



Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club
Est. 1982 Boylston Massachusetts
"Loyal To Our Duty"



DATE: 11/6/2025

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-023

MOTION SUBJECT: By-Law proposal Section 6:01 amendment

(As written)

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Rationale:

To clarify the term “Firefighter”.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Chuck Marks

VOTING

PRESIDENT
N/V

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

REGION 1
Y

REGION 2
Y

REGION 3
Y

REGION 4
Y

REGION 5
Y

REGION 6
Y

REGION 7
Y

REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Pass 11-0

DATE: 11/7/2025



MOTION NUMBER: 2025-024

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 1:13 New section

Rationale:

The By-Law proposal instructions were only on the website and never made clear to the membership in our governing documents.

(As proposed)

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REGION 7
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REGION 8
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OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 11/6/2025

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-025

MOTION SUBJECT: Ratification of Committee Appointment

To ratify the appointments of Committee Chairs from the 2025 Fall Board meeting.

By-Law Chair: Rasmus Lillemose DEN 2

Chaplain: Matt Mattera NJ 31

HAK Chair: Trudy Rutkowski PA 11

Nomination Committee: Chair Tom Caisse MA 4, Dave Emery VT 2, Tom Delboi SUI 4, and Hardy Clemens AUS 22

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Norm Beausoleil

MOTION SECONDED BY: Tom Van der Kley

VOTING

PRESIDENT
N/V

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
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REGION 1
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REGION 2
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REGION 3
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REGION 4
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REGION 5
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REGION 6
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REGION 7
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REGION 8
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OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 11/7/2025

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-026

MOTION SUBJECT: By-Law 7:01 Proposal

Rationale:

The intent when the By-Laws were written was to allow the International Board to amend By-Laws between Annual Meetings and have those amendments ratified at the next Annual Meeting. The way it was worded pushed ALL amendments off until the following year. That is, amendments proposed one year would be voted on the following year. This has never been the practice. This change removes the ability for the Board to amend By-Laws mid-year and corrects the language so amendments are voted on in the same meeting they are presented.

(As Written)

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VICE PRESIDENT
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Y

TREASURER
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REGION 1
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REGION 2
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REGION 3
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REGION 4
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REGION 5
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REGION 7
Y

REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 11/7/2025

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-027

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 12:08 Amendment

Rationale:

A conflict was found with By-Law 2:20.

(As written)

12:08 Declaration of a home chapter by a member

To be in good standing, any member who belongs to more than one chapter must declare a home chapter with the International Treasurer to be recorded in the roster in lieu of an email address. A home chapter declaration will be used in the matter of awards, chapter representation, disciplinary action, voting on bylaw changes, elections, and Heaven One protocol. A home chapter declaration shall be used for election purposes that relates to any level within the Red Knights above the chapter level and includes nominating a candidate, being a candidate, and casting a vote. The home chapter designation of Junior Members and Social Members shall be the same as the home chapter of their sponsor.

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VOTING

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<u>N/V</u>		<u>Y</u>		<u>Y</u>		<u>N</u>	
REGION 1	REGION 2	REGION 3	REGION 4	REGION 5	REGION 6	REGION 7	REGION 8
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OUTCOME: Pass 8-3



DATE: 11/7/2025

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-028

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 15:02 Amendment

Rationale:

A conflict was found with By-Law 2:20.

(As written)

15:02 Registering to Vote at Annual Business Meeting

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REGION 1 <u>Y</u>	REGION 2 <u>Y</u>	REGION 3 <u>Y</u>	REGION 4 <u>Y</u>	REGION 5 <u>N</u>	REGION 6 <u>N</u>	REGION 7 <u>Y</u>	REGION 8 <u>Y</u>

OUTCOME: Pass 8-3

DATE: 11/8/2025



MOTION NUMBER: 2025-029 **MOTION SUBJECT:** Charter relocation

To move Texas Chapter 2 Charter address from Richardson, TX, to Copperas Cove, TX.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Brian Singleton **MOTION SECONDED BY:** Chuck Marks

VOTING

PRESIDENT <u>N/V</u>	VICE PRESIDENT <u>N</u>	SECRETARY <u>Y</u>	TREASURER <u>N</u>				
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OUTCOME: Pass 7-4



DATE: 11/8/2025

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-030

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG Representative change

Rationale:

Motion that the SOGs be amended to recognize Country and Provincial and State representatives equally as Representatives throughout the SOGs.

(As written)

1:02 Liaison Consultant

An Active Member(s) of the RKMC International who serve(s) as an advisor to the International Executive Board, Regional Directors, State/Province Representatives, Chapter Presidents, and the general membership of the RKMC for Public Relations. This public relations duty includes relations between the RKIFMC and other motorcycle related organizations such as Motorcycle Clubs, Riding Clubs, Ride Associations, etc. This position is referred to as the Liaison Consultant or Consultant for short. More information may be found in the Liaison Procedural Manual. Revised 4/12/2024 Baltimore, MD.

