



Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club  
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 "Loyal To Our Duty"



## 2024 Spring to Summer Board Meeting Motions



DATE: 5/8/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-026

MOTION SUBJECT: Motion to Rescind 2024-004

The Board rescinds Motion 2024-004.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Allen Aurich

<b>VOTING</b>							
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>TREASURER</b>				
<u>N/V</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>				
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<u>Yes</u>	<u>EX</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>EX</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>

OUTCOME: Pass 9-0



DATE: 5/8/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-027

MOTION SUBJECT: By-law 5:01 Amendment

### BY-LAW SECTION 5:01 CHAPTER GOVERNMENT

**(As written)**

All Chartered Chapters must be established by the International Executive Board in accordance with all the provisions of the International Constitution, By-Laws and Rules & Regulations. Each Chartered Chapter shall adopt the By-Laws and the Constitution of the International for the administration of its business or for the purpose of the incorporation of their chapter in their governmental area, may develop Chapter By-laws that are consistent with the International Constitution and By-Laws.

A Chartered Chapter, so established, may exercise full power and authority of a Chapter business SOG (Standard Operating Guideline) to the extent that the transaction of Chapter business SOG is consistent with the International By-Laws. Chapter Government is responsible for the organization of Corporate activities at the Chapter level, including the collection of International dues from Chapter members and overseeing Chapter membership and compliance of the International Corporation. Any proposed Chapter of a State, Province or Country applying to become a Chartered

Chapter of the Club will be designated under a State, Province or Country identification with the next consecutive number or number selected and approved by the International Executive Board. A chapter number that has been inactive for five (5) years or more may be reissued with the exception of the number 1.

**(As proposed)**

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The local chapter may, at its own will, develop a set of Standard Operating Guidelines for the operation of the chapter. These guidelines must conform to the intent of the International Constitution and By-Laws, International SOGs, and International Rules & Regulations. No chapter shall require mandatory attendance of chapter members at meetings, rides, or events in order to be in good standing, nor limit the member's voting privilege. Any disagreement because of the meaning of the Chapter's SOG must follow Section 12:02 Grievance Procedure of the International SOGs.

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**Rationale:**

To move SOG 12:01 to the By-law to clarify that Chapters may create their own Standard Operating Guidelines but must

be in line with International By-laws and SOGs. And to also indicate that members are not required to mandatory attendance to be in good standing with the Chapter.

**MOTION PRESENTED BY:** Chuck Marks

**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Scott Ryan

**VOTING**

**PRESIDENT**  
N/V

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Yes

**SECRETARY**  
Yes

**TREASURER**  
Yes

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**OUTCOME:** Pass 9-0



**DATE:** 6/2/2024

**MOTION NUMBER:** 2024-028

**MOTION SUBJECT:** By-law 3:27 Appeals Hearing

Whereas the Board on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, discussed in executive session under By-Law 3:27 a reconsideration hearing for members who have been removed by a Chapter.

Upon review, the Board finds the removal out of order and the members' removal is hereby rescinded.

**MOTION PRESENTED BY:** Scott Ryan      **MOTION SECONDED BY:** Ken May

**VOTING**

**PRESIDENT**  
N/V

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Y

**SECRETARY**  
Y

**TREASURER**  
Y

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<u>Y</u>	<u>EX</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>EX</u>	<u>EX</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>EX</u>	<u>Y</u>

**OUTCOME:** Pass 7-0



**DATE:** 7/29/2024

**MOTION NUMBER:** 2024-029

**MOTION SUBJECT:** Web host and Email

Motion to transfer from the current web host and current email server to services recommended by the Communications and IT Committees.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Allen Aurich

MOTION SECONDED BY: Chuck Marks

**VOTING**

**PRESIDENT**  
NV

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Y

**SECRETARY**  
Y

**TREASURER**  
Y

**REGION 1**  
Y

**REGION 2**  
EX

**REGION 3**  
Y

**REGION 4**  
Y

**REGION 5**  
Y

**REGION 6**  
Y

**REGION 7**  
EX

**REGION 8**  
Y

**OUTCOME:** Pass 9/0



**DATE:** 8/14/2024

**MOTION NUMBER:** 2024-030

**MOTION SUBJECT:** TMLA Review

Motion to approve all current TMLA's for another year. This is an annual housekeeping item.

