



Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club
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Red Knights International Annual Business Meeting Minutes

August 22nd, 2026

1. Meeting called to Order at: 8:02 AEST

2. Roll Call of the International Board:

President Spike Ostiguy: Present

Secretary Michael Woods: Present

Region 1 Dir. Ken May: Present

Region 3 Dir. Mark Mullen: Present

Region 5 Dir. Joel Nelson: Present

Region 7 Dir. Tom Van Der Kley: Excused

Vice President Norm Beausoleil: Present

Treasurer Scott Ryan: Present

Region 2 Dir. Randy Smith: Present

Region 4 Dir. Chuck Marks: Present

Region 6 Dir. Brian Singleton: Present

Region 8 Dir. Andrew Young: Present

- a. Quorum has been met.
- b. Chapters:
 - i. 48 Chapters registered for the 2026 Convention.
 - ii. 45 Voting delegates present:

3. Opening remarks:

- a. Welcome from the International President.
- b. Moment of Silence led by the President:

4. Rules for the Meeting:

- a. Rules of the meeting defined by the International President.
- b. Sergeant at Arms:
 - i. Michael James AUS 18
- c. Assistant Sergeant at Arms:
 - i. Mark Templeton AUS 5
 - ii. Andrew Ritchie AUS 5

5. Officers' Reports:

- a. The International President called for a motion to accept International Officers' reports as published:
 - i. Motion by: Chris Gadway MD 4
 - ii. Second by: Roger Van Kollenburg AUS 5
 - 1. Vote: "Yes" 45 and "No" 0; outcome: Pass



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- b. Committee Reports:
 - i. Financial report:
 - 1. The financial report was given by the International Treasurer, Scott Ryan.
 - 2. The International President called for a motion to accept as published.
 - a. Motion by: Scott Ryan PEI 1
 - b. Second by: Kathleen Wenck TN 5
 - i. Vote: “Yes” 42 and “No” 3; outcome: Pass
 - ii. Convention Reports:
 - 1. 2027- Ontario 1
 - a. Report given by Michael Nandkishur and Phoung Thai ON 1.
 - 2. 2028- New Brunswick 1, 4, and 7.
 - a. Report given by Region 2 Director Randy Smith.
 - 3. 2029- North Carolina 13 and 26.
 - a. Report given by Jason Mullins NC 13
 - 4. 2030-2031 TBD. If no applications are presented to the Board, ABM will be held by the International Board at a place and time TBD.
- c. Membership:
 - i. Membership information was presented by the Treasurer, Scott Ryan.
 - 1. Chapters:
 - a. Dec. 31st 2025: 462
 - b. Dec. 31st 2024: 466
 - 2. MALs:
 - a. Dec. 31st 2025: 313
 - b. Dec. 31st 2024: 280
 - 3. Members:
 - a. Dec. 31st 2025: 10,308
 - b. Dec. 31st 2024: 10,204

6. Memorial

- a. Heaven 1 Chapter.
 - i. International Secretary announced that there were 51 new Members added to the Heaven 1 roster.
- b. Memorial Fund Donations:
 - i. Donations to Red Knights Memorial Foundation: \$4,391
 - ii. Donations to Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club principal: \$5,717
 - iii. Donations to Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club memorial house: \$4,140.62

7. Insurance:

- a. Event Insurance:
 - i. We have insured 45 and have 3 pending events so far in 2026.
- b. AD&D:



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- i. American Income and Life has paid out \$36,000 on 9 Claims since its enactment.

8. Old Business:

- a. No old business carried

9. New Business:

- a. Chapter recall review:
 - i. The International President called for a motion to recall the following charters:
 1. IL 19, IN 12, LA 2, NC 5, OK 3, ON 2, ON 5, ON 6, ON 13, SLO 1, and WAL 1.
 - a. Motion by: Scott Ryan PEI 1
 - b. Second by: Jason Mullins NC 13
 - c. Vote: "Yes" 45 and "No" 0; outcome: Pass

10. Bylaw Proposals review and vote:

- a. The International President reviewed procedure and rules for By-law proposal and voting.
- b. Voting Delegate Roll call completed by the International Secretary.
 - i. Voting Delegates on the floor were 45.
- c. By-law Chair presented all 12 By-law proposals.
- d. By-law voting is as follows:
 - i. **Proposal #1: SECTION 1:06 ANTHEM**
 1. Motion by: Kathleen Wenck TN 5
 2. Second by: Mike Hickam VA 8
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 45
 - b. 66% to pass: 30
 - c. Yes votes cast: **31 (Passed)**
 - ii. **PROPOSAL #2: SECTION 2:01 ACTIVE MEMBER**
 1. Motion by: Roger Van Kollenburg AUS 5
 2. Second by: Norm Beausoleil MA 1
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 45
 - b. 66% to pass: 30
 - c. Yes votes cast: **25 (Failed)**
 - iii. **PROPOSAL #3: BY-LAW SECTION 2:01 ACTIVE MEMBER**
 1. Motion by: David DeGrave NC 13
 2. Second by: Stephanie Juliano NY 49
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 45
 - b. 66% to pass: 30
 - c. Yes votes cast: **38 (Passed)**