2:03 Code of Conduct

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Scope:

This policy applies to all members of the Red Knights regardless of membership type or position held. The Red Knights and its members must always comply with all applicable laws and regulations. The Red Knights will not condone the activities of members who achieve results through violation of the law or unethical dealings.

The Red Knights do not permit any activity that fails to stand the closest possible public scrutiny. Members must ensure that their actions cannot be interpreted as being in any way, in contravention of the laws and regulations governing the Red Knights operations. Members uncertain about the application or interpretation of any requirements should refer the matter to their Chapter President, State Representative, Regional Director, or the International Executive Board.

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Red Knights Records and Communications:

Accurate and reliable records of many kinds are necessary to meet the Red Knights legal and financial obligations and to manage the affairs of the Red Knights. The Red Knights books and records must reflect in an accurate and timely manner all business transactions. The member responsible for accounting and recordkeeping must disclose and record all assets, liabilities, or both, and must exercise diligence in enforcing these requirements at all levels including International Executive, Regional, State/Provincial Associations, and Chapters. Members must not make or engage in any false record or communication of any kind, whether internal or external, including but not limited to:

1. False expense, attendance, production, financial, or similar reports or statements.

False advertising, deceptive marketing practices, or other misleading representations.

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2:04 Investigation Committee

The Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Investigation Committee is tasked with the investigation, hearing, and if found in violation, ruling of discipline. The discipline shall be either suspension or removal of Member(s) or Chapter or both. Creation of the Investigation Committee shall be

done at the time the charges are brought against a Member(s) or Chapter or both. The Investigation Committee shall have three

(3) Members selected from a pool of willing State/Provincial/Country Representatives. The State/Provincial/Country Representative of the accused shall not qualify. The Investigation Committee shall maintain communications with the International President on a bi-weekly basis during the process. Approved 4/25/2019 Baltimore, MD, Revised 4/11/2024 Baltimore, MD.

4:03 Trade Mark License Agreement for Chapters, State/Provincial and Regional Associations, and State/Provincial Representatives

All Chapters, State/Provincial or Regional Associations, or State/Provincial Representatives wishing to use the Corporation's logo or name on any product whatsoever shall submit a Trademark License Agreement application to the International Secretary. This request shall come from the President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, or the Quartermaster acting on behalf of the Chapter, State/Provincial or Regional Associations, or State/Provincial Representatives. On approval of the application, the International Secretary will issue a Trademark License Agreement to the Chapter, State/Provincial or Regional Associations, or State/Provincial Representatives. Each and every product or item that a chapter wishes to use the name or logo of the Corporation on shall have its own separate license agreement. All products manufactured after January 1, 2005, shall be required to use the current artwork. Those items manufactured before that date shall be grandfathered but will still be required to be licensed and to have the current artwork when the item is reordered. The current artwork is available from the International Secretary. All Trademark License Agreements shall continue in force and effect for ten (10) years unless sooner terminated. All agreements shall be reviewed annually at the International Executive Board meeting held just prior to the Annual Business meeting of the Corporation and shall be extended for a period of one year on a majority vote of the Executive Board. Approved 11/11/2006, Revised 4/14/ 2012 Syracuse, NY, Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 8/17/2022 Johnstown, PA Revised 11/16/2023 Baltimore, MD.

6:04 Quartermaster

All orders from Chapters to the RKR Regalia, Ltd. Quartermaster for patches shall come from a Chapter Quartermaster or a Chapter Officer. No orders shall be accepted from individuals for patches other than MALs. Country/Provincial/State Representatives may order their respective Rep patches. Revised 4/19/2013 Syracuse, NY
Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 4/12/2024 Baltimore, MD.

6:06 Notice to Chapters of Executive Board members in area

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6:07 Regional Directors

It is the duty of the Regional Directors to keep the State/Province Representatives and chapters in their regions up to date on the business of the International. This may be done by a regional newsletter, letters, e-mails, or phone calls. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY.

Section 8: Associations and State/Province Representatives

8:01 Elections of State/Province Representatives

The Regional Director may appoint one, until such time the State/ Province elects a representative. All elections or appointments of State/Provincial Representatives shall be under the direction of the Regional Director. Each State/Province shall hold an election to elect their Representative. This election shall be held prior to the Annual Convention of the year in which the election is held. Notice of this election shall be sent to all Chapters in good standing at least 60 days before the election. Only Active Members in good standing of the Red Knights Organization may be eligible for the position of State/Provincial/Region Representative. They must be endorsed by their Regional Director. Any person wanting to run for the position of

State/Provincial/Representative shall notify the Regional Director of his/her intent 45 days before the election.

It shall be the responsibility of the Regional Director to verify that all candidates meet the requirements. The Regional Director should notify all chapters in the State/Province of the list of candidates 30 days before the election. Only Chapter Presidents or their designees that are in good standing with the International at the time of the election are eligible to vote.

