



Templiers

Post Tenebras Lux
SWITZERLAND



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RE: Presentation of the association **Templiers – Post Tenebras Lux**

Dear Madam, Dear Sir, Dear Children,

We take the liberty of sending you this letter to present our association:

Templiers – Post Tenebras Lux.

Templiers – Post Tenebras Lux is a non-profit motorcycle association, recognized of public utility, whose purpose/mission is to protect abused, bullied, and mistreated children.

Our association not only gathers people who share a passion for motorcycles but also—and most importantly—share a strong desire to support and protect children or teenagers who are victims of abuse.

Our main objective, and hope, is to promote and renew confidence in children or teenagers who have been affected by an abusive situation of any kind (*sexual, physical, psychological, harassment, etc.*). We act by accompanying these children and by showing them that a group can be secure, stable, benevolent, and protective.

We have members from all different backgrounds and professions. Among others, we have psychologists, journalists, policemen, entrepreneurs/business owners, teachers, and nurses.

The **Templiers – Post Tenebras Lux** members distance themselves completely from motorcycle “gangs” and strongly condemn the recent acts of violence that have been reported in the press.

To envision a motorcycle association whose mission is to help abused children may seem atypical. However, our foundation rests on just that—to help such children and to be present when needed, providing a barrier against the violence they face. We want to show the children that strength can be a *positive* value when it is quiet and protective, unlike the negative “strength” they have likely witnessed. With our association, these young people feel protected, reassured, safe and experience the strong and caring bonds that unite the members of our community.

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Our association is ready to help at the request of the families—or a single family member—of the abused child/teenager. At times the child/teenager has contacted us directly because all other forms of assistance have been exhausted.

After being contacted, our members will meet the victim in a safe setting, accompanied by a relative. We offer moral support by being present, listening, and appointing two "sponsors" who will be available 24/7 if the child/teenager is afraid and/or threatened.

As stated before, our role is to provide support and renew confidence and self-esteem in children or young adults in difficulty. By integrating these young people into our group, we offer them protection through the appointed sponsors (*always located nearby*) and the comfort of belonging to a caring "family."

When needed, a large group of our members will gather on motorcycles to offer a barrier of protection. These motorcycle "actions" are rare, compared to the quantity of requests processed. We are not here to intimidate; on the contrary, we focus on supporting the victim, not interacting with the aggressors.

We have a policy of not contacting the stalker(s)/abuser(s); our objective is to foster feelings of safety and offer protection by presence. We continue to follow up with the families on a regular basis to support and help them through difficult times.

We do not, nor do we desire to, substitute existing public and social services, nor do we take sides or intervene in any legal proceedings. This would be contrary to our statutes and to the motivation that inspires our members.

Moreover, before becoming involved with an abusive situation, we check any reported facts, check if they could be criminally relevant, and ensure that any abuse has already been formally reported to the authorities. We also seek legal advice when needed. And, unless invited, under no circumstances will we trespass private property (*schools, gyms, homes, or other private properties*).

Finally, we establish and maintain an open dialogue with the authorities. For example, following a recent media intervention, we were in contact with the Valais cantonal police as well as with various police services in Geneva. The dialogue results in a mutual understanding and an appropriate communication channel when necessary.

It is in this spirit that our association intervenes to help children and young adults, by respecting the Swiss law, appreciating the fundamental rights it provides, among them the freedom of gathering and association, and following the traffic and road rules during our meetings.

We respect the legal framework and propose to create a relationship of trust so that our association is perceived for what it is: responsible, benevolent, and respectful of institutions.

We thank you for your time and for the interest you will grant our cause. We remain at your entire disposal for any further information.



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We send you, Dear Madam, Dear Sir, Dear Children, our respectful greetings.

On behalf of the Executive Comity,



POC
Président

Templiers - Post Tenebras Lux

Sometimes there is Justice....

Sometimes there is Just Us !

*The association Templiers – Post Tenebras Lux
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