- iv. **PROPOSAL #4: BY-LAW SECTION 2:17 PROHIBITION OF PROXY VOTING**
 - 1. Motion by: Chris Gadway MD 4
 - 2. Second by: Eldon Mickel PA 22
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 45
 - b. 66% to pass: 30
 - c. Yes votes cast: **38 (Passed)**
- v. **PROPOSAL #5: BY-LAW SECTION 2:19 VOTING PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD**
 - 1. Motion by: Rhys Rogers MAL Rep.
 - 2. Second by: Norm Beausoleil MA 1
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 45
 - b. 66% to pass: 30
 - c. Yes votes cast: **45 (Passed)**
- vi. **PROPOSAL #6: SECTION 2:20 ADDITIONAL CHAPTERS**
 - 1. Point of order called by Scott Ryan, PEI 1. With the passing of proposal 4, this proposal would create conflict and is out of order. Accepted by the President.
- vii. **PROPOSAL #7: SECTION 3:02 QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION**
 - 1. Motion by: Heather Drew AL 13
 - 2. Second by: Chuck Marks GA 2
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 45
 - b. 66% to pass: 30
 - c. Yes votes cast: **29 (Failed)**
 - i. Notes: Chris Gadway, MD 4, called the question: Vote on the floor to end discussion: Yes 42 and No 0, ending all discussion and proceeding with the affirmation vote.
- viii. **PROPOSAL #8: SECTION 3:10 DUTIES AND POWERS**
 - 1. Motion by: Norm Beausoleil MA 1
 - 2. Second by: Merrill Fowle NJ 23
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 45
 - b. 66% to pass: 30
 - c. Yes votes cast: **43 (Passed)**
- ix. **PROPOSAL #9: SECTION 4:02 STATE/PROVINCE/REGION ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**
 - 1. Motion by: David DeGrave NC 13
 - 2. Second by: Oscar DeLeon TX 4
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 45
 - b. 66% to pass: 30
 - c. Yes votes cast: **45 (Passed)**



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- x. **PROPOSAL #10: SECTION 5:02 CHAPTER OFFICERS**
 - 1. Motion by: Don Brandt PA 11
 - 2. Second by: Brian Singleton TX 1
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 45
 - b. 66% to pass: 30
 - c. Yes votes cast: **45 (Passed)**
- xi. **PROPOSAL #11: SECTION 6:01 GENERAL**
 - 1. Motion by: Brian Singleton TX 1
 - 2. Second by: Tony Cardinale ON 1
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 45
 - b. 66% to pass: 30
 - c. Yes votes cast: **41 (Passed)**
- xii. **PROPOSAL #12: SECTION 7:01 AMENDING, ADDING, OR REMOVING A BY-LAW**
 - 1. Motion by: Rhys Rogers MAL Rep.
 - 2. Second by: Heather Drew AL 13
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 45
 - b. 66% to pass: 30
 - c. Yes votes cast: **45 (Passed)**

11. Election of Officers:

- a. There were 2 contested races: Vice President and Region 4 Director.
 - i. Vice President candidates were:
 - 1. Roger Van Kollenburg AUS 5 and Don Brandt PA 11, with Don Brandt winning the election.
 - ii. Region 4 Director candidates were:
 - 1. Incumbent Chuck Marks GA 2 and Steve Bisbee MD 7, with Steve Bisbee winning the election.
- iii. Uncontested races were:
 - 1. Secretary – Michael Woods IN 2
 - 2. Region 2 – Randy Smith ON 1
 - 3. Region 6 – Brian Singleton TX 1
 - 4. Region 8 – Andy Young AUS 6
- iv. 2026-2027 International Officers are:
 - 1. President: Richard “Spike” Ostiguy MA 4
 - 2. Vice President: Don Brandt PA 11
 - 3. Secretary: Michael “Woody” Woods IN 2
 - 4. Treasurer: Scott Ryan PEI 1
 - 5. Region 1: Kenneth May NY 19
 - 6. Region 2: Randy Smith ON 1



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7. Region 3: Mark Mullen IL 14
 8. Region 4: Steve Bisbee MD 7
 9. Region 5: Joel Nelson MN 4
 10. Region 6: Brian Singleton TX 1
 11. Region 7: Tom Van Der Kley GER 31
 12. Region 8: Andy Young AUS 6
- b. Nomination committee member Hardy Clemens to cast one vote for the following slate of officers; vote accepted by the Secretary.

