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Spring 2009



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January 19, 2009

2008 Year End Report from the International Treasurer

Listed is my year-end report for January 1 2008 till December 31st 2008

As International treasurer I submitted to the board a quarterly report for all quarters of the 2008-year including an end of year report. I also provided the board with up to date financial records and a report for all three Executive meetings held in 2008. In January of 2009 I mailed to the International Secretary a CD with a copy of all the Treasurers records as stored on the treasurers Lap Top Computer along with paper copies of my year end reports.

I made hotel arrangements for all Executive board meetings held during the year as well as arrangements for air flights for those members required to fly in to attend.

Meetings where held: April 4, 5, 6th 2008 in Syracuse New York

August 20, 22, 23rd 2008 in Sandusky, Ohio

October 23, 24, 25th 2008 in Syracuse New York

Set up and maintained a tracking databases for funds donated by the chapters for the Red Knight Memorial. All promotional and events grants given to the Chapters and Associations of the Red Knights Organization along with all grant funding provided to the Chapters and Associations for multi-chapter events for the Red Knights Membership.

Maintained and tracked the Organizations investment account and made reports to the Executive board on a quarterly base the state of that account.

On July 15th we completed the trade marking process for the name "Red Knights and RKMC then on November the 4th we completed the trademark for Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club we are now just waiting for the completion of the same trade mark applications in Canada which should be completed early in 2009.

We also changed legal firms in 2008 as the lawyer who has handled our trade mark application since the beginning of the application process in 2004 Joseph Englander left the firm of Christopher & Weisberg P.A. and became a partner in the firm of Shutts & Bowen

We now own the names and logo design (which is the crest on the back of our vests):

Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club
Red Knights
RKMC

We currently own the Canadian rights to the logo and name Red Knights and are awaiting the finalization of the application process for the remaining names as owned in the United States.

On January 18, 2008 I filled with the IRS the required 1096 form dealing with our 1099 Misc. form reporting honorariums paid and interest earned on our investment account then on February 1, 2008 I filed the Red Knights corporate tax return with the I.R.S

On August 28th 2008 I filed the annual report with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in regards to our articles of incorporation.

Unfortunately because of the personal commitments of our quartermaster he was unable to keep up with the demands of the quartermaster's office and stepped down. The Board in turn appointed Kent Armstrong as Quartermaster and Joy Ellis as his assistant. There have been several procedural changes made that have greatly sped up the time requirements for the chapters to receive the orders they have placed.

With the appointment of a new Quartermaster the International treasurer took over the complete control of all monies and accounts for that office, which did increase the amount of work required by the treasurer but made the system and accountability of the cash receivables and liabilities considerably more accurate.

Spent 1679 hours (35 hours per week) during the period of Jan 1 – Dec 31 2008 dealing with Emails, phone calls, and correspondence related to the duties of International treasurer with approximately 2 hours per week spent on Internationals Banking requirements. Averaging out to 34.98 hours per week an increase of 4 hours per week from 2007 and 14 hours per week from 2005

The above mentioned times are also above the time required to attend Executive meetings and the business conducted at the Internationals business meeting held each August. I also attended two funerals in 2008 for Red Knights members that had passed away as the representative of the International Board.

At this time I would like very much to thank all the members of the International Executive for all the help and encouragement they have provided me in a very hard and trying year.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new members of the executive board for all their efforts on behalf of the membership and the team building that has continued over the past couple of years to bring the board to the level it is now at, without that drive and devotion the organization would not be able to survive.

At the completion of my fifth term (10 years) I would also like to at this time to state my intention to run for one more term of office as International treasurer and am requesting the support of the chapters and membership for my candidacy in the elections to be held at the 2009 convention in Fort Lauderdale Florida in August.

Leo Patry
International treasurer

YEAR END REPORT FOR 2008
January 1st till December 31, 2008

January 19, 2009

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Expenditures \$ 37,104.77	Expenditures \$ 65,555.52	Expenditures \$ 42,451.86	Expenditures \$ 29,782.94
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December 31, 2008 \$72,155.61

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CHAPTERS IN GOOD STANDING

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221 of 281	271 of 299	294 of 300	300 of 304

M.A.L's
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4 CHAPTERS ARE IN ARREARS FOR THE YEAR OF 2008

Florida 12, Illinois 15, New York 28, Wisconsin 1



Red Knights International Firefighters Memorial Site Report for 2008



Leo Patry—Treasurer

As most members are aware we dedicated our Memorial Site in Boylston Massachusetts in August of 2007 this was a very proud moment for our organization in that we were able to dedicate this site to those that were members of the Red Knights when they passed away.

