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*The Red Knight Rider  
Newsletter of the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club  
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## Make your plans today and join us in Worcester, Massachusetts to celebrate our 25th anniversary at the 2007 Convention!

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I hope this letter finds all our members doing well. It's been quite a winter for all of us in the northeast. We were able to continue riding to nearly Christmas. Then winter came and has not wanted to let go since. The calendar says that spring is finally here, but as I write this in mid-April the snow is falling again!

It is hard to believe that it will be two years since I was re-elected to serve as your president. The time has gone by so fast. Thank you, the members, for giving me the opportunity to serve you and our wonderful organization as an International Officer over the past 16 years. I hope that you feel that I have done well in representing each and every one of you.

I learned early in my posts with the International Board that the work needed to run the Red Knights could not have happened without the support and willingness of each of the elected members of the board and the other countless volunteers that come together to work as a team in leading our club. **THANK YOU!! You people are the best and the hardest working bunch that I have had the pleasure of working with during my time in office.**

Many times over the years I have been asked by members, "What can we do to keep my chapter together?" The largest contribution to chapter success is each individual. The membership, its support and willingness to give that little extra is what it takes to keep a chapter active, enthusiastic, and alive. As chapter officers, also be willing to listen and learn. Team work is the best approach and a strong club is only as good as the officers that lead it and the members that support it.

The Red Knights are now in its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. The chapter officers and individual members must continue to have an active hand on the operation of the organization at International level. *One way you can take on this active role within the International is to ensure your chapter has a delegate at the International Conventions.* This August is a great opportunity to participate in our convention. It is our twenty-fifth anniversary and the convention is being held in the foothills of our organization's birth. We know that this will be a very well-attended convention and we hope that each of you considers coming to Massachusetts to celebrate with us.

The Red Knights Memorial is coming along well and plans are to dedicate this memorial during our convention. The memorial is located in Boylston, Massachusetts, just a few miles from where the convention is being held in August and its dedication is for all of our past and present members.

Never forget, this is a club that was founded to help to promote the positive image of motorcycling while enjoying the camaraderie of other firefighters and friends. No matter how large or small the contributions are that a member brings to a chapter, many times it is the individual's effort that is remembered.

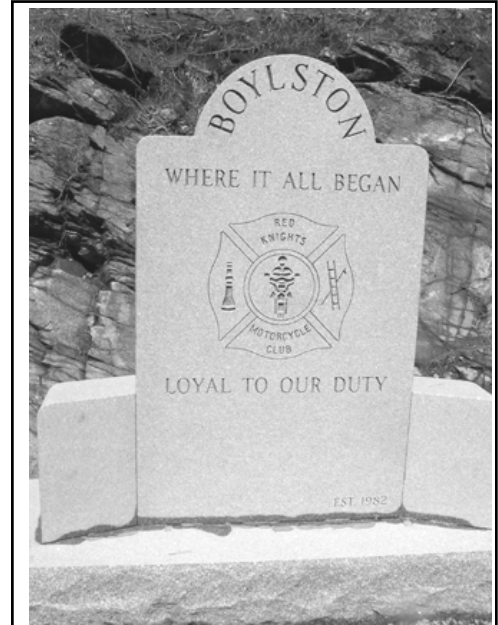
This August I will be turning over the reins of the International leadership to an new President. Without question I am looking towards Worcester's pending events with mixed emotions as my term with the board comes to a close.

Having been with the Red Knights from my chapter's founding in 1983, both my wife Peg and I would like to say "thanks for the memories." We have made so many good friends over all the years and we will never be very far from each of you. You all hold a place in our hearts. God bless and stay safe.

We will see you in August.

Ed & Peg Brouillet

As part of the 25th anniversary of the Red Knights, we are going to be burying a time capsule at the memorial site to be opened at our 50th Anniversary. Anyone wishing to contribute can send things to Ed Brouillet.



Spring is returning to New England and so has active work on the Red Knights Memorial. Please join us in August for the dedication of the memorial at the Boylston

### **Elections at the International Convention**

*Any members seeking election at the August Convention for any of positions on the International Board should contact the Nominating Committee Chairman Steve Mickle. 978-772-6224*

Positions to be voted on are: International President, Treasurer, Eastern Regional Director, and the Central Regional Director.

**W**elcome to all our new MAL's and new chapters. The Red Knights now have over 275 members-at-large and over 7,200 members in 264 chapters. New chapters since the last newsletter are:

Maryland-7, Wisconsin-4, Iceland-1, Texas-8, Pennsylvania-30, West Virginia -5, and Virginia-8

**Welcome everyone!**

These are proposed bylaw changes from the International Board that will be voted on at the August convention. Full text and references of these changes are available on line at [www.redknightsmc.com/FORMS/07\\_changes.pdf](http://www.redknightsmc.com/FORMS/07_changes.pdf)

Section 1:04 E The Red Knight International Firefighters Motorcycle Club's 3 piece patch or any part of it cannot be worn on anything but the back of the vest.

Section 2:01 II *[Replace wording in this section with wording in Section 12:04 of the SOG'S]*. Any Member-At-Large wishing to transfer membership to a designated chapter may do so upon the written request to the International Secretary from the Chapter President that the M.A.L. is transferring to. There shall be no refund of M.A.L. dues or will any dues be payable by the chapter he/she transfers to for the calendar year of the transfer. The M.A.L. shall notify the chairman of the Member-At-Large committee of his/her transfer.

Section 2:01 Article III. All annual Chapter dues will be set by the majority vote at the Annual Business Meeting. Annual Dues are from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year and renewals are due January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Chapter renewals that are received after February 15<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a late payment fee approved by majority vote at the Annual Business Meeting.

Section 2:01 Article IV. Members-at-Large Active and Members-at-Large Social annual dues will be set by the majority vote at the Annual Business Meeting. Dues are from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year and renewals are due January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Renewals paid after March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year of the year in which they are due will be considered a new application and charged the approved member-at-large application fee set by a majority vote at an Annual Business Meeting. The Membership dues will be prorated for applications received after August 1<sup>st</sup> at a rate of twenty-five percent (25%) reduction for the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) quarter and fifty percent (50%) for the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) quarter of the year.

SECTION 2:05. QUORUM FOR MEETING. At any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting the presence of fifty-one percent (51%) of the Officers of the International Executive Board and the presence of five percent (5%) of the Chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum for all purposes. In the absence of a quorum or when a quorum is present, a meeting may be adjourned from time to time by vote of a majority of the members present.

Section 3:01. Number on International Executive Board. The number of members (Officers) of the International Executive Board shall be Ten (10) active members: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Quartermaster, Eastern Director, Central Director, Southern Director, Western Director and an Eastern Canadian Director. Regions and chapters shall be assigned by the International Executive to the Directors.