Each chapter shall have one vote. Members at Large shall vote separately and one vote shall be cast by the Regional Director for the candidate with the majority vote of the Members at Large. The term of State/Provincial Representative shall be for a period of two years. The Regional Director shall notify the International Executive Board of the results of the election of State/Provincial Representative. If the State/Province fails to elect a representative the Regional Director may appoint one until such time the State/Province elects a representative. The State/Provincial/Country Representative shall be held to the same standards as the International Board set forth by all governing documents. Approved 11/13/2004 Board Meeting, Syracuse,

N.Y. Revised 11/11/2006, Board Meeting, Syracuse, NY. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 4/17/2015, Syracuse, NY, 5/18/2023 Pell City, AL, Revised 4/12/2024 Baltimore, MD.

8:02 Starting a State/Provincial/Regional Association

Purpose:

To work with the Regional Director and the International Board to support and unify existing Chapters and Members-at-Large within the State, Province or Region, gain new members and develop new Chapters and to keep members informed on issues and events. Upon the request of 20% of chapters within a State, Province or Region, the State/Provincial/Regional Representative or Regional Director shall notify all chapters and members-at-large within the representative's jurisdiction and call for a meeting open to all members in good standing, with at least 30 days' notice, to discuss the benefits of an association, plan the election of officers and vote on the formation of an Association. Minutes of the meeting will be forwarded to all chapter presidents and Members-at-Large of the proposed association's jurisdiction requesting acknowledgment of the vote and a response regarding interest in the formation of such association. A sixty-six percent (66%) positive response shall be required to move forward. A new meeting will be planned 90 days out following guideline 8.01, Elections. The executive board of the association shall include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chapter/MAL Representative. A Road Captain may sit as an additional member. The Representative may be a dual position member (President/Representative, Treasurer/Representative, etc.). Only members and Chapters in good standing with the International are eligible to serve, vote, or join. SOGs for the Association, if developed, must not conflict with the International By-Laws, Guidelines, or Rules & Regulations. No member or Chapter shall be required to join. An annual report shall be submitted to the Regional Director not less than 30 days prior to the International Annual Business Meeting. See SOG 10:04 for any available Association funding. An application for a Charter will be requested from the International Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the Association shall be made up of members of the Red Knights International who live within the boundaries of the State, Province or Region in question. Members must be in good standing with their Home Chapter and the International. Red Knight members who live outside the state of their home chapter may become an Association member and be eligible to vote and/or hold an elected office in the state of their home chapter. Chapter membership in the Association is not mandatory. Inclusion to or exclusion from the Association shall be by vote of each chapter's membership. The Association shall accept any Chapter at a later date that votes to be part of the Association.

BENEFITS:

The benefits of the Association will be to see a gain in membership and to unify the members. There are many ways to accomplish this and the following are offered as suggestions.

- Design a State/Provincial/Regional Association patch and/or motorcycle flag
- Design a State/Provincial/Regional Association Banner, to be used at rallies, conventions or trade shows
- Design a State/Provincial/Regional Tee or Golf shirt (Remember that any Design must be approved by the International and trademarked with the International Secretary)
- Develop an Association web site
- Develop a newsletter to keep members informed (at least 3 to 4 times a year)
- Hold an Association sponsored Conference, Poker Run, Overnight Get-A-Way or other outing yearly (at least one or two a year). Allow the chapters to bid on holding these in their areas.
- Develop a Red Knight of the year program
- Develop a flyer or a tri-fold handout to advertise your Association.

REPORTING:

A semi-annual report of the Association's actives shall be filed with the Regional Director.

FUNDING:

The Association may choose to have dues paid by the Chapters. Other ways to fund the Association may include 50/50 drawings, silent auctions at Association Events, or a statewide fund raising activity. The amount of \$500.00 will be given to any State/Province who starts a State or Province Association and the amount of \$500.00 to any Region who starts a Regional Association. (SOG Section 10:04)

OTHER:

Contact other State/Provincial/Regions that have an Association to see what has worked for them.

Remember that you are working to develop an Association where members can have FUN, SOCIALIZE and enjoy the FELLOWSHIP of other Red Knight members. Approved 11/13/2004 Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y

Revised

03/20/2009 Syracuse, NY Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY Revised 4/17/2015, Syracuse, NY, Revised 12/13/2023 Zoom, Revised 4/13/2024 Baltimore, MD.

8:03 Application for a State/Provincial/ Regional Association Charter

The Association representative would request an Association Charter Application through the Regional Director, who would request that one be sent to the Association from the Executive Secretary. The application shall be sent to the State/Province Representative with notice given to the Regional Director. The application is to be completed by the Representative and returned to the Executive Secretary. When the application is approved, the Executive Board will be advised, a Charter and number for the Association will be issued. The Charter will be sent to the Regional Director so that he may make a presentation to the new Association. This can be done by letter or in person if the Director chooses to do so. (If the Regional Director chooses to do so in person, it will be on a volunteer base. No costs associated with this shall be borne by the International.) As with the charters for the Chapters, a vote by the Executive Board is waived for charters for Associations. Revise

11/19/2005 Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y.

