

The Fraternal Order of the 505 Bylaws

Official Name: This organization shall be known as The Fraternal Order of the 505

Motto: An Exclusive Club for Everyone

Mission Statement: *The Fraternal Order of the 505* is dedicated to providing a social outlet to good people from all walks of life. *The 505* organizes social events where brothers and sisters can feel safe, carefree and welcome. We believe people who take time to relax are healthier, happier and a lot more fun, just sayin’

Governing Body: The club shall have a minimum of five officers, who will serve as the Board of Directors. Each Officer shall be club members in good standing and have the blessing of the 505 Elders.

Elders: The Elders will be comprised of the 505’s originating members and any members to be inducted based on tenure and dedication to the 505. It is the responsibility of the Elders to induct new Elders as they see fit, guide the club and establish and maintain the “How We Do” document that outlines the basic function of The 505.

Membership: Membership eligibility shall not be dictated by race, color, sex, sexual orientation, creed, country or county of origin, but solely by the individual’s interest in the Club.

Voting Quorum: All members in good standing shall have an equal vote. The voting quorum at Board of Directors and scheduled business meetings shall consist of those present. At the annual meeting, and Elder Meetings the voting quorum shall be those present. Failure to attend a meeting may relinquish voting rights for said meeting unless a proxy vote is completed.

Membership Dues and Fees: The organization’s income shall be derived from dues and fees and shall be utilized to cover the operating expenses. Such dues and fees shall be established annually by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dissolution: In the event of the dissolution of this organization, its net assets shall be distributed to such non-profit organizations as chosen by the Board of Directors and Elders.

Notice: Notice of the annual meeting and other regular meetings should be by email (facebook, website), not less than one week before the scheduled date of said meeting. The notice shall include mention of any proposed amendments of the By-Laws.

Officers and Governing Board: The Organization shall have the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant At Arms, and Deputy Sergeant at Arms

The Board of Directors shall consist of all five officers and the past President if he so chooses. All candidates for board positions shall be members in good standing and require a blessing from the Elders to serve.

Management Duties:

President:

- Preside at all meetings
- Coordinate the assigned tasks of other officers
- Delegate authority to others as felt necessary, including to comities
- Prepare meeting agenda and present to the meetings
- Have other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board

Vice President:

- Preside in the Presidents absence at meetings
- Assist the President in carrying out his/her assigned duties
- Assume such other duties from time to time as prescribed by the President

Secretary:

- Record all proceedings at the Clubs official meetings
- Carry out any correspondence required or assigned by the President
- Assist in the preparation of the Clubs news and carry out other public relations work as required
- Send out timely notices of meetings and events.

Treasurer:

- Collect and record membership dues or fees
- Prepare the official membership directory
- Conduct all financial matters, including banking, disbursements and financial reports

Sergeant in Arms:

- Security
- Provide assistance to any other Board Member

Deputy Sergeant at Arms:

- Work at the direction of the Sergeant at Arms
- Provide assistance to any other board members
- Act as Sergeant at Arms in his or her absence

Tenure of Office: All officers on the Board of Directors shall be elected annually in inducted at the Annual Club meeting. In the event of a vacancy, the President should appoint a member in good standing to fill the vacancy. Impeachment of an Officer requires 2/3 vote of members with a final Blessing from the Elders.

Meetings:

1. The annual meeting should be held at the same time as the final club potluck in April.
2. The annual meetings agenda shall be set by the President and should consist of:
 - a. President Report
 - b. Secretary-Treasure Report
 - c. Sergeant in Arms Report
 - d. Installation of new Officers
 - e. New Business/Old Business
 - f. General Discussions
3. The President may call Board of Directors meetings as needed, but should call a planning meeting in advance.

Approval of Expenses: The president should have up to \$100 in petty cash which can be spent as needed by the Board of Directors for items essential to operate the club meetings. Any expenditures exceeding \$100 in one month or any novelty purchases shall be brought to a vote by members.

Annual Dues, Fees and Assessments: It should be the duty of the Board of Directors, at the Annual Meeting to establish the spending guidelines and review monies, and set the dues to properly meet anticipated expenses. To asset the Treasurer in timely collection of funds, the Board shall have the authority to impose a penalty on late payment, in the form of a surcharge on dues.

Egress from the 505: It is commonly accepted that “Once a 505er always a 505er”, however there are circumstances when this motto is impractical.

- Voluntary Removal If a Member or Bootleg decides to be disassociated from the Fraternal Order of the 505 he/she will be asked to sign a form stating the following:

“I voluntarily wish to be removed from the Fraternal Order of the 505 and all rosters. I understand that if I wish to return to the 505 I must secure a sponsor and complete a full prospecting term or rush event.”

- Involuntary Removal For a Member or Bootleg to be involuntarily removed ALL of the following must occur:

1. A member (*declarant*) must complete and sign a memo with the name of the person they wish to have removed and a brief reason for the removal. This will be submitted to the President or the VP if the President is an involved party.

2. The 505 Officer Board will take a vote to insure the reason for removal warrants a vote of members. This must pass by a majority.

3. The President (or VP) will read the memo at a designated 505 business meeting omitting the declarant’s name. Members will have a minimum of 2 weeks to deliberate and vote. There must be a quorum of 25 members, not counting abstain votes. The member shall be removed if an excess of 75% of the voting quorum votes in favor.

4. The Sergeant at Arms will contact the member (removed) with the outcome of the vote prior to the membership being notified.

Sub-Chapters: The founding chapter of The Fraternal Order of the 505, Visalia, oversees any new chapters. A prospective new chapter will be required to have a Governing board, 10 members, establish a motto, and adopt bylaws. These items must be reviewed and approved by a 2/3 membership vote prior to the opening of a new chapter.