PROPOSED SECTION 3:02. QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION. [Add into paragraph]. An Active Member-at-Large may run for election as a State or Provincial Representative

PROPOSED ADDITION SECTION 3:12 COMPENSATION. Section 3:12 A. The positions of Secretary, Quartermaster and International treasurer shall be paid a yearly honorarium as determined by the Executive board. This honorarium shall be paid on the last day of each month starting with the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2007. The amounts to be paid shall be reviewed annually at the Spring Executive meeting and shall be presented to the membership at the annual convention for ratification. The details of amounts shall be listed in the international SOP's under Section 9:02

PROPOSED Section 3:06 A (Proposed). Executive Board Meetings. The International Board will hold a minimum of three meetings a year at dates and locations chosen by the Board. There shall be one of the meetings held within 5 days prior to the Annual Meeting. All Annual financial reports of International Officers and Committee Chairpersons shall be sent to the International secretary Twenty (20) days prior to the Internationals Annual Meeting.

PROPOSED Section 3:12 A Executive Board Expenses. The International Executive Board shall have the discretionary ability to expend the necessary funds required to conduct the business of the International Corporation by the holding of a minimum of three International Executive Board meetings per year. The Board shall also have the same discretionary ability to have a board member or members attend a special meeting with a chapter or other party that has business to conduct with the Red Knights Organization. This will also include the cost of the basic Annual Convention registration. Air travel will be by advance booking at the lowest rate available. Receipts are required for reimbursement of funds and to be presented prior to payment by the International Treasurer. The guidelines as outlined in Section 9 of the Executive S.O.G manual shall apply to all expenses for Board members or those appointed by the board to conduct Organizational business. The International Treasurer shall budget \$14,000.00 for these meetings with a 15% per year increase in budget commencing with the year of 2007 and continuing each year at that rate or till modified based on funding being available,

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PROPOSED Section 3:14 (Proposed) Number International Executive Board. The Officers of the International Executive Board shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Quartermaster, Eastern Region Director, Southern Region Director, Central Region Director and Western Region Director and a Eastern Canadian Director. No one person of the International Executive Board may hold more than one office on the International Executive Board. The duties of the Officers, if not specifically enumerated in this document, shall be the duties specified by law of similar Officers in similar non-profit Corporations.

PROPOSED Section 3:15 A (Proposed) Election, Term of Office, Qualification. The Officers of the International Executive Board shall be elected biannually at the Annual Corporation Meeting. The President, Treasurer, Eastern Regional Director, Central Regional Director and the Canadian Regional Director shall be elected in every odd year and the Vice-President, Secretary, Quartermaster, Southern Regional Director and the Western Regional Director shall be elected in every even year. All officers shall serve in their office until the close of business of the meeting at which their successors are elected.

Article 3. *[Add wording into paragraph]* In special circumstances with the vote of a majority of the Board the President or treasurer may enter into a financial contract such as opening an account or the purchase of investments that only have provisions for one signature from the Corporation.

PROPOSED WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES Section 3:21. Regional Directors, International Executive Board. There shall be five (5) International Regional Directors, each representing a designated geographical region, and they shall reside in and be an Active member of a Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club® Inc. Chapter in their respective regions. The exception is that if no one wishes to be the Regional Director in that Respective region, any Active Member may be nominated to fill the Office. To qualify for International Regional Directors, they shall be an Active Officer or Past Executive Officer of his/her Chapters Executive Board and/or a State/ Provincial Representative. An Active Member-at-Large may also become a regional Director subject to Section 3:02 The Regional Directors shall be the liaison Officers of the International Executive Board for the State/Provincial Representatives, Chapter Presidents and Chapter Members, in case of a grievance. The Regions covering North America shall be, Eastern Region, Southern Region, Central Region, Western Region and Eastern Canada. Regions assigned to the Executive Regional Directors shall be reviewed Annually by the International Executive Board so all Regional Directors' duties are relatively equal. The Regional Directors are Officers of the International Executive Board, therefore they will be nominated and elected at the International Annual Meeting. The Eastern Region, Central Region Director And Canadian Eastern Regional Director shall be elected in odd years and Southern Region and the Western Region Directors shall be elected in even years. He/she shall have the following duties and responsibilities.

PROPOSED SECTION 5:05 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP *(Proposed).* [Add into paragraph] Once a member has been accepted as an Associate member and for various reasons no longer is able to ride a motorcycle they may, at the pleasure of the chapter majority retain his/her membership as an Associate member.

SECTION 5:06. SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP. *[Add]*, Brother or Sister of an Active Member, Associate Member or a Member-at-Large.

5:10 Grievance Procedure at Chapter Level. The Chapter Board has the right to suspend any member for cause. That member has the right to appeal that suspension to the Chapter Board or to the Chapter membership.

If the Chapter Board does something, or something happens in a

chapter that any member thinks is inappropriate, that member has the right to call a special meeting. Any member of a local chapter can ask for a special meeting.

A special meeting must be announced to ALL the Chapter membership of that chapter in a letter, not email and not on the phone. It must be done in writing. A special meeting must be announced at least thirty days in advance. The reason for the special meeting must be spelled out in the announcement and absolutely NO other business can be discussed at that special meeting.

A minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire chapter membership must be in attendance at the meeting in order to conduct the business as announced for the special meeting.

A minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of the chapter members present is required to pass any motion made at the special meeting. Any motion must be related to the written reasons the special meeting was called.

If you want to reinstate a suspension, you must make that part of the reason for the meeting. If you want to call into question the actions of the local Board or any of its members, you must make that part of the reason for the meeting. If you want to be able to discuss sanctions against the local board or any member, you must make that part of the reason for the meeting. Legally, you cannot make decisions or discuss things that are not on the announcement for the special meeting. Any motion becomes effected immediately with a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote.

If it is determined that the chapter officers acted in an inappropriate enough manner to be replaced, you CANNOT replace them at this special meeting.

If you do remove the officers, a special meeting will have to be announced with all the requirements of a special meeting with the express reason of electing new chapter officers.

Finally, anything that happens at the local level can be appealed at the International level. If there are sanctions placed against the local Board by the membership, they can appeal to the International Board. If there are sanctions placed against a member by the membership at a special meeting, they can appeal to the International.

The International Board will only get involved in this whole process if the person or persons to whom sanctions were brought by the local membership want to appeal that decision to the International Board.

The chain of command shall be followed by anyone wanting to appeal to the International Board. (State/Province Representative, Regional Director and last the International Executive Board).

SECTION 7:03. [Add] Members-at-Large will be considered one chapter and will have one (1) vote on each motion presented on the floor at the annual meeting. The vote will be by the MAL representative.

Any Board Member may vote on behalf of his chapter if there is no other chapter member signed in as the chapter voting member.



**What is your chapter up to?**

Let us know what your chapter does throughout the year that may be of interest to your brother and sister Red Knights. Brag a little (in the newsletter and on the web page). Send our

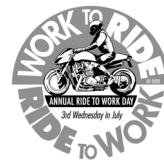


Members of RK CT-4 present an \$11,000 check to Dick Popilowski, Executive Director of the CT Burn Care Foundation after their 2006 charity ride. The ride consisted of 565 motorcycles with over 1000 people in attendance. Total funds raised over 4 years is approximately \$26,500 for the Bridgeport Hospital Burn Center, Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Camp, and the CT Burn Foundation. The chapter was recently voted "Club of the Year - Public Safety" and "Best New Charity Ride of the Year" in the Connecticut Cruise News. *Great work guys!*



Chris Bell of RK Georgia XI - Red Knights on Patrol in "Triangle of Death" Mahmudiyah, Iraq. Chris' wife sent the colors and they were worn on Patrol on 9-11-05 in memory of the lost brothers

**Motorcyclist's annual Ride to Work Day is Wednesday, July 18, 2007**



Ride to Work Day reveals that motorcyclists come from all walks of life, work in all occupations, and range in age from teenagers to grandparents. The American Motorcyclist Association and many other worldwide rider organizations actively encourage all motorcyclists to ride their cycles to work as a grassroots demonstration on the third Wednesday in July each year.