9:01A Regional meeting and/or Regional Rally Expenses.

ATTENDING REGIONAL MEETING AND/OR REGIONAL RALLY

This is to assist the Regional Directors in meeting with the State/Province Representatives and Chapter Presidents in their regions and/or attending a regional rally without causing them a financial hardship. Each Regional Director should hold a meeting of the State/Province Representatives in their regions yearly before the Annual Business meeting. A report of this meeting will be submitted to the International Secretary, to be included in the convention report to the membership. Chapter Presidents should be invited to attend also. If a

region is currently holding a regional rally, the Regional Director should be in attendance. In the event that he/she cannot attend, they shall notify the International Secretary so that another Board member can attend. If the region is not already holding a regional rally, an attempt to start a rally should be made. Whenever possible, the rally should be combined with other RKMC events, such as a state association rally or a local chapter fundraiser. Expenses to attend these meetings would follow the outline in SOG Section 9:01. Expenses for attending will be paid for one Regional Meeting/Rally per year per director. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY.

10:02 Funding for events at Chapter, State or Regional Level

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The International Treasurer will notify the International Board of all grants awarded. The International Treasurer shall maintain a database of all requests. After the function, the Chapter, Association, or Region requesting the funding shall file a report with the Regional Director who shall forward a copy of the report to the International Treasurer on the details of the function using form 10:02A. Failure to file the required reports after the event for which the grant was issued with the International Treasurer or to return the insurance waiver forms to the International Secretary within the prescribed time frame shall result in two-year period of the Chapters, State/Province or Regional Association not being eligible for any events or promotional grants funding. The penalty will apply only to the hosting group of the event which received the grant. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY

10:04 Association Start up Grant

The International will introduce a new program to help with the cost of starting a State/Provincial or Regional Association. The amount of \$500.00 will be given to any State/Province who starts a State or Provincial Association and the amount of \$500.00 will be given to any Region that starts a Regional Association. This is to include all existing Associations (8). The purpose of this grant is to help with the cost of setting up the associations with printed material; web pages and equipment that will help promote our organization with the aim of attracting new members and to help the chapters work together.

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11:02A Red Knight Sanctioned Events

The International will pay for the insurance to cover any RKIFMC sanctioned event hosted by the International, Regional Associations or State/Provincial Associations that is a multi-chapter event. The International will pay for one event per year for the Regional, State and Province Associations or for a multi chapter event in states or province where there is not an Association. In the case where there is not an Association, the insurance will only be paid for a period of two years. The hosting Association shall request the insurance from the International Secretary. Local Chapters can request insurance for benefits or events sponsored by the chapter. The cost of the Insurance will be paid by the Chapter(s) making the request. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY.

12:02 Grievance Procedure

This procedure shall give direction to a MEMBER and or a CHAPTER wishing to file a grievance. The difference is a grievance against a CHAPTER or MAL can skip directly to the State/Providence/Country as per paragraph, #5.

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(As proposed)

1:02 Liaison Consultant

An Active Member(s) of the RKMC International who serve(s) as an advisor to the International Executive Board, Regional Directors, State/Province/Country representatives "Representatives", Chapter Presidents, and the general membership of the RKMC for Public Relations. This public relations duty includes relations between the RKIFMC and other motorcycle related organizations such as Motorcycle Clubs, Riding Clubs, Ride Associations, etc. This position is referred to as the Liaison Consultant or Consultant for short. More information may be found in the Liaison Procedural Manual. Revised 4/12/2024 Baltimore, MD.

2:03 Code of Conduct

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Scope:

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Red Knights Records and Communications:

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2. False expense, attendance, production, financial, or similar reports or statements.

False advertising, deceptive marketing practices, or other misleading representations.

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2:04 Investigation Committee

The Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Investigation Committee is tasked with the investigation, hearing, and if found in violation, ruling of discipline. The discipline shall be either suspension or removal of Member(s) or Chapter or both. Creation of the Investigation Committee shall be done at the time the charges are brought against a Member(s) or Chapter or both. The Investigation Committee shall have three

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4:03 Trade Mark License Agreement for Chapters, State/Provincial and Regional Associations, and State/Provincial Representatives

All Chapters, State/Provincial or Regional Associations, or State/Provincial Representatives wishing to use the Corporation's logo or name on any product whatsoever shall submit a Trademark License Agreement application to the International Secretary. This request shall come from the President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, or the Quartermaster acting on behalf of the Chapter, State/Provincial or Regional Associations, or State/Provincial Representatives. On approval of the application, the International Secretary will issue a Trademark License Agreement to the Chapter, State/Provincial or Regional Associations, or State/Provincial Representatives. Each and every product or item that a chapter wishes to use the name or logo of the Corporation on shall have its own separate license agreement. All products manufactured after January 1, 2005, shall be required to use the current artwork. Those items manufactured before that date shall be grandfathered but will still be required to be licensed and to have the current artwork when the item is reordered. The current artwork is available from the International Secretary. All Trademark License Agreements shall continue in force and effect for ten (10) years unless sooner terminated. All agreements shall be reviewed annually at the International Executive Board meeting held just prior to the Annual Business meeting of the Corporation and shall be extended for a period of one year on a majority vote of the Executive Board. Approved 11/11/2006, Revised 4/14/ 2012 Syracuse, NY, Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 8/17/2022 Johnstown, PA Revised 11/16/2023 Baltimore, MD.

