



Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club
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FBM to SBM SOG Revision Reference 4/13/2024 updates

1:02 Liaison Consultant

Completed by Motion 2024-014 4/12/2024.

(As written)

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Rationale:

To help clarify Active Member is in reference to Membership Status, not activity of the member.



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1:08 Nomination Process for the International Board of Directors

Completed by Motion 2024-008 4/11/2024.

(As written)

1. The Nominating Committee will manage the nomination process as set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws and Section 1.05 of the SOGs.

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Rationale:

Section 1:05 gives information on Committee appointments and does not reflect on International board nominations.



2:04 Investigation Committee

Completed by Motion 2024-007 4/11/2024.

(As written)

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 consisting of the willing State/Country/Region Representatives surrounding the area of the charged Member(s) or Chapter or both. The Investigation Committee shall maintain communications with the International President on a bi-weekly basis during the process. Approved 4/25/2019 Baltimore, MD

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Rationale:

To allow for a larger representative base to serve on Investigation Committees and to ensure complete impartiality.



6:03 Starting a State/Provincial/Regional Association Membership

Completed by Motion 2024-018 4/12/2024.

(As written)

1. Shall file with I.R.S. within (90) ninety days of the end of our financial year all appropriate tax returns required.
2. Shall file with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a M.G.I. Ch 180 Corporation Annual report within (60) days of our Annual Meeting and no later than November 1st of the year the meeting takes place.
3. Shall file quarterly financial reports with the executive Board and make available a yearly financial report for the membership.
4. Shall be the contact person with the law firm of Shutts & Bowen for the purpose of keeping our trademark/service mark and patent current.
5. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all funds given to Chapter or Associations for the purpose of promoting the Red Knights Organization stating how much was given, when, and for what purpose. He shall then file a report on each occasion of a grant being given out with the International Secretary.
6. The International Treasurer upon receiving applications that are not code numbered will contact the International Secretary before he/she begins processing it to ascertain that they are authorized applications.
7. The International Treasurer shall present for review by the International Board at its Fall Board meeting a proposed Operating budget for their input and consideration for the next calendar year. Revise 11/11/2006, Syracuse, NY. Revised 8/20/2008, Sandusky, Ohio Revised 03/20/2009 Syracuse, NY Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY

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Rationale:

The Law Firm listed is no longer used and it has been the Secretary that has been the point of contact for these items.



6:04 Starting a State/Provincial/Regional Association Membership

Completed by Motion 2023-055 12/12/2023.

(As written)

All orders from Chapters to the RKR Regalia, Ltd. Quartermaster for patches/uniforms shall come from a Chapter Officer. No orders shall be accepted from individuals for patches/uniforms other than MALs. Revised 4/19/2013 Syracuse, NY Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY

(As proposed)

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Rationale:

Clarification that Chapter Quartermasters may order patches from the Red Knights Regalia.



8:01 Elections of State/Province Representatives

Completed by Motion 2024-014 4/12/2024.

(As written)

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.

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Rationale:

To help clarify Active Member is in reference to Membership Status, not activity of the member.



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(As written)

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Rationale:

Members whose home chapter is within a State/Provincial/Region Association should have the rights as a member eligible to vote and be elected to hold an Association office as long as their home chapter is a member of the Association.



12:05D Members-at-Large Dues and Application fees

Completed by Motion 2024-014 4/12/2024.

(As written)

Member At Large (MAL) membership dues will run the same period as Chapter Members and their dues will be \$19.00 for a renewing Active member and \$14.00 for a renewing Social Member. The new Member at Large application fee will be \$10.00 plus the dues payable. New Chapter applications and Members of new Chapters. The rate for new members will be \$20.00 per all classifications. New chapter applications will be \$35.00. (approved by membership at ABM August 2007) Revised April 14, 2012, Revised 5/8/2018

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Rationale:

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12:06 Restricted Service

Completed by Motion 2024-011 4/12/2024.

(As written)

Restricted Service is imposed on a Chapter, Member, or Member at Large when that chapter or person is either in arrears for their International dues, owes a balance on account to International, is placed on suspension by the International Board or does not have an approved Chapter Business Trademark License Agreement (TMLA). Restricted service means is that the Chapter, Member, or MAL is not considered in good standing with

International and therefore:

1. Will not be placed on the list of eligible voters for electronic voting of International Executive Officers. This list will be based on Chapter, Member, or Member-at-Large status 90 days prior to the Annual Corporation Meeting.
2. Will not be a voting delegate at the Annual Convention.
3. Will not have a vote or say in any general discussion that may take place at any Red Knight meeting or event.
4. May not hold or run for any office at the Chapter / State / Provincial / Regional or International level of the Red Knights organization.
5. May not order or purchase any goods from the RKR Regalia, Ltd. Quartermaster.
6. Are not allowed to wear the colors of the Red Knights.
7. Will not be eligible for Heaven One protocols. Revised 4/22/2022 Spring Meeting, Baltimore, MD

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4. May not hold or run for any office at the Chapter / State / Provincial / Regional or International level of the Red Knights organization.
5. Will not be issued TMLAs.
- ~~5~~ 6. May not order or purchase any goods from the RKR Regalia, Ltd. Quartermaster.
- ~~6~~ 7. Are not allowed to wear the colors of the Red Knights.
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Rationale:

In Limited service, which appears to be a lesser in restrictions, TMLAs are not allowed to be issued. It would only make sense to include this in the high level of restrictions.



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

Completed by Motion 2024-014 4/12/2024.

