

Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club



February 2023 Newsletter

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COVER PHOTO

PA 18 member & his
Granddaughter out for
a ride

WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

Well, here we are again, another year has ended and as I enter my 10th year as Region 7 Reporter and my 6th as Newsletter Editor, so here is the latest International Newsletter for you to read and find out what your brothers and sisters have been doing across the globe.

Again, we have a few changes at the top, Jack Jarvis stepped down as International Secretary, and George Colby is no longer the Communications Chair. Also leaving their posts over the past year were Region 1 Director, Eric Jock and Region 4 Director Steve Guillot. I would like to offer the thanks of the membership for the job they have done whilst in office..

I will personally miss George; we have had many enjoyable conversations over the years and he has always been there for me to share his wisdom and offer advice. But that is not all I'll miss, those of you that know George know that he has a wicked sense of humour and I have been left laughing many times by his turn of phrase. THANK YOU George for your friendship and help.

As always when people leave a position it opens the door for others to take up the challenge left by them and stepping in as International Secretary role is Michael `Woody` Woods, the new Region 4 Director is Chuck Marks and the new Communication Chair is Sara-Lynn Prefontaine. As I send this newsletter for publishing the Region 1 Director position has yet to be decided.

As an organisation we continue to raise funds and to give assistance to needy causes, the crisis in Ukraine being one of these causes and it certainly makes me proud to be part of this family when I see news of the many charitable donations made by our chapters and MALs.

So it is on to a New Year, 2023; I hope that you all enjoy your riding in the company of your fellow Red Knights and that you all remain healthy and accident free. Stay SHINNY SIDE UP and LTOD!

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The next Newsletter will be published in July 2023...

Send your articles to me or your Regional Reporter by 30th June 2023.

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END OF YEAR REPORTS FROM THE BOARD



PRESIDENT - Joey Powell

Greetings Red Knight's family.

As I start this year-end report first, I would like to thank all Past and Present Board members for all their hard work. This year was a very challenging year with different ideas and decisions that the board made. We had some very long zoom meetings and phone calls between all of us, but we all made it through the times. These positions are not stress-free, taking a lot of time away from our family and friends. We as the board try to make this the best organization that we can.

Starting in the fall this year we went through the committees, the board decided to make a few changes to help us move into the future as our technology is changing from day to day today. We are still looking at other ideas to add items to the mix to help us grow as a better club. We are beginning, I think, to get more members involved to incorporate their ideas.

One of the greatest things this past year, having a convention allowing the club to get back on track and see members face to face. I do believe that everyone had a great time visiting with those we had not seen in a long time. The club was and still is founded to be a Motorcycle club for firemen and their families who love to ride see new places, meet people, and make friends. No matter our differences, we are "family", just go ride, make new friends, find new adventures, enjoy life because we never know when it will be our final journey. Last year at the ABM I spoke about coming together, being the family, this club is founded on. We should not hurt someone or hold a grudge, we all make mistakes in life, just look in a mirror. This club is not about trying to make a name for yourself, it is about leaving something inside someone that helps them live a better life or get through a challenging time. My family and I have lost some very dear friends inside and outside of this organization this past year. These friends left a mark/memory/a cherished feeling inside of us that we will never forget and want to pass on to others.

The board is changing the meeting date for the Spring, the meeting will be the same week as the Dixie Rally. This will allow those of you in attendance the option to meet board members that you may not have otherwise had the opportunity. Please take a moment to ask questions to the board members while getting better acquainted. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

For the first time our International Convention will be held overseas. The board is excited and ready to embrace this opportunity. I will be honest, it is going to be a little nerve racking for me, my first time traveling overseas. I am nervous and ecstatic at the same time.

In closing, thank you to each member of this organization for all you have done and continue to do. Without each of you we would not be able to grow, becoming the best organization in the motorcycle world. I challenge the members of this club to continue reaching out to your Regional Directors with new ideas and your thoughts. We welcome them all.

Now, lets get ready to ride and have a great year!

Joey Powell, International President



VICE PRESIDENT - Spike Ostiguy

Fraternal greetings everyone,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well.

2022 finally welcoming us to a full slate of Red Knight rallies, and our first in person International Convention / ABM in over two (2) years. I think you will all agree; We were certainly well overdue.

Representing the membership, this past year I was able to in all but one of our Conference Calls / Zoom Meetings of the R.K.I., R.K.R. and R.K.M.F.

Attended

- International Spring Board Meeting (SBM), Baltimore, MD April 20-24, 2022
- RKMC Dixie Rally, Brunswick/Golden Isles, Georgia May 12-15, 2022
- RKMC Yankee Rally, Plattsburgh, NY June 2-5, 2022
- RKIFMC International Convention/ABM, Johnstown, PA August 16-21, 2022
- RKMC EuCon, Arnhem, Netherlands September 9-11, 2022
- International Fall Board Meeting (FBM), Baltimore, MD October 26-30

2021 R.K.M.C. Heaven One Honors: Attending three (3) Red Knights Members Visitation / Funeral Services.

Ann Blandon, Associate Member R.K.M.C. Massachusetts Chapter 3 January 16th

Walter Roach, Active Member R.K.M.C. Massachusetts Chapter 2 April 29th

Scott W. Eighmie, Active Member R.K.M.C. New York Chapter 49 December 17th

As I oversee the R.K. Member-At-Large (M.A.L.) Membership worldwide, it is also with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of three (3) Member-At-Large Members, since my last EOY Report.

Brenda Tech, Alabama Social Member, December 24, 2021

William "Bill" Eisenhard, Pennsylvania Active Member, March 1, 2022

Shelia Moose, Oklahoma Social Member, June 30, 2022

Godspeed

May you rest in peace

RKF

Please take a moment and reflect. If you pray, please pray for the families and friends of all those who have been touched.

As a Massachusetts Chapter IV member, I also currently sit on the R.K. Memorial Hall / Park Committee.

Continual communications are always fluid between Mass 1 President Peter Stone, The Founding Fathers, and other Committee Members.

What has turned into somewhat of an annual tradition. On April 2nd a Spring clean-up of Memorial Hall & Park took place, in conjunction with the R.K. Massachusetts Chapter 1 spaghetti dinner.

An overwhelming thank you goes out to **All** who participated.

Most recent works and preventative maintenance (Dec.), was the removal of five (5) sizable trees that threatened the house and grounds. A huge thank you goes out to Founding Father, Don Parker and Mass. 1 President Peter Stone, for spearheading these efforts.

State of the Member-At-Large (M.A.L.) Program

12-31-22... we have **339** R.K.M.C., Member-At-Large Members: 279-Active / 54-Social / 6- Junior In 2022 we received 107 R.K.M.C., Member-At-Large applications.

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2022 also saw **28** - M.A.L. applicants (13), (15 pending), and three (3) Member-at-Large Members transferring to... or being placed in chapter membership.

In accordance with the By-Laws Article 2, Section 2:10 3. International Dues;
It is unfortunate I report that there are 58 Member-At-Large Members on restricted service. All have been advised that they are now two (2) years in arrears. Dating back to 2021. We do hope that you take this opportunity to renew your membership back in good standing. With that, please contact International Treasurer Scott Ryan treasurer@redknightsmc.com

In closing, I hope to see you on the road, or at any of the many upcoming Red Knights events, rides and rallies in 2023. Please be safe and ride safe.

RKF

Respectfully submitted,

Spike Ostiguy
International Vice President



SECRETARY - Michael Woods

Hello to all my fellow Red Knights Brothers and Sisters

I would first like to thank everyone for having faith in and patients with me while getting acclimated to this new role as International Secretary. It has been a very interesting ride so far! I look forward to new adventures and meeting new people

around the world!

I have been very busy learning and growing with this job/position and it has proven to be a good hard challenge! Like I've said before, I'm a Training Capt. at heart and will always look for opportunities to teach, guide, and grow. You will see that in this very report, if the opportunity presents itself, better believe I'll jump on it!

You should have received from your Regional Directors my first education blitz. This first educational blitz encompasses the RKMCM Insurance program. It has a brief description, K & K questions and Answers, a step-by-step guide on how to obtain insurance for your chapter events, and it also describes our general liability insurance. Please visit <https://www.redknightsmc.com/insurance-for-authorized-red-knights> for more details.

Also, I've talked about transparency on different things, I hope you all received the SOG revision reference guides from your Regional Directors as well. I hope you have found them to be a good start to that concept. It helps show where the changes were made so we all may catch them and be in the know. Please visit <https://www.redknightsmc.com/SOG/404768/> for more details.

There will certainly be many more educational items that I will be sending out over the next several years. The TMLA system will be the next large education blitz coming out soon. Speaking of the TMLA system, I'm proud to announce that our TMLA system is now 100% paperless!

This should save the Club a lot of money and the turnaround for your Official copy of your TMLAs will be very quick. There will also be several small items coming out to help us all out in the future.

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QRGs (Quick Reference Guides) will start popping up to help guide our chapters in many different aspects of our RK journeys. These items will be published on our website and will also be sent to you by your Regional Directors. Visit <https://www.redknightsmc.com/SOG/404768/> for more details.

There seems to be a lot of confusion about where to find information about Trademark Licensing, Bylaws, SOGs, Letters from the President, or basically general information. Well, look no further, <https://www.redknightsmc.com> has all your answers! Our website has almost everything you would need to be successful. I encourage every member to go to the website and explore. The website will be growing and changing under our new Communications Chair Sara-Lynn, so check back periodically to see all she has done.

I have had a question posed to me several times now, "What do I contact you about?" Here is what you would directly contact your International Secretary for:

- RKMC Insurance program
- RKMC Trademark Licensing agreements (TMLA) program
- RKMC Banners and flags program
- RKMC Zoom account

Other RKMC items listed in the Bylaws and SOGs

Go to [https://www.redknightsmc.com/Images/redknightsinternational/By-Laws/International Bylaws update 8-20-2022.pdf](https://www.redknightsmc.com/Images/redknightsinternational/By-Laws/International%20Bylaws%20update%208-20-2022.pdf) for the Bylaws.

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[https://www.redknightsmc.com/Images/redknightsinternational/SOG_s/International SOG_s Update 11-14-2022 - secured.pdf](https://www.redknightsmc.com/Images/redknightsinternational/SOG_s/International%20SOG_s%20Update%2011-14-2022%20-%20secured.pdf) for the SOGs.

If you're sending in your chapter's roster, please send them to the International Treasurer at treasurer@redknightsmc.com

Have you ever said to yourself, "I hate all these rules! Why in the world is this a Bylaw?", or even "This should be a Bylaw?" then here is where to go to fix this, <https://www.redknightsmc.com/by-laws-instructions>. Our Bylaws are driven completely by YOU! Send in those corrections or additions, and let's look at fixing what you think is wrong. Let's build this Clubs future together!

For all other questions or concerns please contact your Chapter Presidents, State President/Rep's, or your Region Director. They will be more than willing to give you a hand!

Below are some of the Stats since taking over in Aug. to Dec. 31st:

TMLA report:

Approved: 101
Denied: 1 looking to fix
Pending: 0
Total requested: 102

Where to go for information on TMLAs:
<https://www.redknightsmc.com/chapter-merchandise>

Insurance policies:

Insurance issued: 9
Non-compliant: 1
Pending: 0
Insurance requested: 10

Where to go for information on RKMC Ins. Program:
<https://www.redknightsmc.com/insurance-for-authorized-red-knights>

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New Chapter Applications sent out:

Interest letters sent: 9

Applications sent: 5

Keep spreading the word! Let's grow!

Region 7 is leading the way!

Rental Agreements issued:

Total issued: 12

Pending: 0

Total requested: 12

Did you know about Memorial Hall?

<https://www.redknightsmc.com/reserve-memorial-hall>

Equipment or items issued:

Banners: 2

Flags: 0

Total requested: 2

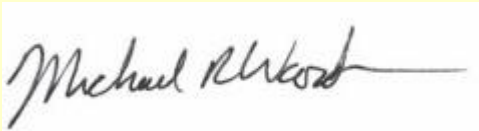
For more information see SOG section 17:01

https://www.redknightsmc.com/Images/redknightsinternational/SOG_s/International_SOG_s_Update_11-14-2022_-_secured.pdf

One last thing, get out there and meet new RKMC members, rekindle old contracts and turn them into friendships! Go to rallies and have a great time with likeminded brothers and sisters. There is more to this club than just chapter life, there is a whole world full of our brothers and sister that you can make contact with! "I for one, am completely shocked", at how many people around the world that I have been so fortunate to meet and become Friends and Family with!

Again, Thank you for your patients and faith! I'm very appreciative to be able to serve you and help be a small part of making this beloved organization grow for our future!

"Loyal to Our Duty"



Michael "Woody" Woods
RKIFMC International Secretary



TREASURER - Scott Ryan

Treasurer's End of Year Report

What a difference a year makes! Having made it to no rallies, meetings, or conventions for the previous two years I packed on as many miles as I could this year trying to get to as many places as possible. I was fortunate to be able to attend the Dixie Rally in Georgia, the Yankee Rally in New York, the Atlantic Rally in New Brunswick, the European Rally in Netherlands, and the Convention in Pennsylvania – as well as a couple of Board meetings in Maryland, and countless zoom meetings. Yes, I still have to make it to a Western Rally and a Bootlegger, but there is time. In 2022 I rode my bike in 33 US States, including Alaska; I rode my own bike in 3 Countries including France, yes the French island of St. Pierre just off the coast of Newfoundland counts; I rode in two Canadian Territories, the only two with roads you can ride a bike into, and I rode to every provincial capital in Canada for a photo opportunity with Red Knights in all but three.

Even with all the time on the road, I think I was able to still provide reasonably quick responses to all the member inquiries, roster updates, regalia orders, new chapters, and member passings that came in through the year. In the first 11 months of 2022, I either received or sent 13,762 emails.

Setting aside regalia orders and PayPal receipts my biggest fan is the secretary who sent me 610 emails, followed by VP Spike in the #2 position at 368 and Communications coming in third with 284 emails received. I will also point out 3,536 SHOULD be the number of emails I send/receive with quarterly roster updates, but I can tell you we're not quite there yet.

At my breakout session during the Convention, I had a discussion on membership categories and I want to encourage each of you to read through what it takes to join in any given category. It is surprising how many members are added to rosters who do not meet the requirements for the category they are signed up for. At present, Social does not include in-laws, Honorary are only Chapter Chaplains or Civic Leaders, only Active Member can be Charter Members, and Associate Member cannot exceed 10% of ACTIVE/Charter members.

One of the main questions I get is how much the dues are. Unfortunately, our bylaws do not outline the dues in a nice easy to understand format. The note below I will include in each of my quarterly reports so member know where to find it anytime you sign up a new member, these are also on the second page of the rosters I send out each fall. I would also like to ask chapter to please provide me with updated rosters whenever new members join.

Chapter Member Dues:

Renewal by January 1 = \$17 Active/Associate, \$11 Social/Honorary (\$50 late fee after January 1st)
NEW member = \$20 all members; \$15 for those joining in July-September; back to \$20 for those joining after October 1 and it covers to the end of the following year
Joining a second chapter or more = \$17 Active & Associate, \$11 Social & Honorary (25% off July-September)
NEW Chapter application fee = \$35

MAL Dues:

Renewal = \$19 Active, \$14 Social (\$10 late fee after January 1st)
NEW MAL = \$10 application fee + \$19 Active, \$14 Social (25% off July-September).

All dues are US Dollars and due January 1. Options are to mail a check, pay from your paypal account directly to treasurer@redknightsmc.com or through one of the paypal links on our website at <http://www.redknightsmc.com/membership.htm> with the "Chapter or MAL Name" button being perhaps the easiest (all you have to do is change the quantity to the total amount of dues being paid). Checks can be mailed to me at PO Box 343, Charlottetown, PE, C1A7K7.

Ride safe, I hope to see you soon.

Scott Ryan



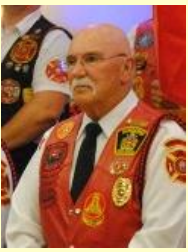
REGION 1 DIRECTOR - Ken May

Congratulations to Ken on being elected as the new Region 1 Director, below are a few words that he put on Facebook.

"Hello Region 1,

I am both humbled and honored that you have placed your confidence and support in me when electing Region 1 representative. I feel blessed as I begin this new era, and I assure you that the Region 1 states will always be given the utmost compassion, honesty, and integrity.

I would like to thank my wife Laura for her unending love, and our friends for all the support, but mostly, you the Red Knights of Region 1. It is with you that I will continue to serve the members of the region. I want to thank every Chapter that participated in this election. Whether you voted for me or my opponent Rick Oliver, we are all family."



REGION 2 DIRECTOR - Leo Patry

I never realized when I joined the Red Knights 33 years ago what a major affect it would have on my life. I have been fortunate to have been able to work with, and to learn from, the great members that have contributed to our growth and success both in the past and the present.

I look forward to the many new exciting things to come with our continued growth around the world.

The year 2023 will bring our first International Convention to be held outside of North America with the convention being held in Fussach Austria September 7 – 10 2023

I am so looking forward to this Convention as are a lot of our members who will also be attending from the USA and Canada to have the opportunity to meet and make new friends with our brothers and sisters in the European chapters.

The past years activities of the Red Knights Chapters in Region 2 have been slowly come back up to previous years levels, two years of Covid really played havoc with the activities of both the International and the chapters.

The Ontario and Atlantic Associations of the Red Knights in Region 2 have both continued to grow and become more active providing many more opportunities for the membership to have designations and events to ride to and the ability to meet other Red Knights and form new and lasting friendships.

Each year the list of Chapters and Associations holding rallies and events grows and I strongly encourage you, the chapters, and individuals to try and encompass these events in your road trips.

As the Region 2 Director I have attempted to maintain contact with all chapters in the Region, informing them of events and notices from the International and other Associations within the Region and helping them with the development of their chapters, encouraging all the chapters and MALs to contact me with any questions or problems they may be experiencing within the Red Knights Organization.

I have continued to maintain a time log of time spent as the Regional Director along with updating the Procedures manual for the Position of Region 2 director.

To date this year, I have averaged 6 Hours per week working on emails, calls to chapters and Associations along with the generation of reports to the International Board.

That time frame doesn't include the time utilized in the attending of Board meetings of both the International and the regions Associations.

I have attended all Executive meetings of the international board including several Zoom meetings.

I also attended all Ontario Association Meetings both in person and by means of Zoom meetings.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the Atlantic Association rally in Ducks Pond New Brunswick July 14-17, 2022, and participate in a number of events, and meetings.

- The Annual Yankee Rally in Plattsburg New York
- Spent three days at the Red Knights memorial house and got to visit with some of our founding fathers.
- The Red Knights ride in Lake George hosted by New York 3
- The Red Knights Americade Open House and BBQ at the Lake George Fire Hall hosted by New York 12.
- The International Convention in Johnstown Pennsylvania
- The Ontario Association meet and greet held in Smith Falls Ontario

I was also honored in being able to represent the Red Knights International at the Funerals of two Region 2 members that passed in 2022.

Sincerely yours in brotherhood

Leo Patry, Region 2 Director



REGION 3 DIRECTOR - Trey Anderson

Can I call 2022 a “normal” year? I guess it’s the closest thing to “PreCovid” we might get. A great year for sure though. We did in fact get to have all of our events without any hiccups. Many great events with great people! From an International Board perspective, I see many new and exciting things to come in the near future materializing. I’m excited to see what 2023 has to offer.

Region 3 was fortunate enough to host both the annual Region 3 Bootleggers Rally, and the 2022 International Convention. PA 22 did an amazing job this year welcoming us back to being face to face for our beloved International Convention. Dave, and his team really rolled out the Red Carpet in small town America. As he promised us from the beginning, they brought us together and showed us a Big time in a Small town. Thank you for the amazing time!

Of course, we have to talk about Emmett and his team at PA38. Bootlegger had another successful year. The beautiful scenery, great rides, and my favorite; the homemade hooch competition. I’m sure there were some confused folks in DuBois, PA. One minute they see a bunch of bikes roll into town and then pirates show up! What a great time! I do not have a full breakdown of numbers as I have in the past however, I do know there were 165 registrations and they were able to donate over \$7k to their charity Grady’s Decision.

2023 will be hosted by Josh and his team at Ohio 7. Youngstown, OH has no idea what they are in for! I’m extremely excited to see what twist the Buckeye State throws on this great event.

As I always do I want to encourage everyone to continue to gather even though the riding season has halted for our region. Though we love our bikes, we do not need them to be together and enjoy the company of our brotherhood. Logan, Caspian, and myself wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

Trey Anderson
Region 3 Director



REGION 4 DIRECTOR - Chuck Marks

WOW!!!! Pretty much sums it up! When I first announced I was running for Region 4 Director I had several Brothers ask me 2 questions, 1. Are you nuts? And 2. Do you have any idea what you’re getting into? Well, the answers were Maybe and NO! This new normal for me has been a challenge and very rewarding. I had absolutely no idea exactly what it took to keep this club going, and after my first Fall executive that feeling was solidified. As most know I was unopposed in this election, but I believe I wouldn’t be in this position if it hadn’t been for the support of Steve Guillot and many others in this club, when Steve called to tell me he wasn’t seeking re-election and was supporting me for the position my question was Why me? His reply was “Every time I open Facebook, I see you on there promoting our club and felt that was what our club needed, someone who promotes our club and puts this club as a priority. I told him I’m the kind of person if I commit to something, I’m going to see it through with all that I have. Even though I didn’t officially take office until Convention in Johnstown, Steve had me beside him at Dixie in Brunswick giving me some guidance before getting thrown into the fire.

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Every time I walked into a room or through a door all I heard was “Hey Chuck you got a minute?” Little did I know this was the way it’s going to be most days whether at a Red Knights event or just sitting home.

As 2022 ends and 2023 is upon us my goal is to promote this club and to recruit younger members to continue this long after I am gone, I feel we need to work on retention of current membership as well. Firefighting and Motorcycles It just doesn’t get any better than that. I am only a phone call away to help any member that I can.

My plans for 2023 besides Dixie, Bootlegger, International convention, and Executive Board meetings is to attend one event in each state within Region 4, Please feel free to contact me about your events so I can get them on my calendar.

I would like to thank all the members of the International Board for their support and most of all their patience while I learn my role.

I hope everyone has a Safe and Happy New Year!

Loyal To Our Duty

Chuck Marks
Region 4 Director



REGION 5 DIRECTOR - Lance Coit

Another year has come and gone for Region 5. It was great news that the border opened back up between the U.S. and Canada. That is a great help getting things to come back together for the region. It was a tough couple year’s not being able to get the whole region back together. We did continue with our regional zoom meetings in the spring and fall to stay in touch during the non-riding season for us northern folks.

If you haven’t joined in you should give it a try.

This year we got to finally have another Western Rally hosted by ND2. They did a great job and it was very well attended. ND2 put together a profitable rally for themselves and did return the grant money they received from the International to help fund it.

It was a lot of fun and I got to see a lot of members that I hadn’t seen in a couple years as well as some other members I had not met yet. Hats off ND2 to a great rally, and putting it together in a short amount of time.

WA2 is moving forward to host the Western Rally in Spokane, Washington. The rally will be held June16-18, 2023. Event details are on the Western Rally Facebook page, the WA2 Facebook page, the WA2 website as well on the International website. It is a beautiful part of the country to travel through and visit. It really has it all. I am looking forward to going to the event myself and meeting up with all that attend.

Once again, I look forward to serving as the Region 5 Director for another year. This past year I attended the International Convention in Johnstown, PA. It was a great convention and we got a lot done. I also travelled to Baltimore, for the Spring and Fall meetings. It is a great honor to represent all the members of Region 5 at these meetings. Thank You for all your input and advice.

I hope everybody had a great year last year. I hope this year is even greater. Ride safe and stay healthy. Hope to see as many members as I can this year.

Lance Coit, Region 5 Director



REGION 6 DIRECTOR - Allen Aurich

2022 was a great year for the Red Knights.

I have averaged 7 hours a week working on Red Knight business for a total of 280 hours.

We are still working on getting each chapter's email working and being utilized by each chapter. So, if you are reading this report and not checking your chapters email regularly let's get going.

Once again, your chapter must submit quarterly roster updates by, April 1st, July 1st, & Oct 1st, to keep from being put on Limited duty. These updates must come from your chapter email so that we know what chapter is submitting the update.

This year our Oklahoma chapters were busy raising money and collecting toys for families and children of Oklahoma so that they would have a better Christmas.

This year our Texas chapter attended the LA 1, 911 fundraiser to help firefighters and their families. The Texas chapters also attended the Beaumont Blue Santa ride to help families in the Beaumont, TX area. Texas Chapter 4 bought toys for the Shriners Christmas in July and end of year Christmas toy drives.

To all of the Region 6 Chapters, please send your events and fundraisers to region6reporter@redknightsmc.com to that it can be added to the newsletter.

The 2022 International Convention was held Johnstown, PA, August 16th thru 21st. The 2023 International Convention is in Fussach, Austria, from Sept. 7-10, 2023, registration is now online at the International web site under the events tab. www.redknightsmc.com

Respectfully submitted by:

Allen Aurich, Region 6 Director



REGION 7 DIRECTOR - Tom van der Kley

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

First of all, I want to wish you all a happy new year and a good health.

The year 2022 has come to an end, and I can proudly look back at it and say that it was a successful year for our organization.

I was lucky to have been invited to a lot of gatherings, not only in Europe, but also on other continents. No matter where I have been, it was always the same feeling when I arrived at any location. It felt like home, it felt like family.

Looking back over all the hard work that each one of you made this year, I just can say that I am proud to be a member of this big family. Even when times were hard, tough decisions that had to be made, or conflicts that had to be solved, at the end we were all standing at the same end of the rope and we were pulling in one direction.

In September we will have one the most challenging events in Austria for this year. The International Convention 2023 will be hosted by Chapter Austria 4 and they are really looking forward to it.

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Less than 9 months prior to the convention, with hundreds of hours of preparations, with dozens of problems solved, the only thing that I can say is that Austria is well prepared and that they can't wait the day to come. Already now, we have chapters from Europe, England, Canada, USA and Australia registered for the convention. This are more than 60 chapters from all over the world attending.

The European rally in Netherland was a huge success, and despite the rain, it was a rally with a lot of fun and a lot of memories that have been made. The chapter of Netherland 1 did an amazing job to make it an unforgettable weekend.

Unfortunately this year we had a couple of members that passed away. These are the hardest moments in a family, and I want to thank all the members that showed the last respect to the brothers. You cannot imagine how much that means to the family, brothers and sisters when you support them and show up to pay your respect. The condolences via all possible ways helps them to see even in the darkest moment a light sunshine.

For the next years coming I would love to see how we all getting a little closer together, concentrating more on the important things like brotherhood and family. Forget all the little differences and don't waste your time on fighting. Use that energy to help each other, enjoying the moments, enjoying the brotherhood and just get on your bike and ride. Life is too short to waste time on things that could have easily been avoid by talking to each other.

I wish you all a good start in the new year, and I hope to see you at a couple of meetings, party`s, conventions or just on the road.

Fraternally

Tom van der Kley
Region 7 Director



REGION 8 DIRECTOR - Ken Mahon

Thanks Joey your passion and leadership of the International Board of the Red Knights .Your Vision of the Red Knights Family is exactly how it should be and those who were present at the Annual Business meeting at Convention and listened to you back you 100% ! We are all Family and should treat every one as family WITH RESPECT .

I would estimate that I spend approx. 5 – 6 hours a week on Board Business

Region 8 membership continues to grow with a new Chapter Australia 22 Formed in April congratulations to all concerned

There has been continuing growth in the membership within chapters in New Zealand and Australia

New Zealand's National Gathering took place in March 18th 2022 hosted by the Ngongotaha Volunteer Fire Brigade and NZ 3 a great weekend well attended, good time had by all even with some Covid restrictions in place ,

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Australia's National Gathering was held in Launceston Tasmania hosted by Australia 11

Tasmania is located 240 kilometres (150miles) south of the Australian Mainland unfortunately I was unable to attend but by all reports it was a great event

A big thanks to the Region 8 Chapter Officers there have been a huge improvement in getting rosters and Dues in on time and keeping your Chapters in Good Standing. Please keep it up

A special thanks to My wife Jan for the full support she gives me in this role.

Andy Young thanks again for all you do for Region 8 and yes I know it's going to cost me quite a few Drinks as payment at the NZ Gathering in Reefton in March 2023

Ride safe look after yourselves and loved ones

Cheers

Ken Mahon
Region 8 Director

A THOUGHT FROM OUR CHAPLAIN DAVE (also, see the `Get to know your new Chaplain` article).

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised."

Hebrews 6:10-12 NIV

Last day of the year 2022. How do you feel? Maybe tired, worn down. Read the verses again my friends. Have faith, Jesus is coming. Happy New Year. God bless you and be with you always. Love and peace, Chap

Committee Chair Appointments

During the Fall Meeting the Board made selections for the Committee chairs for the new year, 2023. First, a special thanks to all the past committee members that served and put in time and effort to help grow the club. Secondly, thanks to all who expressed interest in serving on the committees. The committee chairs will be selecting their committee members and reaching out to them. The nomination committee is selected by the Board according to the by-laws. We look forward to working with each committee to help build our club even stronger.

Communications Chair:

Sara Lynn Prefontaine VA 8

Bylaws Chair:

Tim Reinard WV 6

Nominations:

Chair Thomas Caisse MA 4

Member Dave Emery VT 2

Member Thomas Delboi Switzerland 4

Chaplain:

David Diveley IL 14

Grand Tour Chair:

Emmett Duprey PA 38

Quartermaster Chair:

Don Moore VT 3

Newsletter Chair:

Steve Williamson England 2

Help-A-Knight Chair:

Trudy Rutkowski PA 8

A few words from your **HELP-A-KNIGHT PROGRAM**

Hello Fellow Red Knights,

I hope everyone had a good Holiday and is refreshed for the new year. For those that don't know me, my name is Trudy Rutkowski, I'm with Pa Chapter 8 and the New Help-A-Knight Chairperson. I wanted to let everyone know that we are updating the list of names of all that's on the program and adding all the new applications that are coming in.

With my Co Chair Chris Rogers, we are looking into revamping the program to make it more accessible and more secured for Our Red knights. If you have any questions about the program or want to fill out an application, please contact me at helpaknight@redknightsmc.com

The Help-A-Knight program is to help other Red Knights when broke down while traveling or any other needs that can be of some help. The program also can help when traveling and wanting to meet other Red Knights along the way, whether it's for Dinner, Drinks or just to meet up. This program is World Wide and has help in the past and we hope to continue making it grow and advance it forward in the coming year.

Trudy Rutkowski

Help-A-knight Chairperson

Pa Chapter 8

helpaknight@redknightsmc.com



Red Knights Austria IV



presents

International Convention
Fussach/Austria
7.-10. September 2023



Red Knights®
International Firefighters MC

Registration start: 1st of November 2022
<https://rlmcaustria4.eu>

CONGRATULATIONS

It is tradition at the Annual International Convention to reward those members who have contributed greatly to the Red Knights throughout the year, and at the last Convention the following people were recognised for their outstanding contributions.

PERRY CARTER AWARD

Red Knight of the Year 2022

Ken ` Moonshine` May is the Red Knight of the Year and recipient of the Perry Carter Award for 2022

After receiving his Perry Carter Award at the 2022 International Convention for his longstanding and outstanding efforts, he had this to say about his surprise award.

“I was taken back last Saturday night at the Red Knight Annual Convention dinner when I heard my name as the recipient of the Perry Carter Award (Red Knight of the Year). Seeing a room full of several hundred RK Members from around the world and I was thinking maybe there was another member that shared my name. When no one else stood, all I was thinking is why me. I joined this great organization 17 years ago not to receive such an honor, but to enjoy riding and friendship. I know in my heart that there are several people out there worthy of this award and yet someone nominated me, and the committee choose me. I am proud of what I have accomplished and always think about what lies ahead. My heart and my house will always be open to any Red Knight in need. I hope that I can continue to be the Red Knight you all expect.

Thanking each and every member of this great organization and promising that I will continue to be the Red Knight I am.

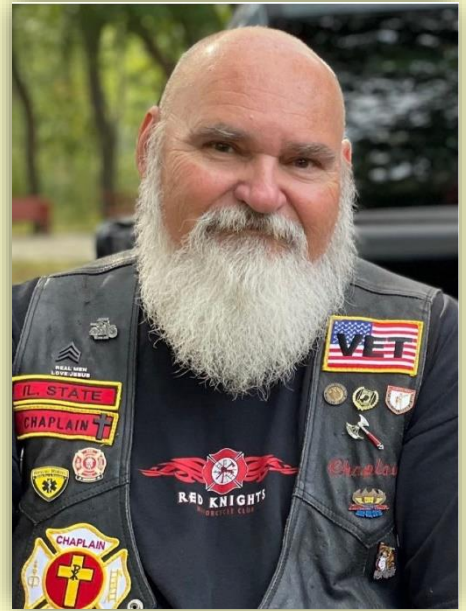
Kenneth “Moonshine” May”

As he stepped down from his position as Region 4 Director, **Steve Guillot and his wife** were honoured with the Life Membership Awards

Congratulations to you both.

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEW CHAPLAIN - David J. Diveley Sr.

I will never forget my Sunday school teacher, Mrs. Bowman. She always had a smile on her face and love in her heart for her students. She is the lady that brought me to Christ when I was twelve years old. When I was fourteen, I delivered my first sermon at Glen Elgin high school. This is where we held church service while our new church was being built. This is also where I found disappointment in my church. I found two deacons of the church outside in the back smoking, after they had just declined my father as a member because of his cigarette habit. Well to make a long story short, I walked away from God and my church for 35 years.



I joined the Army at the age of seventeen, served seven years. Drinking, drugs, you name it, I did it. I was a good soldier just a bad person. Could not find happiness anywhere. When I got out, I joined a motorcycle gang. Sold drugs, took things that did not belong to me. Was just plain mean. Got locked up a few times. Lived on the streets and in my 1978 Ford Pinto, try sleeping in one of those!

Decided it was time to hit the road and traveled back to my home state Illinois. Lived with my parents for a while. Moved out after six months and lived in a 1963 Chevy Corvair van. Took a job at a truck stop and had a second job as a bouncer at the American Legion. That's where I met my wife and found someone to love and love me. Cut my hair, shaved my beard, bought a suit at the Salvation store and started a new life. We got married, had 3 kids and something told me they needed to know about God.

Well, I started reading Bible stories to my children on Sunday mornings when my youngest was about seven. We went to a few churches in the area but nothing seemed to fit. I just wasn't ready. Then my daughter started going on Wednesday night to a children's class at Kankakee First church. A friend of hers from school had invited her. Turned out to be my pastor's daughter (God thing). Soon after that Easter was coming up and my daughter asked me if we could go to her friend's church for Easter. Her friend had invited us. We went, I felt like I just walked into my parent's home. Such a warm and loving welcome. I liked it and decided to give it a second look the following Sunday. We got there and sat in the last pew and Pastor Heck was doing a fine job talking about God. Then he said something I will never forget that changed my life forever, "Sometimes God gives people a second chance, make sure you take it". Okay, okay, I knew it was God talking to me. So, I got up out of that pew, my wife held my hand and we both walked to the front of the church, got on our knees, cried and thanked God for that second chance. Thank you, Lord, thank you.

That was in 2006, all my children have been saved through this church. We are truly blessed. My sons and I have been on seven mission trips, one to Katrina, two to Peru, South America and eight to Costa Rica. We have helped in building four churches. Never had the money to go, but God did. When my son David and I were going on our first trip to Peru I did not have the money

and told my wife that I would just take it out of my retirement fund. The cost of the trip was \$4400. She was not too happy about that but said OKAY. Well, I work in the construction field, we install lockers in schools and wire mesh storage units. My son and I were working downtown in a high rise building and had just sat down to take a lunch break and my cell phone started ringing. Now that's odd cause in those buildings you never get a signal. I answered it and it was a guy from California wire company. Did not know him, was not sure how he even got my number.

He asked if we had the next week free to do a job that he just got down the block from where we were. Sure, what was it? He had bid this job in the blind, got it and did not have an installer but already had quoted the installation price. Okay, how much? He answered "\$4400.00". Praise God, I knew he wanted us to go on that mission trip.

Since then, my wife and I have started the Motorcycle ministry at our church. We direct Club 47 indoor soccer, had 200 kids play our last season.

There is a wonderful men's bible study that I have been going to for the past six years on Monday nights. It has about 450 men attend and it is a teaching study that really has helped me greatly. Four years ago I was humbled to receive my local pastoral license. I have started teaching preteens Sunday school. For the past five years I also serve as Men's ministry director for the Chicago Central District SDMI council.

In 2008 I was asked to be the chaplain for the RedKnights motorcycle club Illinois chapter 14. A great outreach to my sister and brothers that ride. I have now been their chaplain for the past 14 years. Then three years ago I was asked to be the Illinois State Chaplain and it is awesome. This past year (2021) I was blessed to be able to put together a 9-11 First Responder ride to honor our firemen/woman, police and EMT's. We rode for three hours riding by 20 fire and police stations and praying for those who serve. It was a great ride and awesome to let our brothers and sisters know we care. Plans are now to make it an annual ride. The Redknights mean a lot to me. I have had to serve for funerals, I've married a few, I've baptized a few, I've prayed every day for them all and have made a few rows in the hospitals. Thanks be to God I have been able to be there when there has been a spiritual need, I love them, they are family.

In December of 2012 I was asked to join the staff at Joliet First Church. Taking on the responsibilities of young/active adults and sports ministry. After serving 2 years at Joliet, I am now on staff at College Church on the campus of Olivet. Back in June 2014 I started a new church. "Salvage Yard Biker Church. "We meet on Thursday nights, bikers ride on Sundays so this works out well to get them to come. We have a round table discussion and praise God, the first night we had a young man ask Jesus into his life. Biker church now meets on Sundays. We start at 12:30 (give my brothers time to get up lol) God is working in so many ways. In closing, just want to say, pray for me. My desire is to serve and honor my Lord and help all those that need to hear His word. Thanks, and God bless.

Sincerely,

Pastor Dave "Chap" Diveley Sr.

Red Knights Chaplain, Chapter 14 and Illinois State

ITEMS FOR SALE?

Do you have any motorcycle related items that you no longer want? Turn them into cash by selling them on the Red Knights Firefighters Motorcycle Club Trading Post International Facebook Page.

It is free to advertise your items on this page and they can be viewed and hopefully bought by Red Knights brothers and sisters.

The Facebook page link is;

https://www.facebook.com/groups/432682693604721/?ref=group_header

Copy and paste this link to go to the Trading Post page and start selling those unwanted items.

**** ATTENTION ALL RED KNIGHTS ****

The Red Knights Memorial in Boylston, is **NOT** maintained in the winter months.

If you visit the Memorial and the logo is covered with leaves, snow, ice, **PLEASE DO NOT** sweep, scrape or use any other means to clear it off. The logo is fragile and does not tolerate scraping.

Your attention to this very important matter is appreciated.







AS YOU CAN SEE ABOVE, RKM HAS BEEN BUSY RAISING MONEY AND HANDING OUT CHECKS!



SPOT THE 10 DIFFERENCES *(answers are after Regional articles)*

St. Florian – Patron Saint of Firefighters

I saw this on Facebook and thought you might like to read it. Editor..

Many Firefighters are aware that Saint Florian is the patron Saint of Firefighters.

Many have purchased and are very proud to wear the Saint Florian medallion around their neck... or even as a tattoo. The medallions are usually gold and many are shaped in the form of a Maltese cross with the image of Florian stamped in the center of it.

If you ask who Florian was or why he is our Patron Saint, most Firefighters don't know.

They assume it is because he made some heroic fire rescue or maybe he was a priest

who was involved in the fire service. These answers are the typical response but neither is accurate.

Florian was a Captain in the Roman army. He was a brave soldier and a tenacious fighter. Rome recognized the danger of fire and was the first to employ a fire department. This first fire department was made up of slaves. They had no real desire to risk their lives battling the flames of their captors.

Rome desperately needed fire protection. They called on Captain Florian to organize and train an elite group of soldiers whose sole duty was to fight fires. Captain Florian indeed organized such a group. They were highly trained and very successful at protecting Rome from fires.

A brigade of Firefighters followed the army and provided fire protection at their encampments. These firefighters were highly respected and easily recognized. They wore the traditional Roman soldier uniform except the skirt was green.

The most famous picture of Saint Florian depicts him with a young boy pouring water from a pitcher onto a fire.

This picture if seen in color reveals this green skirt. Rome was very impressed by this young Captain and all that he had accomplished. They decided to reward him by making him a general.

Generals were often given large tracks of conquered land to govern. The only rules were that they had to enforce the laws of Rome and collect the taxes. Florian's area included almost all of Poland. Rome began to hear some rumors about the way Florian was governing his land.

It was reported that he was not enforcing Rome's law forbidding Christianity. Rome did not believe this, but sent investigators to check. They reported back that it was true.



Rome sent a group of soldiers to confront Florian. They warned and threatened him that he must enforce the laws of Rome and abolish Christianity.

Florian not only refused he confessed that he had embraced the faith and become a Christian himself. Rome was furious. They tortured him and demanded he renounce his faith. Florian steadfastly refused. Rome ordered his execution. Florian was to be burned at the stake.

Soldiers marched him out and secured him to the post. Villagers gathered around to witness the execution. Florian begged his executioners to build the fire higher. He implored them to light the fire so his soul would rise up to heaven on the smoke from the blaze.

The soldiers had never seen this kind of reaction from a person about to be burned alive. They were frightened. What if his soul did rise up, right in front of all the villagers? They could not afford a martyr. The fire was not lit.

Florian was taken away by the soldiers who decided to drown him. He was placed in a boat and rowed out into the river. A millstone was tied around his neck and he was pushed overboard and drowned.

After his death, people who were trapped by fire reported that they invoked Florian's name and his spirit delivered them from the flames. These occurrences were reported and documented many times.

Florian was confirmed a saint for his commitment to his faith and the documentation of his spirit delivering trapped persons from the flames.

It is only fitting, that firefighters, committed to their duty and faith instilled with the spirit to dedicate themselves to the protection of life and property, should choose such a man as their patron saint.

FOUNDING FATHER, NORM BEAUSOLEIL'S MEMORIAL HALL FUNDS RAISER

Greetings once again to my brothers and sisters of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club®! Happy 2023 and welcome to another great year for the members of the most prestigious motorcycle club in the world! As you all know, the Club and all of you are held very near and dear to my heart and so is the RKMC® Memorial and Hall. So, once again, I have organized a fundraiser for the purpose of reducing, if not eliminating, the mortgage the Club holds on our Memorial Hall making it more affordable and available to each and every one of you!

For those that don't know, the Memorial Hall is a well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home with a large kitchen, living and dining room, an outside deck and attached 2 car garage that accommodates up to 10 (Club limit) and is open to any and all RKMC® members who visit the area. You can view pictures of the Hall and Memorial at www.redknightsmc.com. This house is your house, and as all know, it requires annual maintenance and incurs routine expenses such as heat, electric, internet, insurance and property taxes.

If I am not mistaken, \$3 - \$4 of your annual international dues are currently used to pay the principal, interest, taxes and insurance on the Hall and without donations and fundraisers it may take up to 15 more years before the mortgage is paid in full.

Most of the cost of maintenance on the house and adjacent Memorial Park is paid through donations from people like you and those members of the Club that stay at the Hall. Major expenses such as a new roof, exterior paint, new windows, etc., would need to come out of the operating budget of the Club. If we are able to eliminate the annual mortgage payments of what I am guessing are nearly \$24,000 a year through donations and fundraisers, the dues money currently used for the mortgage *could* be redirected to a “reserve account” to be used specifically for the maintenance of the entire property and unexpected capital expenses such as that new roof, exterior paint, new memorial kiosks, etc., without the need to raise dues for a number of years. But this is all up to you, through donations and participation at international conventions and board meetings.

Understanding all of this, I have organized a new fundraiser that gives you a tangible reminder of the donation you’ve made to help reach the goal of the Club to be “mortgage free”. This new fundraiser is the:

RKMC® Founders Christmas/Memorial Ornament

Memorial Hall Fundraiser

To help pay down the Principal

What better way could there be to celebrate the holidays – or every day - than with this beautiful acrylic ornament recognizing the Founding Fathers of the largest firefighter motorcycle club in the world, and, at the same time help reduce the principal of the RKMC® Memorial Hall? It can be an ornament hung from your Christmas tree. It can be hung from the rear-view mirror of your car or truck. It can be hung in a window. Use them as window shade pulls, or at the end of your ceiling fan/light cords. The places you can hang this ornament to help celebrate your membership in this Club proudly display your help in the ownership of the RKMC® Memorial Hall are infinite!



I have 422 of the ornaments left, which represents at least \$4,220 in additional mortgage reduction. I have already raised nearly \$1,100US with previous sales that will be sent to the International Treasurer soon. They will go fast. For any interest or orders, please follow the instructions below. For those of you overseas, and especially the European and South Pacific quartermasters, I would ask that you try to organize single large orders for whole or multiple chapters in order to greatly reduce shipping.

It costs approximately \$15US to send 1 ornament to Europe. It costs almost the same to send 50, so the more your order to the same location the less each individual must pay for shipping.

The price of the ornament is \$10.00 US. As we all know, shipping is always variable so, in an attempt to make all things equal for as many as possible, I am offering the following:

Within the continental US:

1 – 3 Ornaments - \$11.50 US each, including shipping

4 or more - \$10.00 US each plus actual shipping –

For all international orders, the price will be \$10.00 US each plus **actual shipping**.

To order, send an email to normbeausoleil@redknightsmc.com. Please include your full name, chapter and number (if applicable), the address you want them sent to and the quantity. I will reply with cost and payment options. Items will be shipped once payment is received. **Combined orders by chapter(s), region(s), state(s) or countries will certainly help reduce the shipping costs.** Payment options I can accept are PayPal, Venmo, cash or personal check.

Thank you for your interest!

As always, I remain, your friend and Loyal To Our Duty

Norm Beausoleil, Founder RKMC® 1982, Founder RKIFMC® 1983

Past Region 1 Director, Past Florida State Rep, Past Bylaws Committee Member

Member of MA-1, FL-14, Ireland 1, Switzerland 4

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REGION 7 DIRECTOR

Tom van der Kley

Region7@redknightsmc.com

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

First of all, I want to wish you all a happy new year and a good health. Because recently I got a couple of questions what the membership dues that we pay each year are used for, I want to give you all a little sneak in.

The membership fees that we pay each year to the international treasurer are used to pay off all the costs that our organization has that year. To explain everything in detail here would be very complicated and would take too long, so if you want to have further details, please check the international website, the international treasurer posts his financial report each year on the website via the convention report.

One of the biggest financial tasks and also the most important one, is our House and Memorial in Boylston Massachusetts. Directly at the Fire Department of Boylston we have a big area belonging to our RKIFMC.

The House on this property was bought by the RKMC a couple of years ago and we have to pay mortgage for it, the memorial is also situated on the property. It is a breath-taking park with our RKMC logo in the middle and the heaven 1 memorial. The whole memorial is dedicated to the members from all over the world, and the heaven 1 memorial is dedicated to all the members that have passed away since the founding of our RKMC. At the memorial we also have a piece of Steel from the World Trade Center, where on the 9th of September 2001, 2 airplanes crashed in a terrorist attack in the 2 Towers. 343 firefighters died on that day in the line of Duty. It is impossible for private people, and nearly impossible for any associations or clubs to get a WTC steel, but we are the only club worldwide that were allowed to have one.

A couple of years ago, the City of Boylston showed interest in getting the property on which our monument was situated which could have resulted in someone buying the property, this would have resulted in the WTC steel and all the rest of the monument having to be moved to another place. That would have cost us a fortune, because moving the WTC steel would not have been easy as it is listed as an official monument in the United States of America.

Then the RKMC did a proposal to the City of Boylston. Why not swap properties? The property that the City of Boylston was interested in was the property in the back of the house that we bought, and so the decision was quickly made and swiftly regulated. The deal was perfect and now we are in possession of the house and the memorial, and no matter what is going to happen, no one can take it away from us.

So here comes the question:

Do we need that house and the memorial and is it worth the money?

When you visit the memorial for the first time, you will say clearly and with full heart yes!

It is a beautiful place with a breath taking memorial. It reminds us about our duty, our compassion and our history. It reminds us all about our members that have passed away. It reminds us all about our members that died in the line of duty. It reminds us how everything started and how we have grown over the years. It is a home for us all where we can meet, where we can share our stories, our history, where we can laugh and cry together.

So if you ask me my opinion:

It is absolutely worth the 17 Dollars per year?

I had the luck to visit the memorial a couple of times and it was always an unforgettable moment. I have met old friends, I have made new friends at the memorial and I would recommend everyone, if you have the possibility to get there, do it.

And because the house is ours, you can stay in it during of your stay. It is not only our house, it is YOUR house. You can share these unforgettable moments, you can make your own memories, you can feel what it's all about and you can see and feel what the Europeans mean to the international and that we are a part of the RKMC.

Each time when the European members are visiting the memorial, the founding fathers try to meet us and they love to hear the stories from Europe, how we work, how we evolve there. And last but not least you feel how proud they are of the European sector.

To give you a little idea of how it looks, I share you some pictures of your memorial and your house in Boylston.

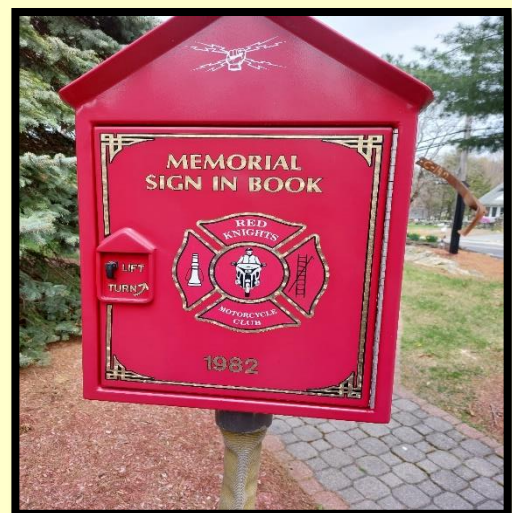


Front view of the Memorial with the pillar with all the founding fathers on it, and on the right side of it the members who died in the line of duty. Firefighter Monument

Remembering all the members that passed away since the founding of the RKMC



Piece of steel from the World trade Center



Sign in Book inside, where you can write your name and date of visit.



Your house where you can stay for your visit.



Conference table inside the house.



Hydrant at the entrance with all the donors on it.



Fraternally, Tom van der Kley, Regional Director, Region 7

Loyal To Our Duty



Before You Ride Check

- Lights
- Horn
- Signals
- Chain, Belt or shaft
- Brakes
- Tires

A photograph of a person wearing a black helmet and riding a motorcycle on a road. The background is a blurred residential area with houses and trees. To the right of the photo is a yellow box containing a checklist for a pre-ride inspection.

Region 1

(Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey and New York)

NH IV News

Though our Chapter had a fairly uneventful riding season, in part due to a few illnesses and surgeries, as well as some members traveling and moving, we have participated in quite a few rides this year and attended Americade and the Convention. Two of our members spent some time riding in NC, including riding the Dragon's Tail. The same two members also did a 9 day Edelweiss Motorcycle Tour in Europe.

We are trying to ride as a group more often. Several members have Fridays off, so we now have several FREE on FRIDAY rides! We've enjoyed great rides, good lunches, and great people. We're hoping to make these Free on Friday rides a bit more planned and more often next year. Members of other chapters are also welcome to join us.

We recently held a raffle, offering \$100, \$200, and \$300 Visa gift cards. Our proceeds go to support Fire Fighters in need. Thanks to Full Throttle Power sports in Swanzey for letting us set up a table and sell some of our raffle tickets.

NH Chapter IV welcomed a new member, Dan Albert, bringing our Chapter membership to 22.

NH State Representative



NH State Representative meets with Chapter presidents annually to share concerns and best practices. The State Rep and presidents now have a set of Bylaws listing an elected Assistant State Rep and Secretary. Each meeting takes place at a different location to try and equalize the distances travelled.

Americade 2022- Supper at NH 5



N.H. 5 camping dinner. Prime Rib dinner, Delmonico potatoes, salad.....does not get any better at Americade!

NH Chapter 5 changes

The end of the year 2022 brought some changes to NH 5. President, 'Blue' Kelloway announced he would not be running for another 2 year term. Blue served as President for 2 years, was the Vice President for 6 years during the successful NH state convention in 2019 when he designed the NH Red Knights memorial and had it installed at the Boscawen Veterans cemetery. As President he initiated the annual HONOR run to visit the memorial at the cemetery, and then visit the NH Fireman's memorial. Blue will remain as the assistant NH State Rep. Rich Provencal served as the Quartermaster for 14 years since the Chapter was chartered in 2005, and announced he would not seek re-election. Vice President Steve Pelechowicz was elected as President for 2023. Longtime member Joe Goldstein was elected as Quartermaster. Dave Walters returns as Treasurer, and Brian Toomire continues as Road Captain- BOTH serving their 5th- 2 year term!. The President appointed local Newton Fire Chief John Alcainho in the Vice President vacancy, and Jim Voss was appointed as Secretary to replace Mary Kelloway who decided to step down for personal reasons. We thank all those officers who brought us this far and look forward to a great 2023 season!

New Hampshire Fireman's Memorial

Firefighters remember the fallen during annual ceremony at the renovated site



This year the ceremony honored a Littleton firefighter Jeffrey Whitcomb of Littleton, who died nearly a year ago, as well as dozens of other New Hampshire firefighters who have died in the line of duty. Members of the Red Knights assisted to place red and white carnations on the memorial as each of the other 91 names all etched in stone were read aloud.

NH 9 wedding Bliss

Congratulations Denelle and Dan Hackler on your wedding!

RKMC NH let them hear ya!!!



Loss of Charter Member Charlie Goodspeed

Condolences to the family of Mr. Charlie Goodspeed. He was an original charter member of NH 5 and was instrumental for the Red Knights Chapter getting started. He ensured we were on the right track, led us to Americade several times, and was always there to lend a hand. Professional Civil Engineer and professor at UNH, he sold his motorcycle after getting hit from behind several years ago that left him with some unrelated medical issues. A tremendous guy and a great loss to us. We all miss Charlie.



9/11 remembrance ride

Red Knights from NH 6, NH 5 and Maine chapters joined with the New Hampshire Patriot Guard Riders first annual 9/11 ride. The ride commenced on the coastal town of Seabrook NH and took a route passing many town fire stations. Those Fire departments were ready as well, showing their remembrance support with

their display of flags and fire personnel saluting on their Trucks. Retired BG Don Bolduc running for US Senate joined in the ride. This is definitely on the agenda for next year.



New England Honor Flight



New Hampshire Red Knights were in attendance to pay their respects to 24 Vietnam, Korean War, and WW2 Veterans as they boarded their New England Honor Flight to visit their respective memorials. The knights thanked them each for their service, and the Veterans were very appreciative for the outstanding show of support!

New Hampshire Veteran's Memorial

Another successful annual visit to New Hampshire Veterans cemetery to remember and honor those NH Red Knight who have left us. Thanks to American Legion Post 90 in Raymond, The Journey men, Seacoast Jarheads, for joining us, and also to the family members of those who have passed who wanted to be there. Next year will be the Five Year anniversary of this Honor Run.



CHRIS ROGERS RECEIVES THE BARRY L. STIRES `NEW JERSEY RED KNIGHT OF THE YEAR AWARD`

The Barry L. Stires Award is presented to the New Jersey Red Knight of the Year and these are the kind words from the 2023 recipient, Chris Rogers.

Barry Stires was a Past Chief of Delaware Park Chemical Engine Company No. 1, in Lopatcong, NJ. Barry was also a retired Police Detective and a NJ State Fire Inspector. Barry's legacy was in the Fire Service where he served for nearly 40 years and held every possible position in the department. Barry was a 3rd generation Chief. Barry brought his lifelong passion for the Fire Service to the Red Knights. Hailing from NJ5 in the rural northwest of NJ since 2004. Barry embraced the members of the RKMC as his extended family. Barry was an extremely positive person whose big smile was only outdone by his massive heart. Barry had a love for helping and unifying others. His personality was warm and infectious – one laugh and you knew he was in the room. Barry influenced and touched so many members of New Jersey State Association. Barry set the standard of what we in NJ feel a Red Knight should embody. Bringing others together, bridging gaps, helping and supporting others in good times and bad, and leaving others and ourselves better for having met. I never had the honor to meet Barry, but I have been Red Knight raised in his legacy. This is not in the mythical legend manner but more importantly in meeting, riding with, and learning from the many Barry influenced in his 10 years as a Red Knight.

The Barry L. Stires is presented annually at the NJ After Christmas Party to the Red Knight who embodies what Barry meant to the NJ Red Knights. I was humbled and honored to be the 2023 award recipient.



Chris Rogers – NJ33
Loyal to Our Duty



To: The NJ Red Knight of the Year / Barry Stires Award Committee

Re: 2023 Award Nomination

As the 2022 award recipient, I believe I now have a better knowledge and understanding of the requirements along with the honor surrounding this award.

My choice for nominee has been a Red Knight since November 2017 and has shown a true commitment to this organization. His continued drive and devotion on getting together with all fellow Red Knights, not only by opening his home, but supporting the fundraising activities of chapters throughout this country and abroad.

He has been to an International Convention, a Yankee, Dixie, and Bootlegger Rally. He has supported the Virginia 8 and North Carolina 13's Memorial Ride in honor of those lost on September 11th. He orchestrated the Toy Story -5 ride, to support a fellow Red Knight in Indiana, who was injured in a motorcycle accident. He supports the Bob Hollner "Give a Child a Christmas Run" each year. This individual is also part of a few individual contributors to what some know as the RK Express.

This individual is a multi-chapter member and President of his home chapter.

I feel that this person has exhibited the mission laid forth by our founding fathers and continues the message that was the driving force of Barry Stires.

At this time, I would like to nominate: Chris Rogers of NJ Chapter 33.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernie Berthold
President
Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Chapter 19

Chris's Nomination

NH 5 Chapter Red Knight of the Year



At their annual Christmas dinner, Brian Toomire was honored as the Red Knight of the year for distinguishing himself by always stepping up to help members. Dedicated to service to the club, as the Road Captain for the past ten years, he works at providing fun and sometimes challenging rides, looking for ways to change it up when he can. Brian has been diplomatic and supportive of others in need of encouragement. He is always ready to ride and is a valued member of the club reflecting great credit upon himself, and NH Chapter 5 Firefighter's Motorcycle Club.

Road Captain Brian Toomire (left) is presented Chapter 5 Red Knight of the Year by President Steve Pelechowicz.

Congratulations Brian!

Red Knights NJ Chapter 31 hold their 1st Annual Poker Run

On October 2, 2022, Red Knights NJ Chapter 31 hosted their 1st Annual Poker Run to benefit the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. The route was planned, the food was cooked, but alas, the weather did not cooperate. It rained cats and dogs! Fortunately, the Chapter held a successful sponsorship campaign which along with the few generous and adventurous attendees, allowed the Chapter to make a respectable profit from the event. The day, regardless of the weather, was a spectacular show of teamwork by NJ Chapter 31. Members handled everything from cooking, setup, DJ, prizes, and organization. President Julie Mattera and Poker Run Committee Chair Chuck Marriner both stated that they were exceptionally proud of the work the members put in, despite the terrible weather. As a result of this hard work, several charitable donations were able to be made. First and foremost, NJ Chapter 31 made a \$2,500 donation to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

T2T Ambassador Dena Parlo attended the NJ Chapter 31 October meeting, and a check was presented (Right).

NJ Chapter 31 made three additional donations starting with a \$500 donation to Red Knights International to be put toward the principle of the mortgage of Memorial Hall. This check was sent directly to International Treasurer Scott Ryan.



The next donation was \$250 to the Middle Township Police Officers Association Toy Drive to help make sure local children had a joyful Christmas. Shown is Officer Chris Russ of MTPD receiving the check (Left)

The final donation was to the lunch with Lynch Foundation – Lynch Stole Christmas from the Grinch toy drive. This awesome group was also given a check for \$250 to again ensure local children had a joyous Christmas. Shown is John Lynch receiving the check (Right)

The members of NJ Chapter 31 will host our 2nd Annual Poker Run on October 1, 2023.

Please keep an eye out for more details to come and we hope to see many of you there!



Region 2

(Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario)

NEWFOUNDLAND 2

As we wait for the upcoming riding season the off season has been a busy time for Newfoundland 2 as we prepare to welcome Red Knights to our beautiful province.

We are preparing to host the Red Knights Atlantic Association Rally in July. Everything seems to be falling in place, the venue, caterer, the entertainment are all booked and the ride routes are finalized.

Now we wait the arrival of our fellow brothers and sisters, and hope for good weather.

Glenn Giles, Region 2 Reporter, President NL 2

Check out the Future Events pages at the end of this Newsletter for information about the Atlantic Rally 2023



We Need Your Photos

For The Website & Facebook Pages

Do you have photos that haven't been posted recently on Social Media?

Please share them so we can use them on Facebook and the International website.

Send your photos to

Communications@RedKnightsMC.com



Region 3

(Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Wisconsin)

Hello my brothers and sisters,

First off let's take a moment to reflect on the members and loved ones we have lost since 2022. Thank you

What a great 2022 for Riding season, rallies were held, convention was in Pennsylvania and was a great time, Dixie , Atlantic, EuCon, Western, Yankee and of Course the wonderful 4th annual "Bootlegger" In Dubois, PA

Now that I have your attention!

Region #3

For those of you I am sure you have at least heard of the Bootlegger Rally, well just some things for you to discuss with your chapter. The Bootlegger Rally has been a must do for our region, we are going into our 5th year of this rally and each one has set new and different themes as well as set and raised the bar with each location. It is a much-cherished event and as always on Labor Day Weekend. This year it will be hosted in Youngstown , Ohio by Ohio Chapter 7. Registration is open and Hotels are being booked by the way. You can find more information at: <https://rkmcoh7.org/bootleggers/>

Hope to see everyone there!

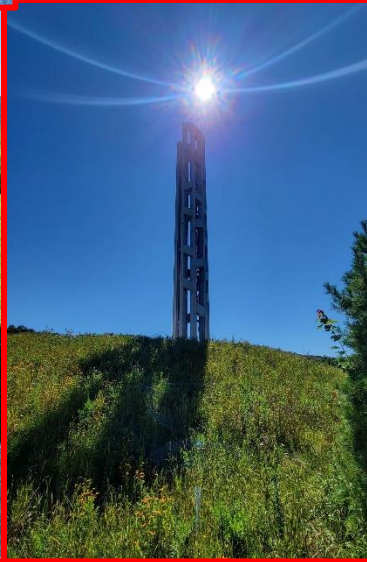
Some fun times from RK Convention 2022 in Johnstown, PA. Some of our ride went to the Flight 93 memorial in Sommerset, PA and the Johnstown Flood Museum what a very humbling experience it was.

The photos show the Convention fellowship, visits to the museums. There was the installation of the new officers.

Special thanks to outgoing Secretary for his outstanding work and dedication to Red Knights organization,
Thanks Jack Jarvis.

We also welcomed Michael Woods a region 3 local Past IN chapter 2 President and Indiana State Association as new incoming Secretary.





From Bootlegger 2022

Thanks to everyone who attended Bootleggers 2022. We were able to present Grady's Decision a check just over \$7K

The blessings just keep coming for our organization this year!

Red Knights MC PA 38 lead by Ed Kengersky ...presented our Executive Director Amy, with a generous donation of \$7269.22!!

Chapter 38 hosted the Bootlegger's 2022 Rally back in September and chose us as their charity of choice!



Thank you Red Knights ❤️

God Bless you all...YOU are helping us bless families, one miracle at a time!



And of course the tradition that we all know and.....ahmmm brought to us by our loving Illinois crew.

Some fun that was had 2022, including a pirate theme night and a trip to that nasty little rodent Punxsutawney Phil's Burrow



Now Brothers and sisters let me tell you, if you haven't experienced how strong the "family" or bonding is you need to attend! Maybe even bring it to your area for 2023, 24, 25.....etc. you get the picture! Region 3 covers 7 states and over 70+ chapters which are all in beautiful areas Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri. Let us see your beautiful state. If you want more information on attending or better yet hosting, please contact me at region3reporter@redknightsmc.com and I will get you to the right people.

Can't wait to see your city!

Let's look at some of what is going on in Region 3 with our chapter submissions, some new and some old! Thanks for the contributions to show your Chapter.

Indiana Chapter XI has an annual ride they do. Once a year the Hoosier burn camp is opened up for fire departments and some select visitors. Many departments all across the state sponsor charity events to help this wonderful organization where kids who are a victim of a burn can come for counselling, fellowship and just to be a kid along with other kids who have suffered burns.

During this event it is very humbling to witness the love, compassion and admiration the kids have as well as the visitors for the kids. In this journey Chapter XI was accompanied by yours truly (Indiana Chapter IV) along with members of Indiana Chapter 3 for a great day.



Illinois 14 had a great Christmas gathering with a lot of participation.



Illinois Red Knights also enjoying Phantom Harley's 10 Anniversary.



If you haven't been there, it is a fun place.

Some Illinois Red Knights enjoying a club picnic.



And a great day was had once again as Illinois Chapters participate in Ride for the Rescuers.



PA34 rode in the 24th Annual Red Helmet Ride in Emmitsburg Maryland. As in years past, we camped near Gettysburg, Pa. We had an excellent Club turn out this year and had some friends come along to ride that aren't fellow Red Knights (Yet). We had a great time visiting around the campfire, riding in beautiful Gettysburg and enjoying a Seafood Boil and other great meals at the Campsite.

Although there was much fun, food and relaxation, the real reason we make this journey each year is to pay



our respect to those Firefighters who have died in the line of duty over the last year and the let their loved ones know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

The actual Red Helmet Ride was well attended this year. I didn't get an official number but there were a few hundred riders. It's great to see fellow Red Knights from all over join in a common cause as great as this.

If your Chapter has never participated in this event, I encourage you to make plans to attend next year. After all, this is what we are about. We are Firefighters and we need to show respect to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.



You can get more information on Facebook at National Red Helmet Ride or feel free to reach out to our Chapter on Facebook Red Knights PA. Chapter 34. There are more pictures and videos on their including our weekend mascot Harley.

Stay safe till we meet again!
Doug Thomas, PA34 President

Wisconsin Chapter 2 is adding to their numbers and is growing again



From Ohio Chapter 6

Ohio Chapter 6 of Dorset, Ohio attended the Cleveland Fallen Firefighter's Memorial Ride on May 29, 2022, with 750 registered riders it was a comfortable 35-mile ride through Cleveland and suburban communities, ending at Western Reserve Harley Davidson in Mentor, Ohio. The ride was escorted the entire way by Cleveland Police Motor Cop's and the PDs of all the communities we rode through. This ride passed a fire station of each community we rode through. Each FD had their apparatus and crews out front on the pad to show honor and support for our fallen brethren. The Cleveland Firefighters Memorial Pipes and Drums Corps played, and the Cleveland Honor Guard maintained the colors. Special thanks to OHIO9 for their work in helping this annual memorial event run smoothly.

Thank you, Jim Trisket, OH6



On 9 Sep 2022, five members of Ohio Chapter 6 made a ride into Cleveland, OH to experience the Flags of Honor tribute. There were 610 US "Flags of Honor" dedicated to the men and women serving their country in the military, Police, Fire, EMS, Doctor and Nurses. Sponsored by the Cleveland FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association. www.fbiclecaaa.org



After we visited a Retired Firefighters Irish/Fire themed restaurant, named Muldoon's in Euclid, Ohio for some great food. We recommend this establishment to all visitors.

Indiana State Association also had their first of many State Picnics and fun was had by all! You can always count on some chapter to liven the party. Who knew they canned water as well!



FDIC is April 24-29 in Indianapolis if anyone is attending this year maybe we could get a Red Knight get together, just an idea!

Keep the submissions coming! Send them to region3reporter@redknightsmc.com

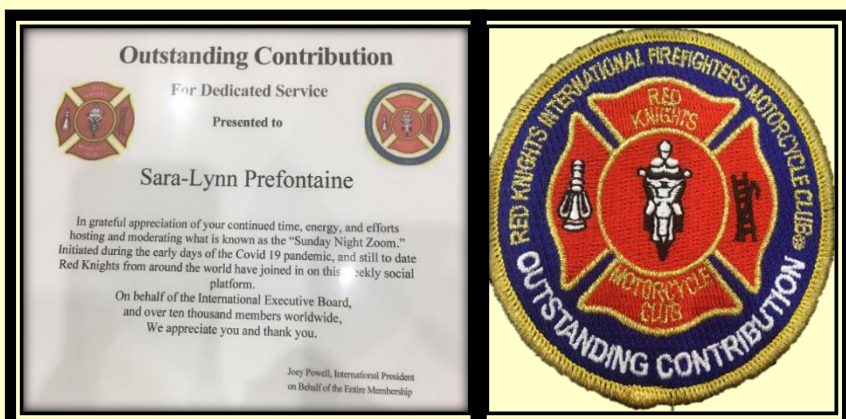
Hope you enjoyed! ~Maverick

Region 4

(Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Dist of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia)

Region 4 Reporter Sara-Lynn Prefontaine Receives Award

Sara-Lynn Prefontaine was awarded the Outstanding Contribution Award at the 2022 International Convention for her tireless work on behalf of the Red Knights during the Covid-19 Pandemic.



As well as working as our Region 4 Reporter Sara-Lynn was instrumental in starting the Sunday ZOOM Meetings to keep members across the world in contact with each other when we were not allowed to meet up in person and she is still involved today.

REGION 4 GETS A NEW NEWSLETTER REPORTING TEAM

It's a first! Region 4 has a Reporting Team, Diane and Alan Billings have jointly taken on the job as Region 4 Reporters filling the vacancy left by Sara-Lynn Prefontaine due to her appointment as the new International Communications Chair.

Please join me in welcoming Diane and Alan into their new position and can I, as Editor, ask Region 4 members to keep them busy by sending them your articles for inclusion in the newsletter. region4reporter@redknightsmc.com

Many of you will already know Diane and Alan, both have been Red Knights for many years and Alan is a past recipient of the Perry Carter Ward for the Red Knight of the Year in 2018 and it is fantastic to have them as part of the Team of Reporters

As Sara-Lynn leaves the reporting team I would like thank her for her help in the production of the newsletter over the past years, THANK YOU Sara-Lynn.

Region 4 – Highlight a Red Knight

Region 4 Reporters Diane and Alan Billings

Diane and I are the new region 4 newsletter reporters. In trying to come up with some new content we want to highlight a Red Knight from the region in each newsletter. This person does not have to be someone who has done something special. We will be asking the regional director and state reps to pick someone and submit a highlight of them as a person, Red Knight, fire department history, etc.

It was suggested by several people that we start by introducing ourselves.

We Started as high school sweethearts, have been together for 48 years and married for 40 years. We have 2 children, James Billings and Tara McLane, and 5 grandchildren. Both of our kids are also Red Knight members. Diane and Alan joined Red Knights Maryland 4 in 2007. We were original charter members when Maryland 10 was formed in 2016. Upon moving to Myrtle Beach, SC in 2020 we became charter members of South Carolina 1 when the chapter was resurrected.

Alan has served as President and Treasurer of Maryland 4, President of Maryland State Association, and is currently on Board of Directors for South Carolina 1. He also served as Interim International Quartermaster for a period of time and he also received the Perry Carter Award in 2018.

Diane served on several committees for MD4 including Dixie Rally when it was hosted by MD4 in 2012 as well as the Treasurer for the state association for several years. After joining SC1 she served as Quartermaster.

Diane retired from the Prince Georges County Maryland Public Safety Communications as a fire dispatch supervisor after 23 years. She was an EMT/Firefighter at West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Dept. for 12 years and 4 years at Baden Volunteer Fire Dept. in Prince George's County before moving to Calvert County. She joined the Prince Frederick Volunteer Rescue Squad having served as EMT and various line officer positions including Deputy Chief and Treasurer. She also was a member of Saint Leonard Volunteer Fire/Rescue for several years before moving to Myrtle Beach. She has over 40 years combined service.



Alan retired in 2005 from the Prince George's County Fire Dept. as Career Lieutenant after 21 years. Previously he was a volunteer at West Lanham VFD for 7 years before being hired by the county. He joined the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department in 1996 where he held every line officer position up to and including Chief as well as 14 years as Treasurer for a total of 26 years. He has 44 years of combined service.

We believe Highlight a Red Knight would be a great thing for all the regions to do!

South Carolina 1 – Wreaths Across America



On December 17th it was an honor to participate in Wreaths Across America here in Myrtle Beach.

Our RKM SC1 members Fred and Opie were recognized and participated in the ceremony.



Maryland 4 - 20th Anniversary

MD 4 is turning 20 years old!

Our chapter endured and overcame hard times and change. We invite you all to come and celebrate our 20 year anniversary. Let's make great memories! There will be a social

Friday June 2nd, a ride and dinner Saturday June 3, 2023.

Event will be held at the

Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department

13150 H G Trueman Rd, Solomons, MD 20688

Hilton Garden Inn - 13100 Dowell Rd is located across the street from the firehouse.

Use group code RKM when making reservations. For updates and information use the link

https://www.facebook.com/events/881303126590318/?active_tab=discussion





Dixie Rally 2023

Alabama Chapter 4 and the Red Knights of Alabama would like to invite everyone to join us as we come together and host the 19th Annual Dixie Rally in Pell City, AL. We have lots of places to visit while you are here visiting and enjoying the Region 4 rally. So get those registration in and come on out to the

Dixie Rally May 18th - 21st .

Thanks from the Alabama State Rep and AL Chapter 4

Registration form can be found at:

https://www.redknightsmc.com/Images/redknightsinternational/2023%20Dixie/Reg_form_Dixie_2023.pdf

Georgia Chapter 2 1st Annual Tip Ride



On Dec 10, 2022 GA2 had their 1st annual Tip Ride. We raised money all year long and chose a restaurant and a server in need of a little help during the holidays. We chose Fish N Pig in Macon, GA and our server was Ansley.

She takes care of her mother who's been having medical issues. We were able to bless her with \$1000 cash along with our usual tip. She told us that her car

had just broken down the day before and until our blessing she didn't know how she was going to pay for it to be fixed. Our goal for next year is to double our tip.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Dixie this year in Alabama.



From Maryland State Association:

Pictured below are the 2023 Maryland State Officers.

President Steve (BIZ) Bisbee MD7,

Treasurer Michelle (Shelly) Velazquez MD4

Secretary Elizabeth Holmes MD6

Vice President Joe Gould MD4.



If you need to reach out to me (BIZ) please email me @ mdrep@redknightsmc.com or my cell is 410-708-8012. While we are working on a number of events so please save a few dates. The first is Maryland 4's 20th Anniversary event on Saturday June 3rd. For information please reach out to anyone from Chapter 4. Our next big event will be the State Meeting and Picnic on July 15th with rain date July 16th in Galena, MD. In 2022 we had over 100 attend from multiple States. For information, please reach out to "T" at 443-480-8999.

I would also like to give a shout out to NJ19 for hosting the NJ After Christmas Party, if you missed it this year you need to make sure you don't next year..... Great job everyone and spending time with RKMC Family is what it is all about.



Thank you, Biz



Region 5

(Alaska, Alberta, , British Columbia, Idaho, Iowa, Manitoba, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Northwest Territory, Oregon, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, Washington, Wyoming and Yukon)

Greetings from the land of snow and limited riding seasons.

Seriously, I hope this newsletter finds you well and in good spirits, I'd put the word out as I'd hope I would there were submissions from Region 5. But alas nobody submitted anything. Since the Western I've attended one event. ND1's memorial ride September 11th in Valley City. It had a large turnout of riders.

The 2023 Region 5 Western Rally will be held in June at Spokane, WA. Hosted by WA2. I believe it posted on the website of the Red Knights and the Facebook group Red Knights All chapters/MAL.

Now for some nuggets of insight. LOL I've stepped down as ND2's president. We elected Matt Dawes the new president. With help from Heather Drew of AL4, we started an online addiction meeting every Tuesday on Zoom. It's for all RKIFMC members I don't care if you just need to talk. We want you to know we really are there for you. We all battle something.

Come March, this will be my 3rd full year as the regional reporter. Amazing journey it has been.

LOYAL TO OUR DUTY!

Sincerely Lance Solberg

Region 6

(Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah)

Hello Region 6 Red Knights, your Reporter, Charles Prince is keen to report on your activities so come on let's keep him busy by sending him your stories, unfortunately he didn't receive anything for this edition.

The next Newsletter will be published in July, send him your stories before the end of June to see them in the July Newsletter.

region6reporter@redknightsmc.com

or you can send them to me at editor@redknightsmc.com

Region 7

(European Chapters)

GERMANY 24 MAKE A WISH COME TRUE

A Wish fulfilment

At the end of July we had a great day to make a wish come true for a fellow biker when we paid a visit to the Klara Hospice in Marl.

Together we were allowed to take Klaus, a long-time biker and guest of

the facility, on one last tour in a sidecar. We hope he had as much fun as we had!



It was an honour for the chapter to help him fulfil his wish.

DENMARK GET A SECOND CHAPTER



For a long time, there has only been one Chapter in Denmark, but not any more.... Europe are proud to announce that DENMARK 2 has been chartered bringing new Red Knights to the family. Welcome to you all from your Worldwide Red Knights Brothers and Sisters.



ENGLAND 2's EUCON 2022 EXPERIENCE



On the afternoon of Thursday 8th September 2022 members of England 2 set off to Hull, UK to catch the overnight ferry to Rotterdam in the Netherlands to attend the 2022 EuCon, European meeting.

Once we had found our cabins for the night we showered, changed and headed for the bar for a few beers before having dinner in the ship's restaurant and returning to the bar for the evenings' entertainment. However, when we entered the bar, we found the entertainment had been replaced with memories of our Queen, who had died earlier in the evening, on the big screen.

After disembarking on Friday morning, we set off on our way to Arnhem, the location of the EuCon. Staying away from motorways/freeways we made our way taking the scenic route to Arnhem, crossing rivers and dykes to our destination.



Our hosts Netherlands 1 had everything in hand when we arrived and greeted us in the hotel reception where we were checked in and given our goody bags which contained among other things our `EuCon year rockers` to add to the ones collected in previous year's.

We arrived early and avoided the masses that would arrive later, with over 400 Red Knights expected from all over Europe and some from the USA, it was sure to get busy.

The usual Friday night social gathering and BBQ got underway as the heavens opened and down came the pouring rain, thankfully we were under cover and in the main kept dry. The food was good and the beer was plentiful, it was time to renew old friendships and make new ones.



On Saturday morning we were greeted to more rain and it appeared that the riders on the traditional Saturday ride which this year took us to the Netherlands Firefighter Memorial, were in for a rain-soaked ride. As the ride progressed rain eased but began to pour down again as we arrived at the Memorial, where we were greeted by a Pipe Band who deserved our praise for enduring the heavy rain which soaked them and their instruments.

A moving service of remembrance for the Fallen Firefighters was held before, after which, much to their surprise, members of England 2 and 4 were called to the front of the gathering for a minute's silence to pay respects to their recently departed Queen.

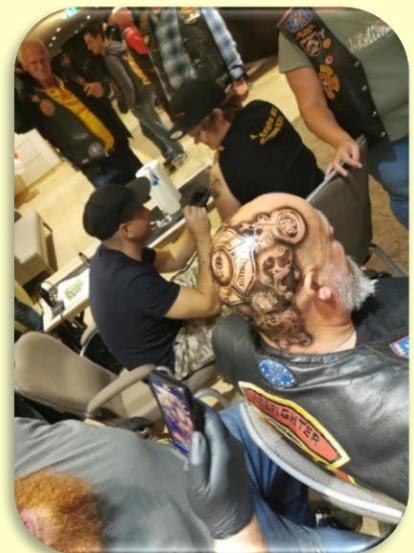


With the rain still pouring down we returned to our vehicles for a short trip to an Open-Air Museum where we had lunch before we were able to see how the Dutch people lived, past and present. Thankfully the rain stopped and we enjoyed looking inside windmills, a brewery and various other types of buildings which we travelled to by taking a ride around the vast area of the museum on a tram.



We returned to the hotel to change in readiness for the evening's proceedings which, after the official part of speeches and presentations involved more eating and drinking.

Netherlands 1 made sure that there was plenty to keep members busy during the weekend, with stalls selling all manner of motorcycle related items, there were fire engines and custom motorcycles to look at and for those that liked tattoos there was a tattoo artist present in the evenings who was kept busy spraying temporary tattoos on a never-ending line of willing customers.



Sunday morning arrived and after breakfast it was time to say our goodbyes but that was not the end of the weekend's activities; a visit to the nearby Airborne Museum at Hartenstein had been arranged. Over several floors visitors are able to experience the world-famous story of the Battle of Arnhem in all its intensity. The personal stories of British, Polish and German soldiers and civilians are brought to life.



So finally, the journey to Rotterdam ferry port began but not until England 2 members visited The Mill Network at Kinderdijk-Elshout



This elaborate system of windmills was constructed to pump water from Zuid-Holland's marshlands and helped to create a large, low-lying tract of land that effectively turned the surrounding area into a fertile hinterland. Nineteen windmills were built on this site during the 18th century, and the network has the largest concentration of historic windmills in the Netherlands. Today, the area is an Unesco World Heritage Site.



We arrived back at Rotterdam in good time and boarded the overnight ferry back to the UK for the final part of our trip, back to Sheffield.

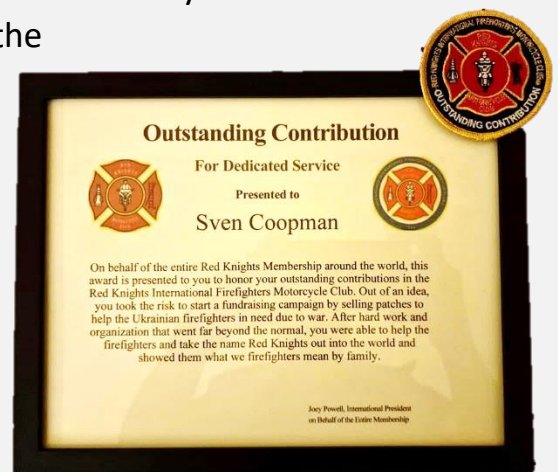
It was a fantastic weekend, well organised by members of Netherlands 1, we're already looking forward to the next trip across the North Sea in June 2023 to visit our European Brothers and Sisters at Belgium 2.

BELGIAN MAL REWARDED FOR HIS WORK FOR UKRAINE



Belgian MAL Sven Coopman has worked tirelessly to raise funds to buy much needed equipment for the Ukrainian Firefighters. You may remember that his efforts selling United for Ukraine Patches were reported on in the last Newsletter

and his hard work was rewarded when he received the Outstanding Contribution for Dedicated Service Award at the EuCon European Meeting in the Netherlands in September 2022.



Germany XIV welcome guests to their Chapter's Medieval Party



On the first weekend in September, the Red Knights MC Germany XIV invited to this year's chapter party. The Germanisches Langhaus in Krügersdorf, near Berlin, was chosen as the party location. It is a restaurant in medieval style.

One by one our guests from other chapters arrived. These are from the Red Knights MC Danmark I as well as from Germany II, IV, VI, X, XXVI and XXX. Friday evening was open to all, so we were able to welcome some guests from outside the Red Knights.

On Saturday we were ready to go for a ride. Our Road Captain led us through the beautiful Spreewald. In Burg where we made a break. With coffee and cake or another snack there was the possibility to have petrol talks. In the afternoon we returned to our party location.



To shorten the time until the medieval feast in the evening, we organized a few biker games, such as motor long throwing and who has the heaviest vest.

After the games and the traditional group photo, the winners were honored. On this occasion our brother Ingo would be officially appointed

Photographer of the Red Knights MC Germany XIV

And in the evening was the banquet. It consisted of a multi-course menu. Between the courses a juggler played medieval music and told entertaining stories.

On Sunday we had breakfast together and then we all went back home.

The Red Knights MC Germany XIV would like to thank all participating chapters for their visit and we are looking forward to seeing you again at the next chapter party.



2022 WAS A DIFFICULT YEAR FOR ITALY 1

For Italy 1 the 2022 was a difficult year, in February we lost our President and it was a hard blow, but just to honor him we were not discouraged and we moved forward always carrying him in our hearts.

We added some new members and also 2 juniors to our Chapter. In June we were able to organize our first party at Lake Garda where many brothers and sisters were able to visit us, and in September some of us attended the European Meeting in Arnhem, Holland.

During our Christmas party we named the Quartermaster "Soldato" and a new brother became a member of Italy 1.

In this new year we will start working toward organising our first European meeting in 2025.

from Italy 1



Region 8

(Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific)

New Zealand Choose a Majestic Setting for their Annual Gathering

New Zealand had their annual national Red Knights Gathering in the central North Island city of Rotorua in March 2022. The South Island Chapters decided they would have a Mini-Gathering in the South Island on the weekend of October 14th -16th 2022, so that those that couldn't make it up to the North Island Gathering could experience it closer to home.

Members from the South Island Chapters of NZ6, NZVII, NZ8 and NZ10 were joined by a couple of gate crushers from the lower North Island's NZ5, in the form of NZ5 Pres Shaun Crowley and NZ5 Past-Pres Tim O'Halloran.



The setting for the Mini-Gathering was in the small township of Twizel, nestled within the huge expansive basin of the Mackenzie District. The majestic Southern Alps form a dramatic backdrop to the township with the crown jewel being Aoraki / Mt Cook and the bright turquoise Lakes of Ohau, Benmore, Pukaki and Tekapo surrounding the area.



The serene backdrop started to echo with the rumbling sound of engines from early Friday afternoon as the South Island Chapters started to arrive. The Twizel Volunteer Fire Brigade were very welcoming and fantastic hosts as all the Chapters gathered and socialised throughout the evening. Twizel

was actually the starting point for NZVII, hosting them for their very first meeting and forming of their Chapter!

Typically, when a Gathering is held anywhere in New Zealand, the local Volunteer Fire Station is the recipient of any funds raised through our fundraising activities for the weekend.

But this time the hosts from NZVII came up with a great idea to support the local food bank.

With everyone gathered, NZVII presented the Twizel Foodbank with a huge array of goods carried to the Gathering by all of those attending. The Twizel Foodbank were very appreciative and truly stunned by how much the collective members were able to bring to this isolated area, commenting that the combined items would help a lot of people.



After helping load up the goods into the Foodbank van, and looking for any excuse to go for a ride, 24 bikes formed up to take in the scenery. We were immersed in a thick fog, which is always a great sign for a beautiful day ahead, and it didn't disappoint! The fog quickly burnt off and we were left with a sunny, cloudless day as we wound our way

along the turquoise lake of Lake Pukaki and up to the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre, dwarfed by the surrounding Aoraki/ Mount Cook National Park.



We chose this beautiful spot to take a group photo with the majestic Aoraki/Mount Cook in the background and to take a drink break before hitting the road again on a mystery tour of the McKenzie area.



A few hours later the riders returned to Twizel and the rest of the day was spent exploring the area and catching up with mates. The final dinner was held in one of the local bars and an awesome late night was had.

This is a fantastic concept that allowed those South Island Chapter members that couldn't make the National Gathering, held in the North Island in March last year, to feel part of the big Red Knights family. Planning has already started for the next South Island Mini-Gathering, to be held in October this year.



The National Gathering is being held on the rugged West Coast of the South Island, in the town of Reefton in March this year as well, so they get two bites of the cherry! Perhaps the North Island need to have their own Mini-Gathering as well!

Cheers,
Shaun Crowley

President NZ5
Region 8 NZ Reporter

'Loyal To Our Duty'

Red Knights Australia 20 - CHAPTER HAS BEEN REBORN.....

A new beginning for an existing chapter.

Red Knights Australia 20 has gotten a new lease of life.

On the 7th January 2023 a meeting was held to try and bring back the chapter.

Thank you to Andy Young the Region 8 Australian Representative who chaired the meeting. Thank you to Red Knights Australia 1 President Daniel (Tinman) Paynter and Red Knights Australia 6 Quartermaster Matthew (Matt) Lovelace for their support at the meeting.

It was a successful outcome for the chapter. On the day we had 4 current members of the Red Knights and 4 new members join the chapter.

All but one of 5 office bearing positions were filled on the day, President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Quartermaster. With Road Captain to be decided at a later date.

Thank you to all for your support in keeping another Red Knights Chapter Alive.

Loyal To Our Duty

Jeff Morgan

President Of Red Knights Australia 20

Lets all welcome the Reborn of Red Knights Australia 20.

Congratulations to.....

President: Jeff Morgan Current Member of Red Knights Aus. 6,5,22-IN2-VA8

Vice President: Matt Williams Current Member of Aus. 20

Secretary/Treasure: Kathryn Sloan Current Member of Aus. 20

Quartermaster: Timothy Desmond New Member

Road Captain: TBA



Red Knights Gathering hosted by Australia 11 in Launceston



On the 10th December 2022 Red knights Australia 6 Hosted 25th Anniversary Keith Hamilton-Sale and District Toy Run ...

What an awesome outcome.

With all donations, gift cards, raffle profits and a good guess at the value of toys donated by the riders and general public our estimate for the total donated to the Salvos and St Vinnies at.....

Drumroll please!!!

\$21000



Congratulations to Red Knights Australia 6 on all the hard work putting this awesome day together.



In September 2022 some of Red Knights Australia attended the Wall to Wall in Canberra.



Red Knights always helping out when they can.

2 members of Red Knights Australia 2 went selling poppies on Monday 7 November 2022 in Bendigo CBD

EVENTS IN AUSTRALIA

Keep the dates free and show your support

*Red Knights Aus 10.... Olaf's Sunday Cruise For A Cure

19th February 2023

*Red Knights Aus 22....Ride For The Kids

12th March 2023

*Red Knights Aus 18....The Red Knights Gathering

November 2023

*Red Knights Aus 6....26th Anniversary Keith Hamilton-Sale And District Toy Run

December 2023

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE ANSWERS



FUTURE EVENTS

10th Anniversary
Red Knight's MC
Switzerland 3

Unsere Jubiläums - Party findet vom
25. bis 27. August 2023 statt

Ort: Berghaus Mörlialp

Nähere Infos folgen unter:
www.rkmc-ch3.ch

Anmeldung bis 20.08.2023
an.anniversary@rkmc-ch3.ch

Knights of the Round Table - KRT



EUROPEAN RALLY 2023

RING COMMONS SPORTS CENTRE

NAUL, COUNTY DUBLIN

EIRCODE: K32 X903

GPS: 53.57673 -6.21418

KRT hosted by Green Knights MMC Chapter 59 - Ireland.

11th to 13th August 2023

More information will be posted separately regarding: Accommodation, Tentage, on-site facilities, entertainment, food & beverages. POC and relevant websites, tourist information etc.

Invitations are extended to Red, Blue, Green and White Knights



Poland Party Zakopane 2023 5-7 .05



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Hotel Tatra Zakopane
Price per person 135 €uro
full board
bonfire
party with DJ
number of seats 150

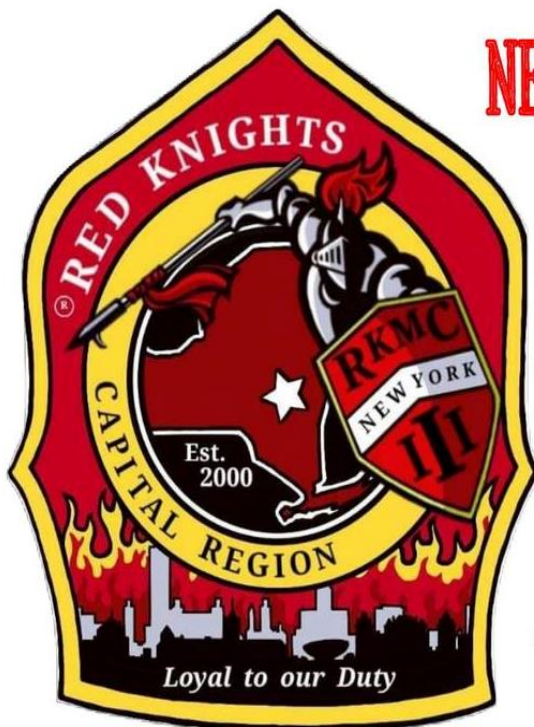


IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD...



IS ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN NORMAL - NOW MAY 30 - JUNE 3!

AMERICADE IS CELEBRATING ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY AND DOESN'T WANT TO COMPETE WITH LACONIA'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY!



NEW YORK CHAPTER III HAS MOVED ITS ANNUAL WEDNESDAY AMERICADE RIDE TO WEDNESDAY, MAY 31!

JOIN US AT THE

WHIPPOORWILL CAMPGROUNDS IN LAKE

GEORGE, RED KNIGHTS AMERICADE "COMMAND

POST", FOR THE WEEK. CAMPSITES, MOTEL ROOMS, AND CABINS

AVAILABLE AND BOOKING NOW. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.



Red Knights PA Chapter 10

20 Year
Club Anniversary

June 17, 2023

Firefighters Memorial Ride & Appreciation Day

A Full Day of Fun!

Location: Leesport Farmers Market - 312 Gernants Church Rd., Leesport, PA 19533

Firefighters Memorial Ride

Motorcycles, Cars, & Trucks are Welcome!

Registration:
9:00 am – 10:45 am
Kickstands up:
11:00 AM

Rain or Shine!

Register by May 19, 2023

\$25 per person

Includes: Guaranteed Swag Bag with Memorial Ride Event T-Shirt, Food, and 67-mile Scenic Route

Day of Registration

\$30 per person

Includes: Food and 67-mile Scenic Route

For More
Information and
to Register Visit:



Car & Bike Show

All Makes and Models are Welcome!

For More
Information and
to Register Visit:



Facebook Page:
Firefighters
Memorial Ride &
Appreciation Day

Register by May 19, 2023

Ride & Show Entry:

\$25 per person

Includes: Guaranteed Swag Bag with Memorial Ride Event T-Shirt, Food, and 67-mile Scenic Route

Show Entry Only:

Includes: Guaranteed Swag Bag with Memorial Ride Event T-Shirt, and Food

Arrive between 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

(Limited Spaces Available)

People's Choice
Award and
More!

Winners
Announced
at 3:00 Pm

Rain or Shine!



Appreciation Day

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Music by:
Nafty DJ
and Karaoke Service

Raffle Prizes!

Rain or Shine!

Fire Trucks
Firefighting Demos
Fireman Relay Races
Kids Activities & Fun
Food (for purchase)
And More!

Free Admission!

Open to the Public!

Lots of Fun!



<https://redknightspa10.wixsite.com/redknightspa10>



The official registration and financial information of Red Knights Motorcycle Club Pennsylvania 10, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

GATHERING OF THE KNIGHTS

16TH - 17TH - 18TH OF JUNE 2023
FIRE STATION OOSTKAMP

PROGRAM

Friday	Cozy get-together
Saturday	Ride out for Red Knights Dinner Party
Sunday	Signed route for all motorcyclist





5 years Anniversary

Red Knights MC Germany XVI



Program:

23.06.2023

ab 17:00 Uhr: Arrival of the first guests

ab 18:00 Uhr: Barbecue

ab 20:00 Uhr: preloading for the Party-Weekend

24.06.2023

ab 09:30 Uhr: Breakfast

ab 14:00 Uhr: Bike rideout

ab 19:00 Uhr: official welcome

afterwards: Party!

25.06.2023

ab 10:00 Uhr: Breakfast

Departure of the guests

Card payment possible



Limited sleeping space (roofed)
available.

(Enrolment for breakfast and sleeping
via Homepage)

Camping Ground!

Where?

Feuerwehr/Schützenhalle Husbäke

Zur Turnhalle 1B

26188 Edewecht

Private event - no liability!

**24.06.23
live on Stage!!!**



DAALSCHLAG

Tombola!

Homepage:

www.red-knights-mc-germany-16.de

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Party2023@red-knights-mc-germany-16.de



The members of Finger Lakes, NY Chapter 30 cordially invite
all Red Knights® members and their families to...



June 8 – 11, 2023

**Quality Inn and Conference Center, Seneca Falls, New
York**

Join Red Knights® members from the Northeast and around the world as they gather in the beautiful Finger Lakes Region of New York State for camaraderie, comradeship, charity and motorcycle riding!

Highlights of the weekend include a guided ride to Hammondsport and the Glenn Curtiss Museum,
an evening ride to end at Mac's Drive-In, a Friday night "Yankee Rally FLX-perience" featuring local libations and cuisine, the traditional Saturday evening BBQ dinner and live music.

Cost for the "Yankee Rally" is \$75.00 per person, which includes two meals and Rally gifts. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Finger Lakes Regional Burn Association, Inc., with the primary focus of the FLRBA's "Camp Courage", an annual summer retreat exclusively for burn-injured children and teens.

Registration Forms available through the International website under "Events" and "Yankee Rally"

or by e-mailing us at yankeerally2023@gmail.com. We hope to see you all there!



"Yankee Rally" 2023

HOSTED BY NY CHAPTER 30

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (subject to change):

Wednesday, June 7	ALL DAY	Self-Guided Rides/Tours will be available
Thursday, June 8	11:00-5:00	Registration Open Regalia/Merchandise and Chinese Auction Room Open
	ALL DAY	Self-Guided Rides/Tours will be available
	6:00 PM KSU	Evening Ride to end at Mac's Drive-In Restaurant in Waterloo (cash required)
Friday, June 9	8:00-5:00	Registration Open Regalia/Merchandise and Chinese Auction Room Open
	1:00-5:00	Games/Activities
	6:00-?	Evening Social Event: The "Yankee Rally FLX-perience" <i>Finger Lakes Wineries, Breweries and Distilleries will be on hand to provide tastings and bottle sales of their products</i> <i>Variety of food trucks for the many tastes of the Finger Lakes</i> <i>Cash Bar will be available</i>
Saturday, June 10	8:00-2:00	Registration Open
	8:00-5:00	Regalia/Merchandise and Chinese Auction Room Open
	9:00 AM	Delegate Meeting Proposals for 8 th "Yankee Rally" Region and International Reports
	10:30 AM KSU	Feature Ride to Finger Lakes Waterfalls and Hammondsport (lunch included) Admission/Tour of the Glenn Curtiss Museum (additional charge)
	ALL DAY	Self-Guided Routes/Tours will be available
	6:00 PM	Evening BBQ Dinner Winners of Chinese Auction Announced
	7:00-11:00	Live Music by "The Slow Riders" <i>Cash Bar will be available</i>
Sunday, June 11	8:00-11:00	Farewell Breakfast for all participants

Daily 50/50 drawings, one Rally-long 50/50 drawing, traditional and Chinese auction items
Proceeds from this event will go to the Finger Lakes Regional Burn Association's "Camp Courage"

RED KNIGHT'S MC
ATLANTIC RALLY
 2023

July 6th - 9th



Clarenville

HOSTED BY:
 NEWFOUNDLAND 2



Rally Venue Location

Bill Davis Chalet
 44 Tilley's Rd, Clarenville NL

A FAREWELL MESSAGE

As you head out for home, we want to express our sincere gratitude to you all. We acknowledge the efforts made by you all to be in attendance this year. We thank our sponsors and those who made personal contributions to help fund this event. We thank our Newfoundland 2 membership for your support in hosting this event. **WE DID IT!**
 God Bless, Safe Travels!
 We remain "Loyal to our Duty!"
 NFLD 2 Executive....

RALLY INTINERY

July 6th Registration - 1pm to 11pm

July 7th -
 09:00 - Ride to Cape Bonavista
 12:30 - 14:30 Lunch / Site seeing Bonavista (*on your own*)
 15:00 - Form up Robin's Donut's Bonavista Parking lot
 18:00 - Atlantic Association Meeting
 20:30 - 23:30 - Chris Farrell Entertainment

July 8th
 10:00 Ride to Vernon's Classic Car Museum
 12:00 Lunch for purchase by Swift Current Community group/s. Vernon's Parking lot.
 18:00 Rally Banquet Meal

Music Entertainment
 Fergus O'Byrne & Jim Payne

July 9th
 08:00 - 12:00 Farewell Breakfast

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2023 Red Knight Atlantic Rally Agenda



NEWFOUNDLAND
 RED KNIGHT
 KITCHEN PARTY

"Long may you big jib draw!"



Message from NFLD Membership:

Welcome one and all to Newfoundland. We are so excited to be hosting the Atlantic Rally for the first time. We are so appreciative of your support and are confident, you will enjoy your time visiting our beautiful Province.