Each work day more than eighty million cars and light trucks commute on American roads, but only about 200,000 individuals regularly ride their cycles to work.

More information about Ride to Work Day is at <http://www.ridetowork.org>. ...and remember, The day after RTW Day is **'the heck with work, I'm going riding day'**...

**Red Knights DC Chapter -1 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rolling Thunder Open House**

Saturday May 26, 2007 — 1:00 to 4:00pm

**Armed Forces Retirement Home**  
"Just to Say Thanks"

3700 No. Capitol St. NW, Washington, DC

Enter Gate At Rock Creek Church Rd & Upsher St. NW — Get Directions on Line <http://www.afrh.gov/afrh/wash/wdirect.htm>

For more information or to RSVP contact [rkmcdc1@yahoo.com](mailto:rkmcdc1@yahoo.com)

**Red Knights — Brag about your area!**

The International would like to create a new travel directory. "Red Knights Quests" will be made by our members for our members.

The idea is to have individual local members submit information about your favorite local rides. We all have one or two really great rides, now you can let visiting Red Knights know them too.

Please take pictures and give the route directions or send a map showing the 'quest.' Submit information about what is special about your quest, including stops along the way and especially any good eateries that others would enjoy.

We would like to have a response from as many members as possible. Once compiled, plans are to have the "Red Knights Quests" available on a CD for members to get from the International.

Please send all your ride information or any questions to the Central Director Steve Chappell. [central\\_director@redknightsmc.com](mailto:central_director@redknightsmc.com)

**Good day fellow Red Knights,**

It has been an honor to serve the members of the north-east as the regional representative to the International Board. It is also my intent to run for re-election as your Eastern Regional Director. I thank each of you for your support and look forward to the opportunity to work with you during my next term of office.

John Rucinski

Red Knights Web page changes — In the near future the daily maintenance responsibilities for the Red Knight International's web page will be changing from our editor Bob Laford to TMG Designs. We appreciate your patience

Any chapter looking to order Red Knights decals that are available through the International are to contact the International Secretary, Bill Snodgrass at 614-271-8577 — [secretary@redknightsmc.com](mailto:secretary@redknightsmc.com)

## Meet us in Lake George for Americade!

What two benchmark traditions for motorcyclists both began in 1982? Americade and the Red Knights – that's what! Every year tens of thousands of riders travel to beautiful Lake George and enjoy the motorcycle haven that it becomes during the first week in June. And each year the Red Knights have played a prominent role in the celebration and the great time that everyone enjoys!

If you like riding winding roads, cruising on elegant sightseeing boats, riding new demos from major manufacturers, enjoying great meals, or meeting up with other motorcycle enthusiasts (including several hundred Red Knights) - then Americade is the place to be.

Amazing beauty is what you will find in the Adirondack Mountains and on the shores of Lake George. The area's riding is among the best in the country, with lots of scenic mountain roads, convenient interstate highways and breathtaking views. It's no wonder why the Red Knights keep coming back to Lake George and Americade each June.

Come join us during the RKMC anniversary year at Americade.

### Join your Red Knight brothers and sisters for some special events at Americade:

- **Three-course Dinner** hosted by the Red Knights on Wednesday evening. This is one of the events you can choose to attend on your registration form. Last year we hosted nearly 300 people for the dinner. PLEASE help us with door prizes. **Each chapter is asked to donate a door prize** (and get it to the President before June).
- **Wednesday afternoon seminar on "Planning for a long distance trip"** presented by International Editor Bob Laford, at Roaring Brook Ranch... based on Bob's series of articles that appeared in Wing World magazine this year.
- **RKMC Open House and Meeting** at the Lake George FD Thursday evening, June 7. Come break bread with several hundred other Red Knights with Thursday's hosts, NY-12. (4:00 p.m.)
- **Saturday's parade usually boasts nearly 100 Red Knights.** Join us this year in a fun motorcycle-only parade that winds through Lake George Village to the top of Prospect Mountain.

Don't forget to show your Fire Service Pride and bring your **FIRE HELMET** to wear in the Saturday Americade

### Make Plans for the Killington Classic!

The weekend after Labor Day will never be the same! Just ask anyone who went to last year's Killington Classic in Vermont. It was a great time and the Red Knights were right in the front row.

Join us in 2006 for another great time. September 6-9 is this year's *Classic* in Killington, VT. - [www.killingtonclassic.com](http://www.killingtonclassic.com)

### Red Knights Dinner at Roaring Brook Ranch Wednesday, June 6, 2007

The Red Knights have been able to give away more door prizes than any other sponsor of the dinners and rides at Americade each year. It does not go unnoticed by the people who run Americade, the people who attend Americade – or the other sponsors! We're able to continually provide those door prizes at our Wednesday evening dinner **because of you our members and you our chapters.**

Help us again this year make the Red Knights hosted dinner one of the most popular venues of the week. When you sign up with your registration put a check box next to the Wednesday evening three-course dinner so you can join us for a fun event.

We are also asking that each chapter donate one door prize to the cause. That is over 200 potential prizes! Anyone — chapters – MAL's – or individual members – are encouraged to donate door prizes to make this another special event. If you are not coming to Americade, please send your door prize to International President Ed Brouillet in time so that he can take it with him to New York at the beginning of June.

Thank you all for making our Americade participation an overwhelming success!

### Words From The Southern Regional Director

It is with great sentimental mixed emotions to have to say goodbye to our club President Eddie Brouillet — but I can say with joy, Eddie and Peg "JOB WELL DONE".

Ed and Peg have dedicated the past 10 years of their lives to aid and assist in the leadership of this club. There have been many bumpy roads traveled and there have been many irreplaceable memories they have experienced. As you notice I give praise to Peg as well as Eddie for their devoted time because I know the position of our president for the past 10 years has been a team effort on both of their parts.

As we embark on the upcoming RKMC 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August and the dedication of our RKMC memorial a decade of leadership will come to pass and a new phase of leadership will receive the responsibilities. With that, the club will continue to advance and grow with exciting ideas that are in the planning for the future of our club.

On that note, it is with humble appreciation to announce that the International Executive Board has nominated me to run for the office of vice-president which I accept. If elected, I pledge to devote my abilities to continue the progress this club has received in the past and contribute to the projected plans and ideas for the future of our club.

Fraternally,  
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**Insurance for Special Events.** Just a reminder that Associations and Chapters can apply to the International to purchase insurance coverage for special events hosted by their organization. Contact the International Secretary for information on this program.