(As written)

It is the goal of the Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club to identify and honor a member each year as the Red Knight of the Year. This award will be known as the “Perry Carter Award,” honoring Perry for

his endless work and dedication to the Red Knights Motorcycle Club. Only an active member in good standing with the International may be eligible for this award. This is to include the Members at Large. Any member may nominate any Member at Large. This nomination would follow the same path as listed below. Current members of the International Board are not eligible for the Perry Carter Award. Each Chapter may nominate a member for the Red Knight of the Year. The nomination would be sent to the State/Provincial Representative and then to the Regional Director. Each Regional Director would then forward their nominee to the Chairperson for this award. The committee will consist of the Regional Directors and the past two recipients. The chairperson will be a Regional Director, on a rotating basis, commencing with region 1 in 2013. Members who are nominated should have been present at 50% of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club chapter events during the year. The member nominated should have visited at least one other Chapter during the year. The member nominated should have attended at least one International Annual Convention in the past. The Member nominated should represent and signify the Red Knight’s standard in their dealings with the public and the International’s members. The deadline for receiving the nomination shall be prior to March 1st of each year. The final decision will be made at the Spring Board meeting each year. All members of this committee will be notified of the names and information that have been submitted to receive this award. They are to review those names and information on why they were nominated and submit their choice in order of first, second and third to the Committee Chairperson, no later than 14 days before the Spring International Board Meeting. Once the Committee has made its decision, the Committee Chair will advise the International President. The recipient of this award shall receive recognition and their registration fee for the year they are receiving the award to be paid by the RKIFMC. The recipient shall receive a 4” upper arch patch. The International president shall send a letter to the Chapter President of the member’s chapter who wins this award notifying him of the winner. At the International Annual Convention, the International President shall have all of the members from the winner’s chapter come up for the presentation. Approved 11/13/2004 at Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y. Revise 11/19/2005 at Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y. Revised 8/09/2006 at Board Meeting, NYC Revise 4/19/2013 Board Meeting Syracuse, NY Revise 4/25/2013 Board Meeting Syracuse, NY Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY

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14:02 International Board Officer Reports

Completed by Motion 2023-058 12/29/2023.

(As written)

Each member of the International Board shall submit a Convention Report to be completed by June 30th and an End of the Year Report to be completed by January 31st. The reports should include all activities of the Board member or committee during the year. These reports are to be emailed to the Secretary and to the Communications Chair for posting on the website. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 4/17/2015, Syracuse, NY Revised 4/18/2017 Baltimore, MD

(As proposed)

Each member of the International Board shall submit a Convention Report to be completed by ~~June 30th~~ **Sixty (60) days prior to the Club's Annual Meeting** and an End of the Year Report to be completed by January 31st. The reports should include all activities of the Board member or committee during the year. These reports are to be emailed to the Secretary and to the Communications Chair for posting on the website. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 4/17/2015, Syracuse, NY, Revised 4/18/2017 Baltimore, MD, **Revised 12/29/2023 Zoom.**

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Rationale:

A conflict was found with SOG 14:02 and By-law 3:06. This correction will bring the SOGs in line with the By-laws.



15:02 Registering to Vote at Annual Business Meeting

Completed by Motion 2024-016 4/12/2024.

(As written)

The Chapter's voting delegate shall sign in before voting at the Annual Business Meeting (ABM). The delegate will receive a wristband showing him/her as the voting delegate. If the Chapter delegate at the Annual Business Meeting is a member other than the Chapter President or Vice President, they shall have a letter and/or an email notification from the Chapter's Red Knight email account designating them as the Chapter Delegate for voting purposes. A Chapter may not delegate voting rights to anyone who is not a member of that chapter or to a member whose Home Chapter is not that Chapter. A roll call of all chapters in attendance at the ABM will be taken to determine the number of eligible delegates qualified to vote on International business. A Sergeant at Arms will be appointed by the International President, who will maintain the roster of voters who leave and re-enter the ABM. This information will be given to the International President before each call for a vote. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 11/17/2023 Baltimore, MD.

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Rationale:

A chapter Delegate carrying a prescribed vote without the ability to change that vote because of the clarity in debate and/or amendment is considered Proxy voting (RORN 45.56). As currently written, if a Delegate were to change the vote as prescribed by the Chapter, this member could have charges placed on them by the Chapter. This would help protect the members and create a fair and educated vote on a proposed By-law change. It would also help define that a proclaimed Delegate is using Proxy voting as a “power of attorney” not a prescribed vote which is against the fundamental principles of deliberative assemblies.



17:02 Flags, Anthems, and Banners at Annual Convention

Completed by Motion 2024-005 4/11/2024.

(As written)

The International Secretary will have the flags of all countries that we have members at the Annual Convention. These flags will be displayed at the General Business Meeting and at the Banquet on Saturday. The National Anthem of all countries who have members in attendance will be played at the Banquet on Saturday night. The National Anthem of the host country will be played first. The International Secretary will have the International Red Knights Banners at the Annual Convention to be used as needed by the host Association or Chapter. Approved 11/19/2005 Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY

(As proposed)

The International Secretary will have the flags of all countries that we have members at the Annual Convention. These flags will be displayed at the General Business Meeting and at the Banquet on Saturday. The National Anthem of **the country hosting the Annual Convention** ~~all countries who have members in attendance~~ will be played at the Banquet on Saturday night. ~~The National Anthem of the host country will be played first,~~ **followed by the reading of all other countries present alphabetically.** The International Secretary will have the International Red Knights Banners at the Annual Convention to be used as needed by the host Association or Chapter. Approved 11/19/2005 Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, **Revised 4/??/2023 Baltimore, MD.**

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Rationale:

With Conventions being held overseas, the playing of the National Anthems has become a very lengthy process. In 2023 there were 17 countries and Anthems played, lasting around 23 minutes. This proposal, if passed would reduce it to the Country hosting the Convention.