) chapter vote. In the event of a breakup, the woman must return the patch or medallion to the member. The property patch bears the name of the member and the gang.



Rivals

The chief rival of the Chosen Few is the Wheels of Soul, another predominantly African American but multi-racial national motorcycle gang. The Chosen Few may be engaged in regional conflicts with other motorcycle gangs, yet on good terms with those gangs in other parts of the United States.

Support Clubs and Gangs

The Chosen Few OMG has a network of smaller OMGs and motorcycle clubs, often called “support clubs.” These gangs or clubs often indicate their affiliation by wearing patches, often with a red, white, and black color scheme, support clothing, or other symbols associated with the Chosen Few. The Chosen Few’s main support gang is currently the Street Wolves Motorcycle Club.

Ladies of the Cross (LOTG) is a national women’s social club formed with the permission and operating at the direction of the Chosen Few. The color scheme and symbols reflect their association.