12. Good of the Order:

- a. Voting to host the 2030 or 2031 Convention.
 - i. 2030 Proposal from New York 30 President Chris Tiffany.
 1. It was proposed to host the 2030 Convention in the Finger Lakes region. At the R.I.T. Inn and Conference Center in the area of Henrietta/Rochester, New York.
 - a. President called for a vote, and it was an overwhelming yes.
- b. Committee appointment process:
 - i. 2026 Committee Appointment Process
 1. We now look towards our next set of tasks, and the appointment of our committee Chairs is high on the agenda. This year we will be appointing Communication, Information Technology, Newsletter Editor, and Grand Tour Chairs. We would like to start this process as defined in SOG 1:05 and ask that everyone interested in a position send in their Letters of intent/resumes to the International Secretary no later than Oct. 7th 2026.

13. From the floor:

- a. David DeGrave NC 13 brought up a new concept over funding for the International Conventions. A brief discussion was held, and it was asked that he send the International Secretary his notes to follow up at the FBM.
- b. Chris Gadway MD 4 asked the President why he had a golf club driver head instead of a gavel. He explained that golf and the Red Knights are his passions.

14. Closing Remarks from President:

- a. Closing remarks and thank you.

15. Adjourned: 12:03 pm AEST.

Expense	2022		2023		2024		2025	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Board International Travel	2,800	2,440	-	-	-	-	-	1,789
Board Meetings	38,700	37,043	42,500	41,240	52,500	52,698	52,500	31,847
CLP	500	1,492	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Computers	2,000	1,943	1,500	2,461	2,000	(350)	2,000	1,342
Convention Grant	9,900	10,037	9,900	9,782	9,900	13,509	9,900	10,940
Convention Reg	675	630	675	-	675	820	675	188
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electronic Vote	1,900	2,100	1,900	5,280	1,900	-	1,900	-
Events - Assoc	8,000	2,100	8,000	3,300	5,000	2,554	5,000	2,250
Fees Bank	500	408	500	68	500	344	500	509
Fees Legal	2,000	6,123	54,000	13,208	10,000	38,395	10,000	30,423
Fees Misc	-	113	-	78	-	210	-	393
Grand Tour	1,000	1,626	1,000	1,850	1,200	699	1,200	416
Grants - Promotion	1,200	-	1,200	200	400	400	400	584
Grants - Startup	500	-	500	500	500	-	500	-
Heaven 1 Trav	6,000	8,722	6,000	5,767	6,000	3,012	6,000	5,324
Honorarium	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500
Insure Board	1,700	1,821	1,850	2,598	2,700	-	2,700	1,988
Insure Chap Evt	1,000	3,942	1,000	3,751	2,000	3,241	2,000	345
Insure Int Evt	-	-	-	-	-	(193)	-	-
Insure Retainer	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
International Sponsored Events	3,500	1,250	2,500	-	2,500	237	2,500	500
KORT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Misc Travel	6,500	7,601	6,500	4,979	5,000	7,497	5,000	11,110
Office	2,300	866	2,000	928	1,000	1,088	1,000	639
PayPal	5,000	3,915	6,500	5,776	6,500	5,893	6,500	6,254
Phone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Postage	1,200	731	1,200	1,117	1,200	752	1,200	638
Printing	-	1,557	-	4,663	4,000	-	4,000	-
Publicity	7,000	2,000	7,000	2,543	3,000	671	3,000	-
Rebate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regalia Brd	1,000	2,010	600	6,235	1,000	3,612	1,000	2,804
Regalia QM	-	(60)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs Eqpt	100	-	100	665	100	-	100	-
RK Memorial	33,525	20,031	32,575	16,813	32,575	27,979	32,575	9,926
RKR	(2,000)	(450)	(2,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Webpage	3,000	3,347	3,000	3,502	3,200	7,126	3,200	6,170
TOTAL	165,000	145,837	214,000	159,801	178,850	192,693	178,850	148,877

DUES	165,000	167,820	165,000	151,258	165,000	173,946	165,000	168,575
Memorial Donations	-	9,317	-	14,371	-	3,169	-	9,858
Available For Reserve	-	31,299	(49,000)	5,827	(13,850)	(15,578)	(13,850)	29,556
RK Memorial Reserve		(28,754)		1,379		9,144		41,651

	2022		2023		2024		2025	
Expense	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
ASSETS								
Cash		209,315		233,467		221,344		194,255
Receivables		39,245		29,272		40,480		63,541
Prepays		(0)		(0)		(0)		(0)
Investments								
Cash & Investments		248,560		262,738		261,824		257,796
Property		326,417		313,360		300,826		287,247
Loan RKR		<u>4,000</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Total Assets		578,977		576,098		562,649		545,043
LIABILITIES								
Mortgage		126,358		109,610		103,179		56,756
Payables		-		1,182		1,182		1,182
Prepaid dues		<u>97,548</u>		<u>104,409</u>		<u>112,970</u>		<u>112,231</u>
Total Liabilities		223,907		215,201		217,330		170,168
Net Assets		355,070		360,897		345,319		374,875
Opening Retained		323,771		355,070		360,897		345,319
Operating Income		<u>31,299</u>		<u>5,827</u>		<u>(15,578)</u>		<u>29,556</u>
		355,070		360,897		345,319		374,875
Closing Retained		578,977		576,098		562,649		545,043