### TWILIGHT GUARD

# A Club for the Leather – Bear – Fetish Communities in Southwestern Connecticut and The Hudson Valley Region of New York

Twilight Guard is a fellowship of leathermen and bears in the gay communities of Connecticut and New York. It was founded in July of 1995 to provide a forum for the leather, bear and fetish lifestyles in suburban areas outside of the larger cities.

Among our major goals are the development and promotion of a positive leather image and lifestyle, the encouragement of safe, sane, and consensual practices, the fostering of friendship and brotherhood. This involves the promotion of open exchange of communication and interactions with other similar organizations and individuals, charitable concerns and the dissemination on issues of importance to the Club and the community.

Our theme of brotherhood and unified spirit is expressed by the wearing of our Club Colors and in the symbols of attire: Leather, Rubber, Denim or Uniforms.

## TWILIGHT GUARD FULL MEMBERSHIP

An individual is invited to membership in accordance with the procedures set forth in the by-laws of the organization and shall support the theme and purpose of the TWILIGHT GUARD as set forth in the constitution of the organization and shall be bound by the provisions of the organization's constitution and by-laws.

Full Members are voting members. They agree to attend three-quarters (75%) of all scheduled or approved activities and functions of the organization each calendar year, unless otherwise excused from this duty as set forth in the by-laws (during the July and August there are no scheduled bar nights).

Full Members pledge brotherhood and loyalty, and will meet the standards of conduct as required by the Club. As a Full Member of the Club, you are not representing not just yourself, but the Club as well.

Full Members in good standing are entitled to wear a back patch evidencing membership in the organization. Wearing the emblem of the Twilight Guard should be recognized as a privilege, and it should be worn with pride. It symbolizes your commitment to the spirit of brotherhood and service the Club embodies.

# **TWILIGHT GUARD QUALIFICATIONS**

A candidate for full membership must fulfill the following requirements:

- ▼ A male at least twenty one (21) years of age.
- ▼ Reside in the Tri-State Area.
- **▼** Submit a completed application.
- **▼** Interview with executive board.
- ▼ A pledge period of at least Three (3) Months (if the executive board feels pledge period should be extended, it may do so at its discretion). The candidate most attended all Club events and activities, and be an active participant. (Upon acceptance as a candidate for membership, you will receive more detailed guidelines what is expected of you during your pledge period, as well as copy of our by-laws.)
- ▼ During the pledge period the candidate will, either as an individual or as part of the pledge class complete a pledge project. This project is determined by the executive broad and will be guilded with consultation of the pledge master.

# **APPLICATION PROCESS**

An individual seeking full membership should complete this application and return it to:

Twilight Guard PO Box 428, New Canaan, CT 06840-0428

# **Membership Vote**

A vote of the full members of the Club is required for full membership. You will be notified of the results of this vote.

#### **DUES**

Annual membership fee for Full Members are sixty dollars (\$60) per year. Dues are payable upon being notified of your acceptance by the membership and renewed thereafter at the beginning of the Club's calendar year, which begins in September of each year.

### **COMMITTEES**

For the club to perform efficiently, members are ask to serve on various committees. As part of your application to the Twilight Guard at this time we ask that you please indicate the committee(s) on which (if you become a full member) you would wish to serve:

☐ Membership and Outreach Committee

☐ Internet and Publications Committee ☐ Events (Home and road) Committee ☐ Administration Committee
APPLICATION FORM Please print clearly!
Name
Nickname
Address
City
State
Zip
Date of Birth
Telephone
E-mail Address

Are You or have been a member of any other Leather, Bear, Fetish or Motorcycle Club/Organization?  ☐ Yes ☐ No
if Yes, Club/Organization Name
Address
City
State
Zip
Telephone
E-mail address  Are You known by or related to any full member of the Twilight Guard?  ☐ Yes ☐ No
if Yes, Member's Name  How would you describe your past participation in the leather, Bear, fetish community?  ☐ Very Active ☐ Moderately Active ☐ Novice
If you have any question about the subject listed with in the application, or the Twilight Guard before completing application for reviewal. Please send an e-mail message to mail@twilightguard.org with "application question" within the subject title. We will contact you with answers concerning your question(s) on the subject.
If accepted as a candidate for membership after reviewal of your application, your assigned pledge master will contact you with an detailed outline about what is expected of you, and when your pledge period shall begin.
I (the under signed) have read fully and understand the application for full membership for the Twilight Guard. I also state by this signature that I am at lest 21-years of age.
Name:
Date: