

Treasurer's End of Year Report

I was able to put on a few miles in 2019, enough to qualify me for the European Association's Iron Butt award. My last big trip was what I called the All Done But One Tour. After that ride I am able to say I have ridden in every Canadian Province but one and in every one of the lower 48 States but one. Now my bike-it list is down to Newfoundland, Arkansas, and the eight remaining countries that have Red Knights and which I have not ridden in. It will take more than a couple of years to finish the whole list.

In addition to board meetings in the spring, summer, and fall, I attended the International Convention and the Yankee Rally. As well, my chapter and I hosted the Atlantic Association Rally – the largest Atlantic Association Rally yet.

In 2019, Google ended its support for the mapping program we had been using for the web. I am investigating options but am having limited success finding something that is free for members to use and provides the information we are looking for. Stay tuned, and let me know if you have found a suitable replacement yourselves.

I also started more strict enforcement of our SOGs related to Restricted and Limited Services in 2019. Previously, I had given a lot of chapters a lot of leeway, however, this year we actually had elections so my hands became more critical to ensure chapters are compliant with the SOGs. As a reminder, one of the main reasons quarterly roster updates are required is to confirm chapters are accessing their email on at least a quarterly basis. If chapters aren't accessing their email to send roster updates, they likely aren't checking their email to see there is an election or to act upon any ballots sent out. I do thank all the chapters who have been patient and understanding with these restrictions and also thank our Communications Chair, George Colby, for his amazingly fast response to fixing chapter email issues as I found them. I will say, sticking to the @redknightsmc.com address does make it a whole lot easier to follow the history of roster changes for chapters.

Following are notes I like to keep at the bottom of all my reports so members can find it easy.

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. I would also like to ask chapter to please provide me with updated rosters whenever new members join.

Chapter Member Dues:

Renewal = \$17 Active & Association, \$11 Social & Honorary (\$50 late fee after February 15th)
NEW member = \$20 all members; \$15 for those joining in August/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 August/September)
NEW Chapter application fee = \$35

MAL Dues:

Renewal = \$19 Active, \$14 Social (\$10 late fee after March 31)
NEW MAL = \$10 application fee + \$19 Active, \$14 Social (25% off August/September).

All dues are US Dollars. 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). In 2018 I changed address, checks now need to be mailed to me at PO Box 343, Charlottetown, PE, C1A7K7.

Ride safe,
Scott