6:04 Quartermaster

All orders from Chapters to the RKR Regalia, Ltd. Quartermaster for patches shall come from a Chapter

Quartermaster or a Chapter Officer. No orders shall be accepted from individuals for patches other than MALs. **Country/Provincial/State** Representatives may order their respective Rep patches. Revised 4/19/2013 Syracuse, NY
Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 4/12/2024 Baltimore, MD.

6:06 Notice to Chapters of Executive Board members in **an** area

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6:07 Regional Directors

It is the duty of the Regional Directors to keep the **State/Province** Representatives and chapters in their regions up to date on the business of the International. This may be done by a regional newsletter, letters, e-mails, or phone calls. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY.

Section 8: Associations and **State/Province** Representatives

8:01 Elections of **State/Province** Representatives

The Regional Director may appoint one, until such time the **State/Province area** elects a representative. All elections or appointments of **State/Provincial** Representatives shall be under the direction of the Regional Director. Each **State/Province area** shall hold an election to elect their Representative. This election shall be held prior to the Annual Convention of the year in which the election is held. Notice of this election shall be sent to all Chapters in good standing at least 60 days before the election. Only Active Members in good standing of the Red Knights Organization may be eligible for the position of **State/Provincial/Region** Representative. They must be endorsed by their Regional Director. Any person wanting to run for the position of

State/Provincial/Representative shall notify the Regional Director of his/her intent 45 days before the election.

It shall be the responsibility of the Regional Director to verify that all candidates meet the requirements. The Regional Director should notify all chapters in the **State/Province area** of the list of candidates 30 days before the election. Only Chapter Presidents or their designees that are in good standing with the International at the time of the election are eligible to vote.

Each chapter shall have one vote. Members at Large shall vote separately and one vote shall be cast by the Regional Director for the candidate with the majority vote of the Members at Large. The term of **State/Provincial** Representative shall be for a period of two years. The Regional Director shall notify the International Executive Board of the results of the election of **State/Provincial** Representative. If the **State/Province area** fails to elect a representative the Regional Director may appoint one until such time the **State/Province area** elects a representative. The **State/Provincial/Country** Representative shall be held to the same standards as the International Board set forth by all governing documents. Approved 11/13/2004 Board Meeting, Syracuse,

N.Y. Revised 11/11/2006, Board Meeting, Syracuse, NY. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 4/17/2015, Syracuse, NY, 5/18/2023 Pell City, AL, Revised 4/12/2024 Baltimore, MD.

8:02 Starting an **State/Provincial/Regional** Association

Purpose:

To work with the Regional Director and the International Board to support and unify existing Chapters and Members-at-Large within the **State, Province or Region area**, gain new members and develop new Chapters and to keep members informed on issues and events. Upon the request of 20% of chapters within an **State, Province or Region area**, the **State/Provincial/Regional** Representative or Regional Director shall notify all chapters and members-at-large within the representative's jurisdiction and call for a meeting open to all members in good standing, with at least 30 days' notice, to discuss the benefits of an association, plan the election of officers and vote on the formation of an Association. Minutes of

the meeting will be forwarded to all chapter presidents and Members-at-Large of the proposed association's jurisdiction requesting acknowledgment of the vote and a response regarding interest in the formation of such association. A sixty-six percent (66%) positive response shall be required to move forward. A new meeting will be planned 90 days out following guideline 8.01, Elections. The executive board of the association shall include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chapter/MAL Representative. A Road Captain may sit as an additional member. The Representative may be a dual position member

(President/Representative, Treasurer/Representative, etc.). Only members and Chapters in good standing with the International are eligible to serve, vote, or join. SOGs for the Association, if developed, must not conflict with the International By-Laws, Guidelines, or Rules & Regulations. No member or Chapter shall be required to join. An annual report shall be submitted to the Regional Director not less than 30 days prior to the International Annual Business Meeting. See SOG 10:04 for any available Association funding. An application for a Charter will be requested from the International Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the Association shall be made up of members of the Red Knights International who live within the boundaries of the State, Province or Region area in question. Members must be in good standing with their Home Chapter and the International. Red Knight members who live outside the state of their home chapter may become an Association member and be eligible to vote and/or hold an elected office in the state of their home chapter. Chapter membership in the Association is not mandatory. Inclusion to or exclusion from the Association shall be by vote of each chapter's membership. The Association shall accept any Chapter at a later date that votes to be part of the Association.

BENEFITS:

The benefits of the Association will be to see a gain in membership and to unify the members. There are many ways to accomplish this and the following are offered as suggestions.

- Design an State/Provincial/Regional Association patch and/or motorcycle flag
- Design an State/Provincial/Regional Association Banner, to be used at rallies, conventions or trade shows
- Design a State/Provincial/Regional Tee or Golf shirt (Remember that any Design must be approved by the International and trademarked with the International Secretary)
- Develop an Association web site
- Develop a newsletter to keep members informed (at least 3 to 4 times a year)
- Hold an Association sponsored Conference, Poker Run, Overnight Get-A-Way or other outing yearly (at least one or two a year). Allow the chapters to bid on holding these in their areas.
- Develop a Red Knight of the year program
- Develop a flyer or a tri-fold handout to advertise your Association.

REPORTING:

A semi-annual report of the Association's actives shall be filed with the Regional Director.

FUNDING:

The Association may choose to have dues paid by the Chapters. Other ways to fund the Association may include 50/50 drawings, silent auctions at Association Events, or a statewide fund raising activity. The amount of \$500.00 will be given to any State/Province area who starts an State or Province Association and the amount of \$500.00 to any Region who starts a Regional Association. (SOG Section 10:04)

OTHER:

Contact other State/Provincial/Regions areas that have an Association to see what has worked for them. Remember that you are working to develop an Association where members can have FUN, SOCIALIZE and enjoy the FELLOWSHIP of other Red Knight members. Approved 11/13/2004 Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y
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8:03 Application for an ~~State/Provincial/ Regional~~ Association Charter

The Association representative would request an Association Charter Application through the Regional Director, who would request that one be sent to the Association from the Executive Secretary. The application shall be sent to the ~~State/Province~~ Representative with notice given to the Regional Director. The application is to be completed by the Representative and returned to the Executive Secretary. When the application is approved, the Executive Board will be advised, a Charter and number for the Association will be issued. The Charter will be sent to the Regional Director so that he may make a presentation to the new Association. This can be done by letter or in person if the Director chooses to do so. (If the Regional Director chooses to do so in person, it will be on a volunteer base. No costs associated with this shall be borne by the International.) As with the charters for the Chapters, a vote by the Executive Board is waived for charters for Associations. Revise

11/19/2005 Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y.

9:01A Regional meeting and/or Regional Rally Expenses.

ATTENDING REGIONAL MEETING AND/OR REGIONAL RALLY

This is to assist the Regional Directors in meeting with the ~~State/Province~~ Representatives and Chapter Presidents in their regions and/or attending a regional rally without causing them a financial hardship. Each Regional Director should hold a meeting of the ~~State/Province~~ Representatives in their regions yearly before the Annual Business meeting. A report of this meeting will be submitted to the International Secretary, to be included in the convention report to the membership. Chapter Presidents should be invited to attend also. If a region is currently holding a regional rally, the Regional Director should be in attendance. In the event that he/she cannot attend, they shall notify the International Secretary so that another Board member can attend. If the region is not already holding a regional rally, an attempt to start a rally should be made. Whenever possible, the rally should be combined with other RKMC events, such as a state association rally or a local chapter fundraiser. Expenses to attend these meetings would follow the outline in SOG Section 9:01.

Expenses for attending will be paid for one Regional Meeting/Rally per year per director. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY.

10:02 Funding for events at Chapter, State or Regional Level

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Syracuse, NY

10:04 Association Start up Grant

The International will introduce a new program to help with the cost of starting an ~~State/Provincial or Regional~~ Association. The amount of \$500.00 will be given to any ~~State/Province~~ area who starts an ~~State or Provincial~~ Association and the amount of \$500.00 will be given to any Region that starts a Regional Association. This is to include all existing Associations (8). The purpose of this grant is to help with the cost

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1:02 Liaison Consultant

An Active Member(s) of the RKMC International who serve(s) as an advisor to the International Executive Board, Regional Directors, State/Province/Country representatives “Representatives”, Chapter Presidents, and the general membership of the RKMC for Public Relations. This public relations duty includes relations between the RKIFMC and other motorcycle related organizations such as Motorcycle Clubs, Riding Clubs, Ride Associations, etc. This position is referred to as the Liaison Consultant or Consultant for short. More information may be found in the Liaison Procedural Manual. Revised 4/12/2024 Baltimore, MD.

2:03 Code of Conduct

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Scope:

This policy applies to all members of the Red Knights regardless of membership type or position held. The Red Knights and its members must always comply with all applicable laws and regulations. The Red Knights will not condone the activities of members who achieve results through violation of the law or unethical dealings.

The Red Knights do not permit any activity that fails to stand the closest possible public scrutiny. Members must ensure that their actions cannot be interpreted as being in any way, in contravention of the laws and regulations governing the Red Knights operations. Members uncertain about the application or interpretation of any requirements should refer the matter to their Chapter President, Representative, Regional Director, or the International Executive Board.

