

**The Incognito**

Before it was the Brotherhood, the motorcycle club founded by Jaysee was almost called the Incognito. The first inkling of bikers and clubs was realized when Jaysee was still in his teen years. It was mostly the desire to relate to people in a positive way, and to provide an outlet for youthful energy that he began to organize a loosely connected band of brothers. Personal freedom was of primary importance to Jaysee, as he realized that so many people are enslaved by the very rules they establish to ensure peace and safety. There were already groups of riders that organized themselves to carry on their business - whatever it was! - but the rules sucked all the fun out of what they were doing. Those who know Jaysee know that he is not interested in letting everything run amok, but his emphasis is that we should be governed by our own good character rather than a set of regulations. Of course, not everyone has good character!



In the beginning, all was chaos. Then Jaysee began to communicate order. Soon, things were operating at high efficiency and much good was accomplished. If it had not been for the fact that some guys are just not able to summon good character, we may never have heard of Jaysee at all. When he first came on the scene, he was content to work in the background, and even told people not to identify him as the one doing so many good deeds. There was the time early on when Jaysee and the brothers went to a major party where they ran out of wine. Jaysee happened to be at the right place at the right time, and replenished the supply. Few knew that he was responsible, and those who did know didn't know how he did it. He said that it was just as easy as filling the kegs with water. He remained anonymous. Later, when a big conference was taking place, the caterer didn't show up, for some reason, and Jaysee took it upon himself to feed the thousands in attendance. It was handled in such a way that most of the people just realized that the food was available, but they didn't know where it came from, or how it was delivered. Some said that all they ever saw was a couple of sardines and a few biscuits. When people later questioned him about the food, he changed the subject, and they soon lost interest in him. He preferred to be Incognito.

It was for this reason that his little band of bikers thought that Incognito would be a catchy name for the motorcycle club. Jaysee wanted to go around doing good things for people, but he didn't seem to be interested in getting credit for what he was doing. The club was pretty much unknown at that time, as well. If they were going to change their world for the better, at least they should get some credit - that was the opinion of those whose character was not so good. When "Bags" - short for "money bags", the club treasurer - suggested that some funds be spent to design and produce a backpatch for the Incognito Motorcycle Club, it sent Jaysee into a paroxysm of laughter that took a good while to get over. Jaysee said it was "ironic" to consider an insignia to advertise that which was Incognito, and the brothers began to laugh and call "Bags" moronic. Not nice. Jaysee's idea was that if you go about doing good, sooner or later, it will come to light. We don't have to advertise our good deeds or get caught up in self promotion. We don't do what is right for recognition or reward, we do it because of our good character, which comes from God. Too often today we see many riding under one backpatch or another who are notorious - the opposite of Incognito. They are usually known for their bad character, not their good. They try to make up for their inconsistencies, but people always find out what we really are inside. The key which Jaysee offers to his brothers is to do the good which emanates from a good heart inconspicuously, so that when everything is made known, you will be rewarded openly - when it really counts.

"Thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly." Matthew 6:18b  
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