Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club®

International Board of Directors

Nominee Profile

International President

1. Personal Profile
   1. Name: Richard "Spike" Ostiguy
   2. A.K.A. / Nick Name: Spike
   3. City, State / Province, Country: Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360 U.S.A.
   4. Other (optional):
2. Red Knights Information
   1. Current Home Chapter: R.K.M.C., Massachusetts Chapter IV
   2. Positions Held at Chapter, State/ Provincial, International Level:

Chapter Level = Road Captain, Vice President and President.

International Level = Vice Chairman, Board of Directors 1990 - 1994.

Interim Chairman, Board of Directors for part of 1990.

International Vice President 1994 - 1995.

Eastern Director (now Region 1) 2008 - 2009.

International Vice President 2016 - 2023

International President 2023 - to present

* 1. Years (total) In RKIFMC: 40+ years
  2. Other (optional): Chaired multiple Chapter Poker Runs, Chaired two (2) Statewide Charitable Motorcycle Runs to Shriner's Hospital in Springfield, Massachusetts. Bestowed Chapter (Mass. IV) "Life Membership" 2010, and International “Life Membership” 2016.

1. Fire Service Affiliation
   1. Name of Department(s): City of Holyoke, MA (Professional, 1989 – 2019 / Retired, Sr. Lt.)

Town of Ware, MA (Professional, 7-1987 to layoffs 7-1989)

United Technologies (Springfield, MA) (UTC) Industrial Fire Technician (early 1980’s)

Town of Warren, MA Captain's Rank (Paid Call 1978 - 1987)

* 1. Number of Years in Department(s): 40+
  2. Positions Held: Warren F.D. (Ff./EMT, Lieutenant, Captain). Ware F.D. (Ff./EMT).

Holyoke F.D. (Ff./EMT, Lieutenant/EMT)

* 1. Function (Check all that apply/applied with X): Fire Suppression **X** , Rescue **X** , Haz-Mat \_\_,

EMS **X** , Instructor , Investigation , Fire Prevention\_ , Dispatch/Fire Alarm , Fleet Maintenance\_, Auxiliary/Support , Other (Provide Explanation):

* 1. Organization Type: Public **X** , Private , Industrial **X** , Wildland , Military , Other (Describe):
  2. Other (optional):

1. Platform For Election
   1. Primary reason(s) for running:

Member and chapter retention is and always has been a priority focus of mine. As we’ve continue to hover around the 10,000 member mark, we certainly take pride with those numbers. With that, the numbers (on the other side) also tell us that we are losing a modest number of members & chapters each year as well. Working with the Board I’ll continue (as I always have) to keep a mindful eye on this trend, including working on strategies and goals toward reducing these numbers. I am and always will be approachable, ever improving the lines of communications between you the membership and your International Board. Other duties and responsibilities of The Office of International President are so noted in **Your** R.K.I.F.M.C. Constitution & By Laws but not limited to...Section 3:15, (pp.15-16).

* 1. Vision for future of RKIFMC:

This vision… My vision remains the same and steadfast as in my original International Vice President nominee profile of 2016. Continue to grow, but not forget how we got here. I love and will always cherish the storied history of this incredible organization, and what it has to offer. As we go forward my vision for the future should also be that we not lose focus on the past. Hence in my first term we established a Historical Committee. (See page 32 of the latest 2025 International Newsletter) <https://www.redknightsmc.com/Images/redknightsinternational/Newsletters/2025/January_2025_RKMC_Newsletter-compressed.pdf> We will continue to enhance our website, services and content, which should also include a “members only” portal. E-mail / server capacity has become a priority as well. We will continue to work with our diligent Communications and IT Committee’s to deliver not only a more efficient e-mail service, but one that will also demonstrate a considerable savings to the club. We will continue to grow if we keep listening to our membership. "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts" (Aristotle). As President working with the Board, the only direction we will strive to move is upward and onward into the future.

1. Other

I continue to be extremely humbled, honored, and proud to have served you the members of this great family organization. With your support I look forward to serving you once again. Any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. If there is an interest, I am more than receptive to setting up “Town Hall” style Zoom sessions, with members/chapters.