This site was built as a result of the vision and hard work put forth by the members of the Massachusetts chapter 1 with the support of the general membership and chapters.

Three members of the Red Knights that have gone beyond the norm in volunteering time and Labor to this cause and need to be recognized by the membership for their hard work and dedication to the memorial site are Don Parker, Peter Coskie and Roger Wentzell

The total cost for this project was \$128,152.94 this was done through donations of services and goods from various companies and members along with donations of \$22,141.85 from members and chapters. The International also advanced as an interest free loan the amount of \$23,108.00 to be paid back by continuous fund raising from the chapters. The balance still outstanding in balance of that loan is \$15,641.00 so we still have a long way to go to retire the loan amount.

On top of the loan repayment we need to have a funding project to ensure the continuous care and maintenance of the site. The International Quartermaster has for sale a Red Knights memorial patch which can be viewed on our web site in the quartermaster catalog all profits from the sale of this patch goes to the maintenance account for the memorial site.

For the 2008 year we had set aside in the maintenance fund \$627.00 from the 2007 convention 50-50 draw as well as the \$725.00 raised by the raffling off at the 2007 convention of the beautiful hook rug made by Peggy Brouillet and her mother.

That \$1,352.00 along with \$6,500.00 that was put forth by the International allowed us to take care of this year's upkeep and the erection of an addition name plaque for the members that had passed on since the 2007 convention.

We currently have 121 members who have passed on and whose name is currently inscribed on the memorial plaques. This will be an ongoing process where every spring we will update the plaques with the names of those members that have passed on since the previous spring update.



To date this year we have only raised \$155.00 from the 2008 Convention 50-50 draw and \$690.00 from the sale of Heavens one-memorial patches for a total of \$2,860.62 a far cry from what is required to maintain the site.



So once again I am asking the chapters to make a donation to the Memorial. Below is a list of those chapters and individuals that have made pass donations, as you will note there are several that have made the donation to the site any annual gift. The recommended amount is a donation of \$100.00 for every member from the chapter that is on the memorial list, but again that is just a suggestion the chapters will have to decide what they can afford to donate some will be able to afford more and others less. All donations will help to keep this site as something we are all proud of and a show of respect for those of our members that are no longer with us.

Donations to the Red Knights Memorial Fund

2003

Mass 1 Florida 1 Ed Brouillet MA 2 International
 Clayton Thomas IN 1 New York 12 Anonymous

2004

Paul Jeffers NY 10 Ontario 1 Ontario Anonymous Ontario 1
 Memory Ken Roberts Ont 1 Alberta 1

2005

James Cody New York, Ontario 1 International New Jersey 5

2006

New York 10 International Ontario 1 Lynn Komandt OH 1
 International Ontario 15 Mark Gehri International
 Boylston Garden Club Massachusetts 4

2007

Ohio 1 Ray & Pat Gurard Ontario 7 NYC Red Knights
 Steven Bermuper NYC Leo Patry Ont 7 Mass 1 Vermont 2
 Massachusetts 5 Ontario 9 North Carolina 7 Mass 2
 Bill Snodgrass Ohio 5 Ohio 5 Ontario 12 New Hampshire 4
 Ontario 1 Alberta 3 Ontario 11

2008

Illinois 5 Massachusetts 3 New York 21 Connecticut 3
 Maryland 7 New York 8 North Dakota 1 Massachusetts 2
 New Hampshire 4 Ontario 9

Members at Large David Shapp - PA Joseph Demilia - NY Edward Faequhar _ NY Thomas Zullo - NJ Richard Jackson - GA Bob Price - NY
 Jane Rizzo - NY Michael Ennis - NJ Patrick Reynolds - KY Leigh Smith HI Daniel Lorenz - WI

Americade Week

One of the big reasons the Red Knights sponsored dinner is always first and the most popular is that we usual give out over 100 door prizes each year so that it works out that every 1 in 4 people attending get a prize.

