

MC Chapter 8 Millinocket hosted a charity ride in memory of Merlon “Junior” Sylvester, Jr , who passed away in December of 2021. He was an Army Veteran who served 3 tours in Vietnam, a volunteer at the Albion Maine Fire Department for over 20 years, and a member of the Red Knights MC Maine Chapters 3 & 8. Prior to his passing, Junior made it clear that when he passed, he wanted a donation made on behalf of the Sylvester Family and the Red Knights Chapter 8 to the Children’s Miracle Network (a cause that was very dear to him) at Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center***

On June 12, 2022.....Junior’s final wishes were carried through. On a beautiful Maine day, the 80-mile charity ride began in Albion and ended at the hospital in Bangor. The ride was attended by dozens of riders, including members of Maine Chapters 3, 4, 5, 8 & 13. At the presentation, we were also made aware that one of the riders included the hospitals own Emergency Department Chief of Medicine, Dr. Michael Melia. At the end of the ride, the family of Junior and Maine 8’s President, who is also the Maine State Representative Wayne “Bull” Archie, presented Kelly Pearson, the Director of the Children’s Miracle Network Hospital Program at NLEMMC, a check for \$30,000 along with \$1,000 which was raised by the riders of the day. A total of **\$31,000** was donated to help children who desperately need urgent medical care!!!

I would also like to add that just as the presentation was coming to a close, Life Flight of Maine was taking off from the roof of the hospital. As they were leaving, they hovered for a couple of minutes, tipped towards us and flew off. This was an amazing event and I am proud to be a member of RKMC Chapter 8, Millinocket Maine!

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of Maine 8 by:

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