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Red Knights Records and Communications:

Accurate and reliable records of many kinds are necessary to meet the Red Knights legal and financial obligations and to manage the affairs of the Red Knights. The Red Knights books and records must reflect in an accurate and timely manner all business transactions. The member responsible for accounting and recordkeeping must disclose and record all assets, liabilities, or both, and must exercise diligence in enforcing these requirements at all levels including International Executive, Regional, Associations, and Chapters. Members must not make or engage in any false record or communication of any kind, whether internal or external, including but not limited to:

3. False expense, attendance, production, financial, or similar reports or statements.

False advertising, deceptive marketing practices, or other misleading representations.

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2:04 Investigation Committee

The Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Investigation Committee is tasked with the investigation, hearing, and if found in violation, ruling of discipline. The discipline shall be either suspension or removal of Member(s) or Chapter or both. Creation of the Investigation Committee shall be done at the time the charges are brought against a Member(s) or Chapter or both. The Investigation Committee shall have three (3) Members selected from a pool of willing Representatives. The Representative of the accused shall not qualify. The Investigation Committee shall maintain communications with the International President on a bi-weekly basis during the process. Approved

4:03 Trade Mark License Agreement for Chapters, Associations, and Representatives

All Chapters, Associations, or Representatives wishing to use the Corporation's logo or name on any product whatsoever shall submit a Trademark License Agreement application to the International Secretary. This request shall come from the President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, or the Quartermaster acting on behalf of the Chapter, Associations, or Representatives. On approval of the application, the International Secretary will issue a

Trademark License Agreement to the Chapter, Associations, or Representatives. Each and every product or item that a chapter wishes to use the name or logo of the Corporation on shall have its own separate license agreement. All products manufactured after January 1, 2005, shall be required to use the current artwork. Those items manufactured before that date shall be grandfathered but will still be required to be licensed and to have the current artwork when the item is reordered. The current artwork is available from the International Secretary. All Trademark License Agreements shall continue in force and effect for ten (10) years unless sooner terminated. All agreements shall be reviewed annually at the International Executive Board meeting held just prior to the Annual Business meeting of the Corporation and shall be extended for a period of one year on a majority vote of the Executive Board. Approved 11/11/2006, Revised 4/14/ 2012 Syracuse, NY, Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 8/17/2022 Johnstown, PA Revised 11/16/2023 Baltimore, MD.

6:04 Quartermaster

All orders from Chapters to the RKR Regalia, Ltd. Quartermaster for patches shall come from a Chapter Quartermaster or a Chapter Officer. No orders shall be accepted from individuals for patches other than MALs. Representatives may order their respective Rep patches. Revised 4/19/2013 Syracuse, NY Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 4/12/2024 Baltimore, MD.

6:06 Notice to Chapters of Executive Board members in an area

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6:07 Regional Directors

It is the duty of the Regional Directors to keep the Representatives and chapters in their regions up to date on the business of the International. This may be done by a regional newsletter, letters, e-mails, or phone calls. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY.

Section 8: Associations and Representatives

8:01 Elections of Representatives

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MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the Association shall be made up of members of the Red Knights International who live within the boundaries of the area in question. Members must be in good standing with their Home Chapter and the International. Red Knight members who live outside the state of their home chapter may become an Association member and be eligible to vote and/or hold an elected office in the state of their home chapter. Chapter membership in the Association is not mandatory. Inclusion to or exclusion from the Association shall be by vote of each chapter's membership. The Association shall accept any Chapter at a later date that votes to be part of the Association.

BENEFITS:

The benefits of the Association will be to see a gain in membership and to unify the members. There are many ways to accomplish this and the following are offered as suggestions.

- Design an Association patch and/or motorcycle flag
- Design an Association Banner, to be used at rallies, conventions or trade shows
- Design a Tee or Golf shirt (Remember that any Design must be approved by the International and trademarked with the International Secretary)
- Develop an Association web site
- Develop a newsletter to keep members informed (at least 3 to 4 times a year)
- Hold an Association sponsored Conference, Poker Run, Overnight Get-A-Way or other outing yearly (at least one or two a year). Allow the chapters to bid on holding these in their areas.
- Develop a Red Knight of the year program

- Develop a flyer or a tri-fold handout to advertise your Association.

REPORTING:

A semi-annual report of the Association’s actives shall be filed with the Regional Director.

FUNDING:

The Association may choose to have dues paid by the Chapters. Other ways to fund the Association may include 50/50 drawings, silent auctions at Association Events, or a statewide fundraising activity. The amount of \$500.00 will be given to any area who starts an Association. (SOG Section 10:04)

OTHER:

Contact other areas that have an Association to see what has worked for them.

Remember that you are working to develop an Association where members can have FUN, SOCIALIZE and enjoy the FELLOWSHIP of other Red Knight members. Approved 11/13/2004 Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y

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03/20/2009 Syracuse, NY Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY Revised 4/17/2015, Syracuse, NY, Revised 12/13/2023 Zoom, Revised 4/13/2024 Baltimore, MD.