The insurance that the International provides for the chapters to purchase for their events will increase by 3 to 4 percent in 2007. In dollars this means between \$5.00 and \$24.00 depending on the type of event and the number of people in attendance. We have not had an increase in the past two years.

The biggest change in the insurance program beginning in 2007 is that we CAN NOT provide insurance for any event where the chapter/association is selling alcohol. This also includes asking for donations, placing of a bucket for money, selling drink tickets, selling of cups or any other way that you could receive monies for the alcohol.

This is due to two things. The passage of the Dram Shop Act in many states and the position that our insurance carrier has taken regarding this issue. This includes poker runs, cook outs, our Annual Conventions, chapter host parties etc.

If you have any question regarding this, please contact the International Executive Secretary before requesting insurance. If you request insurance and sell alcohol, the policy will be voided. This will be explained more at the Annual business meeting.

Have you ever been traveling and thought, "Gee I don't know anyone around here. Where is the best place to eat, stay, or get my bike worked on?" That's what the Help-A-Knight program is for – to maintain a database of Red Knights who are willing to accept telephone calls and help fellow Red Knights. Some of the help may be for information, or other options such as if a RK member can stay overnight, pitch a tent in your yard, or leave their bike at your house.

The Red Knights Help-a-Knight program available on line at [www.redknightsmc.org/HAK.pdf](http://www.redknightsmc.org/HAK.pdf) (You need Adobe Acrobat to read the file).

It's raining... You've been on the road for hours. You still have 1100 miles to go. You're riding alone. Your bike isn't running right... It stalls and quits. Now, you know you're in trouble! You pull over... now what?

This has happened to all of us at least once. Mine? I was driving back from Canada to Columbus, Ohio after a seven day trip with two other friends. They went ahead and I did some sight seeing before I headed out. About 80 miles out of Columbus and my bike broke down. Where am I? All I see is corn fields!

That is what the Help-a-Knight program is for – to maintain a database of Red Knights who are willing to accept telephone calls and help out fellow Red Knights.

Submitted by Jim Wells,  
RKMC Ohio-5

### RKMC Help-A-Knight Registration Form

Please Print Information and Check All Statements That Apply

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ St./Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

This is a **New** registration

This is a **Change** to my info

To Help-A-Knight I will: (circle appropriate numbers)

1. Take calls for information about my area. No Collect Calls.
2. Allow a Red Knight to stay overnight in my home
3. Allow a Red Knight to put up a tent on my property
4. Allow a Red Knight to leave a bike on my property
5. Bring my SAE tools to a Help-A-Knight who has broken down
6. Pick up a Red Knight's bike with my pick-up truck or trailer
7. Bring my Metric tools to Help-A-Knight who has broken down
8. Someone in my home speaks French

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## Membership Survey Results

In the fall newsletter there was a notification that the International Board of the Red Knights would conduct a random phone survey of its membership. This survey was a tool to help the Board with planning the immediate and future paths of the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club. The survey was completed in January.

The intention of the Board was to survey at least one member from each Chapter including a sampling of the Members-at-Large which totaled approximately 260 contacts. Each member of the board was given a minimum 26 random members to contact.

Stressing the need for accurate chapter rosters, many of the telephone numbers, taken from the official International roster, had changed or were incorrect. Not one Board member was able to contact every member on their first list and had to have new contacts issued by the controller. Even with these additional names, and after many hours during many days on the phones, the Board received responses from only 68% of the members we attempted to contact.

Of the 68% the Board was able to contact, not all members answered all of the questions as many simply did not know the background. These are the eleven questions asked. Each question is followed with the background and the reasons for the questions.

1. Are you in favor of the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club pursuing new members?  
a. Yes 168/100% No 00/00% Total 168

As more members are obtained administration costs for members increase proportionally. Approximately 95% of the membership costs go in to direct costs such as advertising, promotion, printing, mailing, correspondence and other management costs. The only way these costs are able to be currently maintained is through the volunteer efforts of the executive board.

2. Are you aware that the red knights have the lowest dues structure of any of the major motorcycle clubs in North America?  
a. Yes 41/24.4% No 126/75% Total 167

The annual Red Knights International Club dues currently are \$7.00 per year. Each chapter sets their own dues. International Clubs such as: the Harley Owners Group dues are \$45.00; GWRRA yearly dues are \$45.00 per year; AMA yearly dues are \$39.00 per year; IAFF motorcycle club dues annually are \$50.00; Blue Knights Motorcycle Club yearly dues are \$20.00 per year; Wind and Fire dues are \$20.00. The RKMC International dues are among, if not the lowest of any International Motorcycle Clubs.

3. Do we need more members on the International Board to better manage our seven thousand plus member club that is spread the length of North America and foreign countries?  
a. Yes 97/57.7% No 55/32.7% Total 152

Currently there are over 7,000 Red Knights managed by (4) regional directors. The quarter master, recording secretary, treasure and president also have specific duties. Many times we hear concerns that members can not get immediate issues addressed in a timely fashion.

4. Should the International Club give more financial aid to local chapters for multi-chapter events?  
a. Yes 118/70.2% No 44/26.1% Total 163

Each year the board accepts requests for financial aid from individual chapters and state associations. On a

yearly rotation the International budgets \$5000 to provide seed funds for events. In addition every year the International contracts event insurance in order to provide economical individual event insurance to protect the local club, participating volunteers and sponsors.

5. Should the International Club give more financial aid in matching funds for Promotional Grants to chapter?  
a. Yes 118/70.2% No 45/26.7% Total 163

On a yearly rotation, the Board budgets \$1600 in funds for local chapters to promote the Red Knights.

6. Should the International Board find new avenues to obtain funds to help local chapter and State Associations with multi-chapter events and other financial responsibilities of the International Club?  
a. Yes 137/81.5% No 26/15.4% Total 163

On a yearly rotation, the International purchases patches and rockers in bulk. In addition to this the quartermaster looks for Red Knights items to market. These items in addition to the membership dues are the only revenue currently generated by the international.

7. Are you aware that on average the primary officers of the International Board work over 20 hours a week year round for the organization?  
a. Yes 35/20.8% No 132/78.5% Total 167

The demands upon the Board officers have been increasing steadily. During peak times over 40 hours per week have been required from several members. These occur regularly during membership renewals and board meetings. The minimum time spent by board members is an average of 6 hours a week.

8. The financial responsibilities of the International Club and time each member of the International Board spends on club responsibilities increases yearly. Should an International dues increase be larger than necessary to maintain our current commitment, which would allow the hiring of an administrative assistant to take the work load off of the all volunteer International Board?

- a. Yes 137/81.5% No 26/15.4% Total 163

The financial responsibilities of the International Club and time each member of the International Board spends on club responsibilities increases yearly. There are a few high hour key positions that are being pressured by family to reduce hours. This will reduce the services we are currently offering.

9. Are you in favor of the Organization hiring an administrative assistant?  
a. Yes 143/85.1% No 21/12.5% Total 164

Since the increasing costs for running the club dictate a marginal increase in the dues, the cost of hiring and administrative assistant would necessitate a larger increase in International dues.

