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2023 Summer Newsletter

Fraternal greetings everyone.

Wow... My elders were right all those years. The older you get; The faster times seems to fly by. It feels like it was just a few short months ago we were in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. And what a great and memorable convention it was. Fast forward... to the next R.K.I.F.M.C. milestone. Our very first International Convention outside of the North American Continent. Trust me, living here in the North East I certainly do not want to rush summer away. But. Karen and I are really looking forward to seeing our Red Knights family abroad. See you in Fussach.

The next two (2) paragraphs, again are always worth re-visiting

A friendly reminder... Members contemplating or wanting to leave their respective chapter(s) and applying for Member-At-Large Membership. With all due respect, this is **not** how the M.A.L. program works. Or how it was conceived by our Founding Fathers.

(from 2020/2021) As most know, I oversee the Member-At-Large (M.A.L.) membership worldwide. This classification of membership was conceived by our Founding Fathers.

The premise being... firefighters out there (some in remote areas) wanting to join the Red Knights family, but did not live near an already established Red Knights Chapter. This classification of membership afforded those firefighters the opportunity to join. With that, it is our hope / our wish that this M.A.L. member will promote the Red Knights in his/her area, fostering six (6) other like-minded firefighters and motorcycle enthusiasts. Ultimately starting a chapter of his/her own.

Member-At-Large Membership... A stepping stone if you will, to chapter membership.

Chapter President's, we ask that you reach out to the M.A.L.'s in your area. Invite them to your chapter's meetings, rides, functions, etc. Include them in your e-mail mailings. If you do not have your areas respective M.A.L. information, using the chain of command, please contact your State/Provincial/Country Representative. They will gladly supply you with it.

Meetings of your International Board of Directors and Memorial Hall/Park Committee

Representing the membership, since my last report, I have attended / participated in:

- Attended the Heaven 1 Protocol for Scott W. Eighmie, New York Chapter 49 Active Member, Saturday December 17, 2022
- 2023 – R.K.I.F.M.C. Spring Board Meeting, Pell City Alabama May 15-May 18
- Roll called “present” at all but one conference calls / “Zoom” meetings of the RKI, RKR and RKMf
- As a Massachusetts Chapter IV member, I also sit on the R.K. Memorial Hall/Park Committee
Co-coordinated the Annual Spring clean-up at R.K. Memorial Hall & Park. Saturday April 15, 2023

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

At the time of this report... we have 333 M.A.L.'s (2021/2022/2023/beyond = ttl.)

Region 1 = 9/4/29=42

Region 2 = 7/4/10=21

Region 3 = 11/6/13/2=32

Region 4 = 9/11/25/2=47

Region 5 = 4/10/33/=47

Region 6 = 3/10/26/2=41

Region 7 = 6/5/67/3=81

Region 8 = 1/7/12/1=21

V.P. = Mexico = 1

As the numbers indicate above, there are fifty-seven (57) M.A.L. Members, one year (2022) in arrears.

And there are fifty (50) M.A.L. Members two years (2021) in arrears.

Per the By-Laws 2:10 3. International Dues: [excerpt] After two years of non-payment, the MAL will be removed from the roster.

S.O.G. 12:06 Restricted Service: [excerpt] Restricted Service is imposed on a Chapter, Member, or Member at Large when that chapter or person is either in arrears for their International dues,...

If you find yourself in either of these categories, **please** reach out to myself or the International Treasurer Scott Ryan, at your earliest convenience. So we may get you back in good standing with the club.

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Member-At-Large applications thru the first six (6) months of 2023

January = 7 February = 3 March = 17 April = 9 May = 17 June = 9

To date, we have had one (1) Member-At-Large applicant referred to a Chapter.

Ten (10) Member-At-Large applicants pending Chapter placement.

One (1) Member-At-Large Member has transferred to Chapter membership.

Respectfully submitted,

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