

Treasurer's End of Year Report

As was the case of many of our members, 2020 was a disappointing year. Before the year started I had mapped out all the routes I was going to take to the Yankee Rally, the Atlantic Association Rally, the Bootlegger Rally, and had my ticket to France all set. In the end, the furthest I rode, the furthest I could ride without self-isolating, was about 600km from home. That said, I did enjoy a lot of our local scenery with a number of my chapter members and in the end was able to qualify again for the European Iron Butt award.

The pandemic seemed to have mixed effects on my dealings with chapters. There were many who, because they were on slowdowns at work, were able to keep the quarterly reports up to date better than any year previous. There were others, who because they or their families were impacted by the virus, were off-line for months from everything including their chapter business. Overall, the cooperation from Chapters this year was an all time high.

Although I was not able to physically attend any rallies or meetings, I did attend the virtual board meetings and multiple virtual board discussions between our spring, summer, fall meetings.

There are many people that deserve a tip of the hat for bringing members together from around the world in weekly, sometimes twice-weekly zoom gatherings. If you haven't given one of these a try, you should – details are on facebook all the time. I know what a time commitment it is for these organizers as well as the regular participants. Even if it's only for a few minutes, it always re-energizes me to drop in to say hi to our brothers and sisters out there.

On last year's report I commented on working toward replacing the old mapping feature on the web. I was able to find a good replacement, I hope members are finding it useful and informative.

Perhaps it is because I had more time at home this year, I questioned a number of chapters on their rosters, specifically on the membership categories and officers showing on their rosters. I would like to encourage all the chapter officers involved in bringing new members in to take a look through the bylaws on membership categories every so often and look at your own roster to make sure the information is accurate and true.

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 by January 1 = \$17 Active/Associate, \$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 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). In 2018 I changed address, checks now need to be mailed to me at PO Box 343, Charlottetown, PE, C1A7K7.

Ride safe,
Scott