10. Should the International Board maintain a permanent address for its corporate accounts and records?  
a. Yes 162/96.4% No 3/1.7% Total 165

As the International Board changes, so does the contact addresses requiring continual change of address to the membership. Currently members have been mailing to any member of the board that seems currently convenient. This has led to delays in returning correspondence of updating member lists.

11. The International Board, as a long range plan would someday like to purchase a property to house an international office, where all records would be centralized and provide an office for administration of the organization and possibly provide a form of rental income to offset the cost of the building. Would you be in favor of this plan?  
a. Yes 158/94% No 6/3.5% Total 163

The Organization does not have a permanent office or location to house an office, and warehouse our records and files and has depended upon board members to provide space as available. Currently club records are spread among several members of the present and past boards.



With the support of the Red Knights International, Red Knights MC Virginia Chapter IV was able to represent the RKMC with an informational table at the annual Virginia Fire Chiefs Association Expo & Symposium held in Virginia Beach, VA in February. The annual symposium is a combination of fire related seminars.

With firefighters from all over Virginia attending the symposium, VA-Chapter IV couldn't find a better vehicle for promoting the Red Knights and the Virginia Tidewater and North Carolina Albemarle area Red Knights Chapters.

**2006 Year End Report From  
The International Treasurer**

Listed is the year-end report for January 1 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2006

As International Treasurer I submitted to the board a quarterly report for all quarters of the 2006-year including an end of year report and 2006 Red Knights corporate tax return with the I.R.S. Also filed was the annual report with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for our articles of incorporation

Set up and maintained a tracking data base for funds donated by the chapters for the Red Knight victims of Katrina and Rita. Maintained a record of all promotional grants given to the chapters and Associations of the Red Knights Organization.

Researched a second bank account in the State of New York. Completion of this project is awaiting final approval of the membership from the August 2007 convention floor.

Filed a group Letter of Determination application with the IRS on behalf of all the Red Knights chapters that had applied to me to be part of that process. This application was withdrawn.

Paperwork for additional Trademark protection filed through the law firm of Christopher & Weisberg P.A. This process will also be applied to Canada once the US patent has been completed. The cost for this will run around 6 to 8000 dollars total we have already paid \$4,560.04 of this.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of November I filed the certificate of revocation of appointment of a resident agent to change our resident agent from Don Staples to Ed Brouillet this is still pending.

Spent 993 hours (19.10 hours per week) during the period of Jan 1 – Dec 31 2006 dealing with Emails, phone calls and correspondence related to the duties of International Treasurer with approximately another 2 hours per week spent on International's Banking requirements.

The above mentioned times are also above the time required to attend Executive meetings and the business conducted at the International's business meeting held each August.

At this time I would like very much to thank the International Secretary for all the help and encouragement he has provided me in a very hard and trying year. I would also like to extend my thanks to the rest of the board for all their efforts on behalf of the membership and the team building that has gone on over the past couple of years to bring the board to the level it is. Without that drive and devotion the organization would not be able to survive.

Leo Patry, International Treasurer



# CARNIVAL TRIUMPH<sup>SM</sup>

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7 day Eastern Caribbean cruises from Miami, FL

Your 7 day Caribbean vacation begins in Miami. Your first destination is Half Moon Cay where you will enjoy of a two-mile crescent of a perfect beach. Next, you are in St. Thomas/St. John, shopping is a popular pastime, but then so is swimming, snorkeling and golfing. Next, you are in San Juan which includes strolling along cobblestone streets and dancing in the city's hottest clubs. Your last destination is Grand Turk in the world-renowned Turks and Caicos where the pleasures include kayaking and—for divers—the chance to see the 7,000-foot-high Grand Turk Wall. Call us to book your "Fun Ship" cruise today!

## COME CRUISIN' WITH THE RED KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE GROUP

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2008

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|          | from      |         |
| INTERIOR | OCEANVIEW | BALCONY |
| \$ 681   | \$ 781    | \$ 931  |

Cruise rates are capacity controlled in U.S. dollars, per guest and based on double occupancy. Government taxes/fees are included. Air transportation is additional for all guests. Additional cost for alcoholic and/or carbonated beverages, shore excursions, and purchases of a personal nature. Rates are available on select sailing only. Some restrictions (including stateroom category availability) apply. Rates are subject to change without prior notice. Ship's Registry: The Bahamas and Panama.

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Or email: [hmcnaught@cruiseshipcenters.com](mailto:hmcnaught@cruiseshipcenters.com)

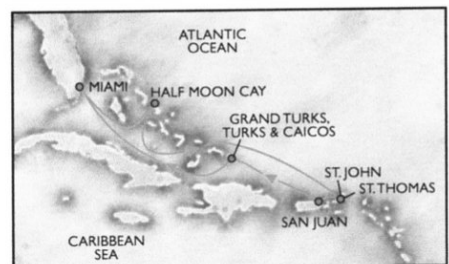
**BOOK EARLY AND SAVE!**  
First 32 guests to book receive an onboard coupon booklet valued at up to \$240!

**Remember, your price includes:**

- \* Prepaid Gratuities of \$70 per person
- \* \$50 per cabin onboard credit
- \* Government taxes & fees
- \* Meals, shipboard activities & entertainment



The cut off date is September 27<sup>th</sup> with final payment due by December 7<sup>th</sup>



**7 Day Exotic Eastern Caribbean Itinerary**

| DAY    | PORT                       | ARRIVE    | DEPART    |
|--------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Sat.   | Miami                      |           | 4:00 P.M. |
| Sun.   | Half Moon Cay              | 9:00 A.M. | 4:00 P.M. |
| Mon.   | "Fun Day" at Sea           |           |           |
| Tues.  | St. Thomas/St. John*       | 8:00 A.M. | 6:00 P.M. |
| Wed.   | San Juan                   | 7:00 A.M. | 3:30 P.M. |
| Thurs. | Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos | Noon      | 7:00 P.M. |
| Fri.   | "Fun Day" at Sea           |           |           |
| Sat.   | Miami                      | 8:00 A.M. |           |

\* Optional shore excursion to St. John is available.

**CHAPTER BY-LAWS.** Many Chapters have adopted the International, Chapter generic, sample By-Laws. As a results of several Articles and sections that have been discussed at the Executive Board meeting, there have been some additions and changes, we suggest your Chapter's By-Law's Committee check out the changes on the International Web-Site to see if they will effect your current By-Laws. Check the cover page to see which ones must be changed. Thanks.

Dick Morse, International By-Laws Chairman

As an FYI to the chapters, the past edition of the Sample Bylaws listed Social and Special Honorary members as no having to pay dues to the Red Knights International. This was a misprint. **Social and Special Honorary members must pay dues to the International.** This was an oversight in the sample by-laws, and we apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.



## RED KNIGHTS Grand Tour

The RKMC Grand tour is still doing very well. In 2006, 175 members and guests completed a Tour; this is down slightly from 2005 when 208 finished a Tour. A total of 719 Tours have now been completed over the 9 years since we resurrected the program..