**MOTION PRESENTED BY:** Michael Woods

**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Tom Van Der Kley

**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:** 8/14/2024

**MOTION NUMBER:** 2024-031

**MOTION SUBJECT:** Retirement Ring

Be it moved that the International Secretary be instructed to order a retirement ring for the past International President/Region 4 Director, Joey Powell, who has served the International Board. The ring design is to be like the one previously purchased for a retiring Board member.

**MOTION PRESENTED BY:** Norm Beausoleil

**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Allen Aurich

**VOTING**

**PRESIDENT**

**VICE PRESIDENT**

**SECRETARY**

**TREASURER**

N/V

Y

Y

Y

**REGION 1**

**REGION 2**

**REGION 3**

**REGION 4**

**REGION 5**

**REGION 6**

**REGION 7**

**REGION 8**

Y

Y

Y

Y

Y

Y

Y

Y

**OUTCOME:** Pass 11-0



**DATE:** 8/14/2024

**MOTION NUMBER:** 2024-033

**MOTION SUBJECT:** Life Saving Awards

Motion made to award the Life Saving Awards to Sascha Schollenbruch Germany 22 and Hanns-Ulrich Adam Germany 22.

**MOTION PRESENTED BY:** Tom Van Der Kley

**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Allen Aurich

**VOTING**

**PRESIDENT**

**VICE PRESIDENT**

**SECRETARY**

**TREASURER**

N/V

Y

Y

Y

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**OUTCOME:** Pass 11-0



**DATE:** 8/14/2024

**MOTION NUMBER:** 2024-034

**MOTION SUBJECT:** International Life Membership Award

Motion to grant Russell Rawiri and wife Dianne International Life Membership.

**MOTION PRESENTED BY:** Ken Mahon

**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Norm Beausoleil

**VOTING**

**PRESIDENT**  
N/V

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Y

**SECRETARY**  
Y

**TREASURER**  
Y

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**OUTCOME:** Pass 11-0



**DATE:** 8/14/2024

**MOTION NUMBER:** 2024-035

**MOTION SUBJECT:** Outstanding Contributions Award

Motion made to award the Outstanding Contributions Award to Margriet Brinxma Netherlands 2.

**MOTION PRESENTED BY:** Tom Van Der Kley

**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Scott Ryan

**VOTING**

**PRESIDENT**  
N/V

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Y

**SECRETARY**  
Y

**TREASURER**  
Y

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**OUTCOME:** Pass 11-0



DATE: 8/14/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-036

MOTION SUBJECT: Historical Research Committee Chair

To ratify the appointment of Committee Chair from the 2024 Summer Board meeting.

Historical Research Committee Chair Joe Hopkins

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Spike Ostiguy

MOTION SECONDED BY: Ken May

**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: 8/14/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-037

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 12:06 Amendment

**(As written)**

**12:06 Restricted Service**

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. Will not be issued TMLAs.
6. May not order or purchase any goods from the RKR Regalia, Ltd. Quartermaster.
7. Are not allowed to wear the colors of the Red Knights.



8. Will not be eligible for Heaven One protocols. Revised 4/22/2022 Spring Meeting, Baltimore, MD, Revised 4/12/2024 Baltimore, MD.

**(As proposed)**

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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. Will not be issued TMLAs **other than a Chapter Business TMLA**.
6. May not order or purchase any goods from the RKR Regalia, Ltd. Quartermaster.
7. Are not allowed to wear the colors of the Red Knights.
8. Will not be eligible for Heaven One protocols. Revised 4/22/2022 Spring Meeting, Baltimore, MD, Revised 4/12/2024 Baltimore, MD.

