



**RED KNIGHTS
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MOTORCYCLE CLUB®
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Fraternal Greetings Brothers and Sisters

I wish you all a very Happy, Healthy, and Safe New Year!

As I complete my first full year as International President, I often reflect on how fortunate and blessed I feel to be a part of this family. Maybe it's been more amplified for me this past year than others, with the loss of my Mom in June. We ushered in 2024 by honoring the life of past International President, Edward "Eddie" G. Brouillet with R.K. Heaven One protocol.

The year 2024 also brought its challenges, particularly from Ol' Mother Nature.

Five (5) hurricanes made landfall here in the lower 48. All these weather events obviously had made their respective impacts. It was Hurricanes Helene & Milton that seemed to inundate the national news highlight reels. Helene, made landfall in Florida, ultimately dumping historic rainfall in North Carolina and surrounding states. Less than a month later, Milton made landfall in Florida as the strongest storm in 2024.

You may wonder why I am highlighting the weather and storms in my President's report.

The reason is that during and after these storms I observed via RK Facebook posts, and receiving e-mails and phone calls with accounts of many of our Red Knight chapters and members rising to the occasion with relief efforts and food, for days and even weeks on end. Members helping members. Members helping citizens, both in and outside the communities in which they live. Without hesitation, you took on a duty to act, and all are to be commended. You epitomized what it means to be a Red Knight, and to be "Loyal To Our Duty." Thank you!

The Red Knights also witnessed history in 2024. For the first time in our 42+ year history of the Red Knights, the International Board invoked By-Law 3:03 to honor retired Region 2 Director Leo Patry (Ont. 7) as "Director Emeritus." The whole story, presentation, and pictures can be found in the 2024 End of the Year (EOY) Newsletter.

During the Summer Meeting in Leipzig, Germany, the International Board established an R.K. Historical Committee. A Board memo posted in early April seeking interested members yielded a number of letters of intent. Joseph Hopkins was appointed as Committee Chair. Joe is a Charter Member of Massachusetts Chapter IV (1984) and past International Vice President (1986-1988).

The year concluded with my having attended all scheduled meetings of the R.K.M.C.: Spring, Summer, Fall, and Virtual. I am confident Secretary Woods (Woody's) report will have the exact number of virtual meetings. I regret too having lost track after eight (8).

I want to extend my gratitude to the members of the Board and all the men and women of our important Committees. It truly is an honor and privilege to work in concert with you all.

In closing... I would like to take this time to inform the membership and announce that I will be seeking another term as your President of this incredible organization.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SPIKE" followed by a stylized flourish.

R. Spike Ostiguy

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