You can earn your Grand Tour pin by doing a **FIRE HOUSE** ride or a **RED KNIGHT** ride as well as the traditional **GRAND TOUR**. Just visit Fire Stations beginning with these letters and you can earn your Grand Tour pin that way

*Join the RKMC Grand Tour! Participate by yourself, with a few friends, or with your chapter and help spread the word about the Red Knights to fire departments around your area.*

If you have pictures from your **GRAND TOUR** that you would like posted on the web page, get them to our editor and they will be posted at [www.redknightsmc.org/GT.HTM](http://www.redknightsmc.org/GT.HTM)

Beginning in 2007 any photos sent via e-mail to the chairman will also be available for everyone to see at future conventions. We will show them as a slide show.

### **What is the Grand Tour?**

When the club was young, the easiest way to tell others about it was by word of mouth. This meant that the members had to get out to visit other firefighters in their areas, and one of the best ways to do that was to visit Fire Stations. Someone came up with the idea of rewarding members who made a certain number of visits with a certificate and a pin. Proof of these visits was needed and so the idea of Grand Tour was born.

### How do I earn a Grand Tour Pin

In order to earn a Grand Tour Pin you must first get an application form from the G.T. chairperson, then during the course of one (1) riding season you must visit fire Stations whose names begin with the letters GRAND TOUR, FIREHOUSE, REDKNIGHT, or twelve Fire Stations beginning with any letter of the alphabet (this is for members who live in some of the more remote areas and may not be able to come up with Stations beginning with the specific letters). You must have a picture of you and your motorcycle taken at each Station, with the name sign visible. Co-riders may also earn a pin and a rider and co-rider may have their picture taken together.

When you have completed your visits simply fill out the application form and return it with your pictures to the GT chairperson and he/she will send you your certificate and pin.

Henry Heideman  
[hmheideman@cogeco.ca](mailto:hmheideman@cogeco.ca) – 905-372-6073  
Grand Tour Chairman

## Grunberg Haus Bed & Breakfast and Cabins



Before or after the Worcester Convention, ride a few hours north to the beautiful Green Mountains of Vermont and stay with us. The Grunberg Haus is a mountainside Austrian chalet located near Waterbury, home of Ben & Jerry's ice cream factory (tours given every day). Our inn is located in a quiet country setting surrounded by forest. The atmosphere is rustic, cozy, quiet and informal. Delicious full cooked breakfast included. Five percent discount for anyone who wears a public service uniform: military, fire, police, EMT. See our web site for more details or give us a call toll free.

Thanks for your service.

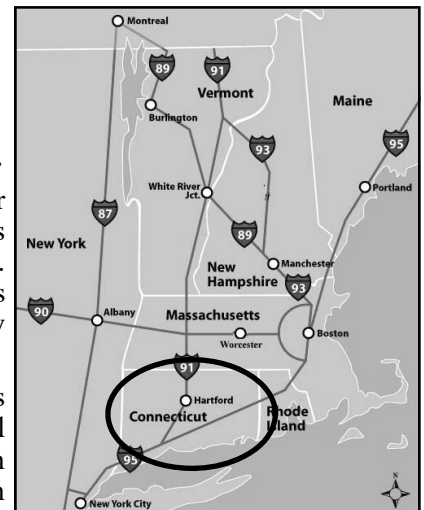
[www.grunberghaus.com](http://www.grunberghaus.com)  
800-800-7760

### Looking for a riding challenge during your time in New England this summer?

#### *Why not take RK-CT Chapter 3's* **Four Corners of Connecticut Tour.**

This self-guided tour has only four checkpoints, and you can do this whenever you want, in any order. This is not a race. Visit the four stops at your own pace (anytime) by November 1st, 2007.

Ride fee is \$20.00. Completion gets you a custom-made Tour pin and all proceeds benefit the Western Connecticut Chapter of the American Red Cross.



For more information call Greg at 203-261-7995 days, or email: [loehr@snet.net](mailto:loehr@snet.net).



# GETTYSBURG

## **Fellow Red Knights,**

We are pleased to announce the dates and events for the Second Annual "Red Knights at Gettysburg" festivities to coincide with Gettysburg Bike Week, July 12-15.

Our host hotel will be the Eisenhower where rooms have already been blocked off for our use. In order to take advantage of our discounted hotel rates please call the Eisenhower directly at 1 (800) 776-8349, ask for Mary Lou or Tina and mention you are reserving a room with the "Red Knights at Gettysburg".

Our opening activity on Friday will be offering motorcycle guided battlefield tours by a licensed guide. Cost will be \$8.00 per person. We are offering a 4-hour tour in the morning from 8-12 and a 3-hour tour in the afternoon from 1-4. There will also be self-guided tours available both Friday and Saturday. Please join your fellow Red Knight members on Friday evening at our "Red Knights at Gettysburg" dinner at the Eisenhower. It will be a buffet dinner with a DJ playing until 11:00, doors open at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00. The cost will be \$29.50 per person if you register by June 1st, and \$34.50 per

person if you register by June 10th. No late registrations will be accepted after June 10. There will also be a cash bar.

On Saturday we will be taking a 40-mile ride to the Fallen Firefighter Memorial at the Fire Academy. There will be time to visit the memorial and shopping in the gift shop before the All You Can Eat lunch buffet. This event was extremely popular last year and once again pre-registration is required. Lunch will cost \$8.00 per person.

Returning to Gettysburg will be at your leisure so you can enjoy more sightseeing, riding, or whatever you'd like. On Saturday night, the Red Knights have been asked to ride near the front in the Gettysburg Bike Week parade. The Gettysburg Bike Week committee and sponsor Jim Beam are working to line up some top-notch group for Saturday night's entertainment. Watch for updates on their website at [www.gettysburgbikeweek.com](http://www.gettysburgbikeweek.com) It is not too early to start pre-registering for events! If you have any questions feel free to contact [president@redknightspa12.org](mailto:president@redknightspa12.org)

Registration page is up and running @ [www.redknightspa12.org](http://www.redknightspa12.org)

## *Vice-president's Report*

Hello my Red Knights friends. I returned from the Red Knights Executive Board meeting in Syracuse, New York finally able to see snow before I departed back to Ft. Lauderdale on April 15<sup>th</sup>. We had two full days at the table working on the Constitution and by-laws, our memorial (which is coming along very nicely), and a few other important matters that we will share with you at convention. We kicked around ideas that may help solve some convention challenges. We brainstormed both short and long term ideas and I can tell you there are some very interesting ideas in the pressure cooker now that look promising for the future of the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club. There will be a full agenda before us this convention, so I hope we have a good turn out. I heard a report that the hotel is booking rooms very fast now that we are getting closer to August.

I want to tell everyone that I have enjoyed working for you as Vice President. It's easy for me to contribute to a group when they show their appreciation like you have. I think it is terrific that President Brouillet will fulfill his dream this year as President. Ed has announced he will be stepping down as President at the convention. That will create a vacancy and I would like you to consider me for the next President of the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club. I have worked as Vice President for the past five years and have been a board member since 1999 after joining the club in 1994. I have a good working relationship with the board members and with the general members. As you already know I like to talk but I like to listen too. I think that is my best asset but more importantly a good skill to have in this position. I'm not going to go into a long campaign speech at this time. I will save that for later. I will be available for questions now and at convention. I hope you will agree we need to stay on course and broaden our horizon.