Rationale

To clarify the timing of TMLAs.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Randy Smith

**VOTING**

**PRESIDENT**

**VICE PRESIDENT**

**SECRETARY**

**TREASURER**

N/V

Y

Y

Y

**REGION 1**

**REGION 2**

**REGION 3**

**REGION 4**

**REGION 5**

**REGION 6**

**REGION 7**

**REGION 8**

Y

Y

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Y

Y

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Y

**OUTCOME:** Pass 11-0



**DATE:** 8/14/2024



(As written)

#### 4:05 Who may use the Red Knight's name(s) and logo?

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Example:

“Any state Red Knight 1 <http://www.myspace.com/anystateredknight1>” is not acceptable.

While “John Smith Any state 1 <http://www.myspace.com/29403331>” would be acceptable.

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The following names must have a license for anyone to use:

- Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club®
- Red Knights Motorcycle Club®
- Red Knights ®
- RKMC ®
- Our logo

United States Federal Trademark Registration No. 2,881,438 and Canada Certificate of Registration No. 644,004 (Name of Red Knights Motorcycle Club and Logo) and the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market, No. 009114109 and other trademark registrations pertaining to this mark. Also known as intellectual property rights (“IP Owner”). Approved August 19, 2009 Board meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL Revised 4/9/2010 Board meeting, Syracuse, NY Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY

(As proposed)

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Approved August 19, 2009 Board meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL Revised 4/9/2010 Board meeting, Syracuse, NY Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY.

Rationale

To remove redundant ®, misnamed, or numbered documents, and clean up grammar.

**MOTION PRESENTED BY:** Michael Woods

**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Scott Ryan

**VOTING**

**PRESIDENT**

**VICE PRESIDENT**

**SECRETARY**

**TREASURER**

N/V

Y

Y

Y

REGION 1	REGION 2	REGION 3	REGION 4	REGION 5	REGION 6	REGION 7	REGION 8
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**OUTCOME:** Pass 11-0

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**DATE:** 8/14/2024

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**MOTION NUMBER:** 2024-039

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**MOTION SUBJECT:** SOG 16:07 amendment

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**(As written)**

16:07 Memorial Patch

The Red Knights Memorial Patch honoring our deceased members may be worn on the vest or jacket. This patch is available from the RKR Regalia, Ltd. Quartermaster. The profit from the sale of this patch shall be a source of funding for future maintenance of the Red Knight Memorial. The Red Knights Memorial Patch may be sold to non-RKMC members. Chapters wishing to pay tribute to a person, group, organization, etc. who is not eligible for Heaven One honors, may order patches through the same process. These patches will be provided in a design different than the Memorial Patch for Members and are not to be worn between the Heaven One Memory Maltese Cross and any Heaven One Name Rocker. Revised 3/8/2012 Revised 4/19/2013 Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY Revised 4/16/2021 Baltimore, MD.

**(As proposed)**

16:07 Memorial Patch and 4-inch Bottom Rocker

The Red Knights Memorial Patch honoring our deceased members may be worn on the vest or jacket. This patch is available from the RKR Regalia, Ltd. Quartermaster. The profit from the sale of this patch shall be a source of funding for future maintenance of the Red Knight Memorial. The Red Knights Memorial Patch may be sold to non-RKMC members.

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Rationale

To add clarification that these patches are bottom rockers, not top arcs.

**MOTION PRESENTED BY:** Scott Ryan  
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**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Randy Smith  
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**VOTING**

**PRESIDENT**

N/V  
\_\_\_\_\_

**VICE PRESIDENT**

Y  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SECRETARY**

Y  
\_\_\_\_\_

**TREASURER**

Y  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REGION 1**

Y  
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**REGION 2**

Y  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REGION 3**

Y  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REGION 4**

Y  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REGION 5**

Y  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REGION 6**

N  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REGION 7**

Y  
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**REGION 8**

Y  
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**OUTCOME:** Pass 10-1  
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