This has brought us a lot of good publicity and popularity with those attending the Americade rally as well as the rally organizing staff. How we get all these prizes is that we ask each of our chapters to donate a door prize, the chapters can either bring the prize to Americade and give it to us just prior to the opening of the doors for the dinner or they can mail it to the event host coordinator John Rucinski. John can be reached at:

John Rucinski
50 Ernst Road
Gansevoort, NY 12831
1-518- 580-1013
rkmcny12@verizon.net

In addition, we will hold Open House on the **Thursday** of Americade week from **4 PM till 6PM** at the **Lake George Fire Hall** where we serve a meal and have soft drinks and water for all Red Knights, Firefighters and friends that are attending Americade and want to drop by and say hello, this usually attracts 300 plus Red Knights.

Bob Laford(Mass-2) will be giving a seminar 'Planning for a Long Distance Ride' at Roaring Brook Ranch, Wednesday, 3 PM

Remember to bring your fire helmet and join us as the Red Knights lead the Americade Parade on Saturday morning.

IN MEMORIAM Red Knights Chapter 4 Georgia.

**Tommy McTee passed away at his home from a massive heart attack on February 12th 2009
Tommy had a full Fire Dept funeral on Sunday February 15th 2006**

Brother McTee will deeply missed by us all .

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHAPTERS

Germany 1 Sigmaringen 10-Sep-08

Washington 1 Burlington 05-Aug-08	Texas 9 Forest Hill 26-Aug-08	Indiana 8 New Carlisle 26-Aug-08	Alabama 9 Jasper 29-Aug-08
Nevada 3 Pahrump 03-Sep-08	Alabama 10 Gadsden 04-Sep-08	Indiana 9 Evansville 09-Sep-08	North Carolina 14 Ellenboro 30-Sep-08
Colorado 2 Pueblo 08-Oct-08	Alabama 11 Tuscaldosa 27-Oct-08	Virginia 2 Suffolk 12-Nov-08	North Carolina 15 Pinehurst 16-Nov-08
Texas 10 San Angelo 18-Nov-08	New Brunswick 1 Fairfield 07-Dec-08	Kentucky 5 Louisville 14-Jan-09	Tennessee 5 Smyrna 04-Feb-09

Vermont 5 Wells River	North Carolina 3 Shallotte.
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Chapter News



Members of Ireland 1 , Billy Crowley and Anthony O'Donoghue, with Anthony's son Tony at Bandon Fire Station, Co. Cork, during their 12 station tour. July 2008.

<http://www.redknightsireland.com/>



22 Members of Massachusetts Chapter 2 traded in their two wheels for ice with a day of Curling at the Petersham Curling Club in January.



Being an ex-fireman I am a member at large of the Red Knights. In my retirement I have gone on what we call—The Grand Tours—for every 12 Fire Stations visited and a picture of me and my bike taken with the station in the background, I receive a certificate and pin. I have just received my 10th certificate which means I have been to over 120 stations, possibly the most in Ontario, maybe in Canada.

My ride is a Honda Rune 1832 cc. A lot of my friends also ride and quite often one is along with me as the photographer.

I've been on and off many different bikes for 50 years, enclosed is a picture of a Francis Barnett when I was 14 years old. There was a 1945 Harley, 500 English Panther, 650 Yamaha, Goldwing, VTX 1800, now the Rune.

Submitted by Bill MacKenzie

RED KNIGHTS PA. CHAPTER XX.

WEEKLY BIKE NIGHT AT THE DQ
MARSHALLS CREEK PA.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING FROM 6:00 -
9:30 PM BEGINING APRIL 16, 2009
MARSHALLS CREEK DAIRY QUEEN
MARSHALLS CREEK PA. EXIT 309 OFF
RT.80 TO 209 NORTH 1/2 MILE ON RIGHT.

ONE OF A KIND DJ ,
50/50 ONCE A MONTH
PEOPLES CHOICE TROPHY FOR BEST BIKE
GOOD FOOD AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY.

VENDORS WELCOME.
CONTACT GARY @570-807-3726 OR
garyvanhorn1@ yahoo.com



Red Knights Caribbean Cruise

The members in the picture are from the following chapters Ontario 6 & 7-
New York 4, Ohio 5, New Jersey 20 and Vermont 4



I am Mike Davis from RKMCM4, I am currently in IRAQ taking care of business and had a chance to fly the Red Knights Flag up in several places, and one such place was the Baath Party's House which was taken out by a Tomahawk missile.