I'm glad everyone made it through this crazy winter we had. I'm looking forward to seeing you at convention.  
Fraternally, Jack C. Downs – Vice-president

## From the Office of the Executive Secretary 2006 END OF YEAR REPORT

1. The Regional Directors are notified when a new chapter application is sent to a chapter in their Region. Every 60 days a list is sent to the Regional Directors advising them of any outstanding applications in their Regions.
2. In 2006, I had 133 requests for information on starting a new RKMC chapter and send out 71 applications for new chapters and awarded 36 new chapters (50.1%).
3. A data base set up for when and where we issue new chapter charters. The Regional Directors are notified when a new Chapter Charter is sent to a chapter in their Region.
4. We now have 6 State/Province Associations and 1 Regional Association.
5. New Charter certificates for chapters, associations and Regional Association have been designed and are being used.
6. I have worked with Dick Morse on the revision of the International By-Laws.
7. I have continued to work on the SOG manual. It is a work in progress and is updated on a regular basis.
8. In 2006 we have 46 requests for insurance and insured 43 events for our chapters. Working with K&K we are now able to offer chapter insurance for their monthly meeting.
9. I have made contact with 1st Responder News and reviewed our advertising with them. I have added three more states to our advertising. We are now advertising in 11 issues covering, California, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Ohio, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington DC. We also advertise in the California and Oklahoma Firefighters magazines.
10. I traveled to Illinois and New York on fact finding missions on behalf of the Executive Board so that they could make discussions on matters dealing with chapters.
11. I attended three Executive Board meetings, and two 2008 Convention meetings. I completed the minutes of the Board meetings in the time allowed.
12. I attended the Dixie/Texas State rally, the NC state rally and the Pennsylvania state rally
13. I visited 6 chapters outside of my home state.
14. From August 10 to December 31, 2006, I have worked a total of 248 hours for the Red Knights. This does not include travel time or time spent at rallies.
15. I sold 143 tickets for the Motorcycle Raffle fund raiser.
16. I was reelected to another term as the Executive Secretary.
17. I have answered all e-mails and phone calls in a timely manner.
18. I assisted in the design of one of the new decals.
19. We have flags for all the countries where we have members and these are on display at the Annual Business Meeting & the Banquet.
20. Membership cards have been redesigned and are sent out on request from the chapters.

# Come to where it all began in Massachusetts for the 25th Anniversary Convention in 2007!

## Red Knights International Firefighters

### MOTORCYCLE CLUB

#### 2007 "25th Anniversary" Convention

August 16-19, 2007 Worcester, Massachusetts

#### Convention Registration (\$95 per person U.S. Funds) includes

- Registration; -Program; -Welcome Bag; -Pin & Patch; -Hospitality Room; -Group Tours; Self-guided tours
- \*\*Saturday Night Cocktail Reception followed by sit-down Dinner-Dance with salad, and entree choices of Prime Rib, Baked New England Scrod, Penne Pasta Primavera, or Chicken Francais\*\*
- Sunday Farewell Breakfast Buffet

Convention Center: Crowne Plaza Hotel

Amenities Include: Crowne Plaza Worcester's four-star rated hotel restaurant and Seven Hills Gourmet Bistro.

Ideally situated in the heart of New England, just 48 miles from Boston, the Crowne Plaza offers guests the finest facilities, the ultimate in comfort and the best service – with many shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues within walking distance

Location: Located in downtown Worcester at 10 Lincoln Square Worcester, MA 01608  
www.cpworcester.com/

Room Rate: **Convention Rate: US \$ 95.00 per night base rate**

Parking: Secure parking available at hotel with up to 200 available *covered* spaces just for motorcycles at no extra charge

*Early-bird registration will be open for a limited time on Wednesday evening for those who plan to arrive before Thursday.*

*Information on the self-guided tours will be available at the host hotel early in the week for early arrivals who wish to*

#### Directions:

- Route 90 (Massachusetts Turnpike) to exit 10 (Auburn) for Route 290
- Route 290 east to exit 17
- Take a left at the top of the ramp, at traffic lights (Route 9)
- At the second set of traffic lights, at the bottom of the hill, take a left onto Major Taylor Boulevard
- The hotel is on the right

#### Distances:

- Logan International Airport (Boston) - 50 miles east,
- TF Green Airport (RI) - 49 miles south-east,
- Bradley International Airport - 71 miles west,
- Manchester (NH) Airport – 77 miles north

*(Off-site parking for people who wish to trailer their rides to the convention will be available for the trailers).*

#### Additional Activities during the week:

- **Self-guided tours to afford you the opportunity to explore New England's beautiful countryside including jaunts to the New Hampshire Seacoast, rides into western and central Massachusetts, as well as opportunities to visit the nearby Tower Hill Botanical Garden and the Quabbin Reservoir**
- **Thursday motorcycle ride to Foxwoods Casino in Uncus, Connecticut**
  - **Thursday Early Arrival Bar-B-Que\***
  - **Friday Bus Tour into Boston\***
- **The host hotel has a Friday evening comedy club for evening entertainment\***
- **Saturday Afternoon Red Knights Memorial Dedication**

*\*Denotes activities with an extra cost above registration fee. Details will be on the registration form.*

Join us Saturday for a special ceremony in remembrance of our brothers who were lost on December 3, 1999 at the site of the Worcester Cold Storage Building fire before heading to the Red Knights Memorial.

Registration forms are included in this newsletter. Checks should be made payable in US funds to:

#### Red Knights Motorcycle Club – Mass Chapter 1

**Paypal is available for an additional surcharge via 25thanniv@redknightsmc.com**

*Please contact Bob Laford at rflaford@tiac.net for details before sending payment via PayPal.*

Registration inquiries should be made to Robert Laford, registration chairman: Phone (between 6-9:00 PM Eastern): (978) 724-3270 or E-Mail: rflaford@tiac.net

**Check the Red Knights International Website for updated convention information.**

*Convention Registration is due no later than July 1, 2007*

A look at the past 25 years...  
through the lens of our members!

It's been quite a trip over the last 25 years! Do you have photos that you think would make a great addition to a Red Knights' "historic" slide show?

Please transform any images to a digital format (JPG on a CD please) and forward them to our Editor, Bob Laford at 276 West Road, Petersham, MA 01366

Please do not email large files to Bob as the woods of Petersham still have dial

Call TODAY to make your reservations at the host hotel – 508-791-1600 or 800-628-4240  
Reservations must be made before July 25, 2007 to receive the Red Knights group discount — rooms are filling up fast!



# Red Knights Motorcycle Club

P.O. Box 784  
Petersham, MA 01366  
USA

www.redknightsmc.com

Look inside for information on the Convention in Massachusetts, Americade in Lake George, Gettysburg Bike Week, happenings around the chapters, and much, much more!

## RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE CLUB – 2007 ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION Worcester, Massachusetts

*Support our brothers and sisters in Massachusetts and purchase ad space in the convention booklet!*

For any Chapter that has hosted one of the annual conventions you know that Mass-1 and all the members of the convention planning committee from around Massachusetts have been working hard to provide you with a great convention experience. This work began long before last year's convention.

Along with the work there are some costs to the club. The primary way for the committee to raise funds to pay for the club's convention expenses is through their convention program and ad book.

If you run a business or know of a business that would like to advertise in the booklet OR if your chapter would like to take out an ad to support the convention OR for those of you who cannot make the convention and would like to support our hosts with an ad in their books, here is the information

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Full page          | \$100.00 |
| Half page          | \$ 50.00 |
| Quarter page       | \$ 25.00 |
| Business Card Size | \$ 15.00 |

The chapters involved in the planning of the convention support a number of different charities through their routine fundraising

**M**ake your plans for 2007 and years to come. Here are some convention locations in the next few years:

- 2007 — Worcester, Massachusetts;
- 2008 -- Sandusky Ohio;
- 2009 -- Panama City Beach, Florida;
- 2010 -- Alabama, and
- 2011 -- Ocean City, Maryland

activities. It has been decided that surplus monies from the convention will go to the Red Knights Memorial.

For printing purposes your advertisement, copy/art work, must be received by June 1, 2007.

Please make all checks payable to

Red Knights Massachusetts 1  
P.O. Box 720  
Boylston, MA 01505 USA

For further information, please contact Convention Chairman Don Parker at 508-869-2026.

Massachusetts-1 thanks any and all supporters (businesses, chapters, and individuals) for help promoting the Red Knights and the 2007 Anniversary Convention.

The Red Knights International is still accepting donations to help in building the RKMC Memorial to our members.

Donations should be sent directly to the International Treasurer at

Red Knights Memorial Fund Donations  
C/O International treasurer  
Leo Patry  
6000 Battersea Road  
R.R. # 2  
Battersea, Ontario  
Canada K0H 1H0

**From the Office of International Treasurer Leo Patry  
YEAR END REPORT FOR 2006**

**GENERAL ACCOUNT**

| <b>1st Quarter</b>     | <b>2nd Quarter</b>     | <b>3rd Quarter</b>     | <b>4th Quarter</b>     |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Jan 1 2006-Mar 31      | Apr 1 2006-May 31      | July 1 2006-Sept 30    | Oct 1 2006-Dec 31 2006 |
| Opening Balance        | Opening Balance        | Opening Balance        | Opening Balance        |
| \$ 67,073.14           | \$93,242.90            | \$ 98,415.59           | \$ 98,707.07           |
| Deposits               | Deposits               | Deposits               | Deposits               |
| \$ 28,993.03           | \$37,813.79            | \$ 25,406.45           | \$ 9,374.36            |
| <b>Expenditures</b>    | <b>Expenditures</b>    | <b>Expenditures</b>    | <b>Expenditures</b>    |
| \$ 2,823.27            | \$32,641.10            | \$ 25,114.90           | \$ 17,660.24           |
| <b>Closing Balance</b> | <b>Closing Balance</b> | <b>Closing Balance</b> | <b>Closing Balance</b> |
| \$93,242.90            | \$ 98,415.59           | \$ 98,707.07           | \$ 90,421.19           |

**MEMBERSHIP CHAPTERS IN GOOD STANDING**

| <b>1st Quarter</b> | <b>2nd Quarter</b> | <b>3rd Quarter</b> | <b>4th Quarter</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 138 of 235         | 194 of 241         | 222 of 246         | 237 of 257         |

**M.A.L's IN GOOD STANDING**

|                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>1st Quarter</b> – 169 | <b>2nd Quarter</b> – 199 | <b>3rd Quarter</b> – 221 | <b>4th Quarter</b> – 221 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|

**CHAPTERS IN ARREARS**

|   |                         |                         |                         |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>1st Quarter</b> – 97   | <b>2nd Quarter</b> – 48 | <b>3rd Quarter</b> – 24 | <b>4th Quarter</b> – 19 |
| <u>Eastern Chapters (4)</u> PA 6 & 10, QC 1 & 2                       |                         |                         |                         |
| <u>Western Chapter(2)</u> AB 8, OK 1                                  |                         |                         |                         |
| <u>Southern Chapters(8)</u> AL 5 & 6, FL 2, GA 7 & 11, LA 5, TX 3 & 7 |                         |                         |                         |
| <u>Central Chapters(3)</u> MO 2, WV 1, IL 11                          |                         |                         |                         |
| <u>Vice-President(3)</u> Auckland 1, Okinawa 1, New Zealand 1,        |                         |                         |                         |

**BREAK DOWN OF EXPENDITURES**

|                 | <b>1st Quarter</b> | <b>2nd Quarter</b> | <b>3rd Quarter</b> | <b>4th Quartet</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Telephone       | \$ 0.00            | \$ 157.68          | \$ 49.71           | \$ 47.49           |
| Postage         | \$ 106.59          | \$ 2,793.66        | \$ 461.04          | \$ 2,631.95        |
| Photo-Copies    | \$ 0.00            | \$ 5,492.50        | \$ 28.71           | \$ 5,509.92        |
| Office Supplies | \$ 34.21           | \$ 3,578.34        | \$ 626.70          | \$ 889.46          |
| Insurance       | \$ 0.00            | \$ 429.00          | \$ 6,000.00        | \$ 0.00            |
| Fee's           | \$ 171.00          | \$ 3,473.71        | \$ 6,729.16        | \$ 1,355.68        |
| Regalia         | \$ 0.00            | \$ 500.00          | \$ 937.50          | \$ 0.00            |
| Donations       | \$ 0.00            | \$ 5,999.63        | \$ 2,154.78        | \$ 0.00            |
| Publicity       | \$ 700.00          | \$ 963.90          | \$ 1,201.23        | \$ 3,943.21        |
| 50-50 Draw      | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00            | \$ 579.00          | \$ 0.00            |
| Rebates         | \$ 0.00            | \$ 6,978.00        | \$ 1,525.00        | \$ 250.00          |
| Travel          | \$1,811.47         | \$ 2,274.68        | \$ 4,822.06        | \$ 3,032.50        |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>\$2,823.27</b>  | <b>\$32,641.10</b> | <b>\$25,114.90</b> | <b>\$17,660.24</b> |

**Year End Expenditures \$ 78,239.51**

|                 |                             |           |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Telephone       | \$254.88 = .33 %            | Donations | \$ 8,154.41 = 10.43 % |
| Postage         | \$ 5,993.24= 7.66 %         | Publicity | \$ 6,808.37= 8.71 %   |
| Photo Copies    | \$11,031.13= 14.10 %        | 50-50     | \$ 579.00= .74 %      |
| Office supplies | \$ 5,128.71= 6.56 %         | Rebates   | \$ 8,753.00= 11.19 %  |
| Insurance       | \$ 6,429.00= 8.22 %         | Travel    | \$11,940.71= 15.22 %  |
| Fee's           | \$11,729.55= 15.00 %        | Regalia   | \$ 1,437.50= 1.84 %   |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>\$78,239.51= 100.00%</b> |           |                       |