8:03 Application for an Association Charter

The Association representative would request an Association Charter Application through the Regional Director, who would request that one be sent to the Association from the Executive Secretary. The application shall be sent to the Representative with notice given to the Regional Director. The application is to be completed by the Representative and returned to the Executive Secretary. When the application is approved, the Executive Board will be advised, a Charter and number for the Association will be issued. The Charter will be sent to the Regional Director so that he may make a presentation to the new Association. This can be done by letter or in person if the Director chooses to do so. (If the Regional Director chooses to do so in person, it will be on a volunteer base. No costs associated with this shall be borne by the International.) As with the charters for the Chapters, a vote by the Executive Board is waived for charters for Associations.

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11/19/2005 Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y.

9:01A Regional meeting and/or Regional Rally Expenses.

ATTENDING REGIONAL MEETING AND/OR REGIONAL RALLY

This is to assist the Regional Directors in meeting with the Representatives and Chapter Presidents in their regions and/or attending a regional rally without causing them a financial hardship. Each Regional Director should hold a meeting of the Representatives in their regions yearly before the Annual Business meeting. A report of this meeting will be submitted to the International Secretary, to be included in the convention report to the membership. Chapter Presidents should be invited to attend also. If a region is currently holding a regional rally, the Regional Director should be in attendance. In the event that he/she cannot attend, they shall notify the International Secretary so that another Board member can attend. If the region is not already holding a regional rally, an attempt to start a rally should be made. Whenever possible, the rally should be combined with other RKMC events, such as a state association rally or a local chapter fundraiser. Expenses to attend these meetings would follow the outline in SOG Section 9:01. Expenses for attending will be paid for one Regional Meeting/Rally per year per director. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY.

10:02 Funding for events at Chapter, State or Regional Level

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The International Treasurer will notify the International Board of all grants awarded. The International Treasurer shall maintain a database of all requests. After the function, the Chapter, Association, or Region requesting the funding shall file a report with the Regional Director who shall forward a copy of the report to the International Treasurer on the details of the function using form 10:02A. Failure to file the required reports after the event for which the grant was issued with the International Treasurer or to return the insurance waiver forms to the International Secretary within the prescribed time frame shall result in two-

year period of the Chapters, or Association not being eligible for any events or promotional grants funding. The penalty will apply only to the hosting group of the event which received the grant. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY

10:04 Association Start up Grant

The International will introduce a new program to help with the cost of starting an Association. The amount of \$500.00 will be given to any area who starts an Association and the amount of \$500.00 will be given to any Region that starts a Regional Association. This is to include all existing Associations (8). The purpose of this grant is to help with the cost of setting up the associations with printed material; web pages and equipment that will help promote our organization with the aim of attracting new members and to help the chapters work together.

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11:02A Red Knight Sanctioned Events

The International will pay for the insurance to cover any RKIFMC sanctioned event hosted by the International, Associations that is a multi-chapter event. The International will pay for one event per year for the Associations or for a multi chapter event in an area where there is not an Association. In the case where there is not an Association, the insurance will only be paid for a period of two years. The hosting Association shall request the insurance from the International Secretary. Local Chapters can request insurance for benefits or events sponsored by the chapter. The cost of the Insurance will be paid by the Chapter(s) making the request. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY.

12:02 Grievance Procedure

This procedure shall give direction to a MEMBER and or a CHAPTER wishing to file a grievance. The difference is a grievance against a CHAPTER or MAL can skip directly to the Representative as per paragraph, #5.

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13:01 RKMC of the Year, Goal of the Award

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16:01 Notification of Death of a Member

The International Chaplain will coordinate, per the family wishes, the presence of an International representative to attend calling hours, wake, memorial service, or funeral service, and the presentation of the Red Knights International Flag and Angel Remembrance Coin. The flag and coin, when requested, will be brought to the ceremonies by the attending International representative or shall be sent to the Chapter President or funeral home. The International Chaplain shall also notify the Regional Director or closest International Board Member of the information regarding the passing of a Member. Per established travel

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MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Tom Van der Kley

VOTING

PRESIDENT <u>N/V</u>	VICE PRESIDENT <u>Y</u>	SECRETARY <u>Y</u>	TREASURER <u>Y</u>				
REGION 1 <u>Y</u>	REGION 2 <u>Y</u>	REGION 3 <u>Y</u>	REGION 4 <u>Y</u>	REGION 5 <u>Y</u>	REGION 6 <u>Y</u>	REGION 7 <u>Y</u>	REGION 8 <u>Y</u>

OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 11/8/2025

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(As written)

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MOTION PRESENTED BY: Ken May

MOTION SECONDED BY: Andrew Young

VOTING

PRESIDENT
N/V

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

REGION 1
Y

REGION 2
Y

REGION 3
Y

REGION 4
Y

REGION 5
Y

REGION 6
Y

REGION 7
Y

REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 11/8/2025

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-032

MOTION SUBJECT: By-Law 2:17 proposal

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Rationale:

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Y

TREASURER
N

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Y

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Y

REGION 3
Y

REGION 4
Y

REGION 5
Y

REGION 6
Y

REGION 7
Y

REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Pass 10-1