ATTENTION RED KNIGHTS

Pa. chapter 12 is proud to announce that we are hosting the Red Knights at Gettysburg (Bike week July 9-12). We have held the cost to a minimum.

We will have motorcycle guided battle field tours with a licensed guide from the park service, who has written 2 books about the war in Gettysburg.

We will have our police escorted ride to the National Fallen firefighter memorial with a BBQ lunch to follow. Friday night we will have a buffet dinner at the Eisenhower hotel. The Eisenhower will be the host hotel and is right next door to the bike week events. There is a block of rooms being held just call the Eisenhower during the day from 8-4 and ask for Mary Lou (717-334-8121) tell her you want a room under the Red Knights Pa.12 block.

Self guided tours will be available. You must pre register for these events.

For a registration form go to www.redknightspa12.org and any questions contact Brian: President@redknightspa12.org.

Dixie Confederation of Southern Chapters

May 15-17, 2009 in Wilmington NC.

Registration is online at rkmcduxie.com and includes Friday meet and greet, DIXIE T-shirt,

Saturday Business meeting, Saturday evening dinner and social with entertainment.

Lunch onboard the Battleship North Carolina on the Mess Deck with tours included, only \$10 per person.

If you have any questions email me at southernusa@redknightsmc.com or call at 910-297-7932.

See y'all in May. Loyal to Our Duty **Jack Jarvis RKIFMC Southern Director President NC6**
Ride for Relief Nursery, April 25, 2009

· Live music after the ride provided by Classic Delusion <http://classicdelusion.com/>

First 250 to pre-register and pre-pay receive a free patch or pin.

Don't want to do it over the internet? Come to the Pre-Registration party at Bullwinkle's Thursday night, April 23rd and pre-register there.

There will be live music, raffles, the Dallas Derby Devils roller derby team <http://derbydevils.com>

· Early registration ends Friday, April 24th.

Charity Ride Notices

These schedules were submitted by the local sponsors please contact them for more details



Indiana Ride for Kids

12 July 2009

**Pinhook Park
2801 Riverside Dr
South Bend, In**



Join us for an escorted charity motorcycle ride through the beautiful Northern Indiana Countryside and support the **Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation**.

After the ride stay for a light lunch and the Celebration of Life and meet the Stars (young brain tumor survivors) who will join us for this ride.

Indiana Contacts

Bobby Newman
219-324-0706 H
219-363-6071 C
bear.kitten@verizon.net

Ej Ford
219-324-3459
EjFord@verizon.net

The national web site for other dates and rides for the kids is:



Fallen Firefighter Survivors Foundation

We at the Fallen Firefighter Survivors Foundation would like to extend a heart felt welcome to you and thank you for your participation in this upcoming extraordinary event. We invite you to visit our website at www.ffsfusa.org



Event Date/Time

Saturday April 18, 2009
10 AM EST

www.ffsfusa.org/events.htm





To All Members

I'm Dale Smith, NC State President and the President of NC Chapter VIII.

In September of 2005, my wife was diagnosed with Cancerous Cells in her Cervix. In October she had her first surgery. We were reassured by her Doctor that the surgery will take care of all the cancer. Well that was not to be and she was diagnosed with Stage One Cervical Cancer. In November 2005, my wife had her second surgery. We spent Thanksgiving Day of 2005 in the hospital, but it was all worth it when the doctor came in and said those magic words, "We removed all the Cancer".

In March 2006, we started the Red Knights Chapter in our city. We began volunteering at the UNC Burn Camp for kids 6-16 yrs. old and have begun working with kids 0-6 yrs old. We are truly blessed, but since we started our chapter we have had two members that have been affected by Cancer. Upon looking harder we have found that over half of our 24 members have been touched by this ugly disease. So we started a team up for **Relay for Life**.

We started a team called "Knights of Summer" and we are raising money this year. We are trying to get at least one Red Knight from each state to donate \$10 to our efforts.

Checks can be made to:

Red Knights NC VIII (with the memo - **Relay for Life**.)

Dale Smith,

113 Southport Ct, Hertford NC 27944.

Please include your address and e-mail address as I want to make sure everyone that helps is recognized. redknightsnc8@yahoo.com

THE FLYING HORSE RIDE 'ROUND LAKE ERIE!

JUNE 26-27-28, 2009

600+ Miles for a GREAT Cause –
The Paul Newman-inspired Flying Horse Farms!

THE PLAN ...

Friday, June 26 –

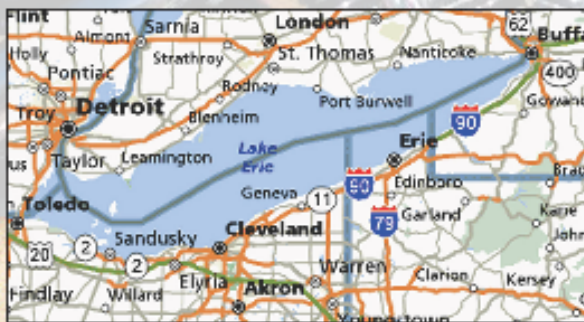
- Evening – Party & Overnight Stay in Toledo, Ohio!

Saturday, June 27 –

- Morning – Breakfast, ride East along South shore of Lake Erie!
- Afternoon – Lunch on South shore of Lake Erie!
- Evening – Niagara Falls! Gamble! Motorcycle Museum!

Sunday, June 28 –

- Morning – Pancake breakfast, ride West along North shore of Lake Erie!
- Afternoon – Lunch on North shore of Lake Erie!
- Evening – Home after a fantastic journey!



THE COMMITMENT ...

- Pay \$50 per bike, pay own hotel* and other costs, or ...
- Raise \$250 per bike through donations, receive FREE ride entry, breakfasts and lunches for two both days (pay own hotel* and other costs), or ...
- Raise \$500, receive FREE ride entry, breakfasts and lunches for two both days, first night's hotel for two (pay own hotel* second night), or ...
- Raise \$1,000, receive FREE ride entry, breakfasts and lunches for two both days, two night's hotel for two, & \$50 gas card!

* Those paying own hotel costs must make own reservations. Host hotel information is available from Darris Blackford @ 740-965-9900. Those collecting donations must inform organizers they are doing so by May 31, 2009. Funds must be submitted by June 15, 2009. Send checks payable to Flying Horse Farms, (memo line, your name/Lake Erie Ride) to:

Darris Blackford
A.D. Farrow Co.
7754 St. Rt. 37 E
Sunbury, Ohio 43074

THE CHARITY ...

- Flying Horse Farms is a Paul Newman-inspired camp for sick and disabled children being built in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, south of Mansfield.
- It will include a planned swimming pool built in the shape of Lake Erie. The 2009 Flying Horse Ride will raise funds to create an endowment to construct and support the pool and other camp projects.



Where camp is good medicine.

WWW.FLYINGHORSE RIDE.COM

**Ride for Life benefiting the Yellow Ribbon
Suicide Prevention Poker Run**

**9 AM - July 11th, 2009,
Mile High Harley Davidson,**

\$20 per person

Live music, free food, dancing, raffle, auction, and much more
Any donation helps. (T SHIRTS, gifts, money, fire memorabilia, etc.)

**For more info please call, Brandee Voit at, 303-279-8884 or
google: Brandee Voit for information.**

A man is stranded on a desert island, all alone for ten years. One day, he sees a speck in the horizon. He thinks to himself, "It's not a ship." The speck gets a little closer and he thinks, "It's not a boat." The speck gets even closer and he thinks, "It's not a raft." Then, out of the surf comes this gorgeous blonde woman, wearing a wet suit and scuba gear. She comes up to the guy and she says, "How long has it been since you've had a cigarette?"

"Ten years!" he says.

She reaches over, unzips a waterproof pocket on her left sleeve and pulls out a pack of fresh cigarettes. He takes one, lights it, takes a long drag and says, "Man, oh man! Is that good!"

Then she asks, "How long has it been since you've had a drink of whiskey?"

He replies, "Ten years!"

She reaches over, unzips her waterproof pocket on the right, pulls out a flask and gives it to him. He takes a long swig and says, "Wow, that's fantastic!"

Then she starts unzipping this long zipper that runs down the front of her wet suit and she says to him, "And how long has it been since you've had some real fun?"

And the man replies, "My God! Don't tell me you've got a motorcycle in there!"



A mechanic was removing a cylinder-head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop.

The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his bike when the mechanic shouted across the garage "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and said, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new.

So how come I make \$39,675 a year, a pretty small salary and you get the really big bucks (\$1,695,759) when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiologist paused, smiled and leaned over, then whispered to the mechanic...

"Try doing it with the engine running."