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## Letter from the Editor

**Delainey Thorud (MN 4)**

Happy New Year, Red Knights!

I want to start off by thanking our amazing team of Regional Reporters, Board of Directors, and Committee Chairs for all of their hard work pulling together updates and articles to make this newsletter possible... but this time around, I also want to give a huge shoutout to the members.

This newsletter we had more and more members sending in updates to their regional reporters and myself, and not just when they were pressured to around newsletter time, but throughout the whole year. For the first time in my tenure as Editor, we were able to have every single region represented in this newsletter!!!

Some chapters have a lot to say, some have a little, some just have pictures, and we will take it all!

I highly recommend that you send your events, stories, and photos to either your Regional Reporter or me throughout the year and that you encourage other chapters in your area/region to do the same. We love seeing what everyone is up to and the impact that your chapters are having on your communities.

**Updates for the next newsletter will need to be sent to your Regional Reporter or me no later than **June 12, 2026**, or they may not be included.**

Stay warm this winter and ride safe this summer, whenever your seasons may be!

Delainey Thorud

International Newsletter Editor, RKIFMC

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There are games throughout the newsletter and the answers can be found on the answer key on the very last page of the newsletter.

If you would like to have a birth, marriage, or Heaven One member included in the newsletter, please make sure to either submit it in the [Notices section](#) of the RKMC website, or send the information to your regional reporter or me.

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas, or would like to learn more about the process for these newsletters, please contact the International Newsletter Editor, Delaine Thorud, at [Editor@redknightsmc.com](mailto:Editor@redknightsmc.com).

**Happy reading!**

*Please note, some reports and updates included in this newsletter are presented as submitted and have not been altered or edited in any way.*

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## Newsletter Quiz

### Quiz Questions:

- 1) When are updates for the next newsletter due?
- 2) Which region got a new Director in 2025 and what is the Director's name?
- 3) What is the name of the new operational management system that the Red Knights will use?
- 4) What organization do three Region 1 Chapters support with donations?
- 5) Who was awarded a Life Membership this year?



# 2025 END OF YEAR REPORTS

## PRESIDENT – SPIKE OSTIGUY

Merry Christmas and the joy of a new season & New Year to you and your families.

As I write this, my 2025 End of the Year Report, I sit in some discomfort convalescing from total (r) knee replacement surgery in early December, that was looong overdue. Flash forward 9+ weeks of PT bringing me to February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 when I will undergo a total (l) knee replacement. At the behest of the First Lady (because she was tired of hearing me p & m), what better time to tackle this than over the winter month here in the Northeast. Fingers crossed this won't trickle to far into riding and golf season.



I would first like to thank the service of the board for the past year. The collective knowledge and spirit of your leaders is to be commended. I continued to be inspired how that twelve firehouse lawyers (lol) from around the world, all with type "A" personalities can sit in a room engaging in professional and respectfully dialog. Some matters easy, and some not so much. Some agreed upon, and some respectfully agreed to disagree upon. All for something that is bigger than any one individual in the room. It's about a greater good. It's about The Club! When we walk out of those meeting rooms, we walk out as gentlemen. Brothers united. It certainly is rewarding.

The face of the Board changed this past year. At the 2025 International Convention / ABM in Peoria, IL., Joel Nelson (MN 4) was elected as Region 5 Director. Welcome Aboard Joel! We certainly look forward to working with you. Which brings us to past Region 5 Director, Lance Coit (ND 1). Lance, on behalf of the International Board, Region 5 and the worldwide membership, we extend our heartfelt thank you for your eight (8) years of service to the board and membership. Best wishes to you and Teresa, and we'll see you on the open road.

I would also like to thank all of our committees and support services, <https://www.redknightsmc.com/support-services-committees>. By-Laws, International Chaplain, Communications, Grand Tour, Grand Tour Australia, Grand Tour EU, Help-A-Knight (HAK), Historian, IT, International Newsletter Editor, Regional Reporters, Nominations, International Quartermaster, Red Knights Memorial Hall & Park. Not always on the front pages, but I will attest, all of which play an integral roll in the day to day operations and successes of the RK.

**To the Membership;** We urge anyone wishing to serve on any of the aforementioned committees can review S.O.G's. 1:05 and 1:12, which explains the process for those interested.

This past November at the International Fall Board Meeting (FBM) in Baltimore, saw the appointment of a new International Chaplain. Congratulations to Matthew "Matt" Mattera (NJ 31). Matt becomes the 5<sup>th</sup> Intl. Chaplain in Red Knights history. Thank you to outgoing Chaplain, Theresa "Terri" Palmer (MD 4) for her nearly two years of spiritual service to the organization and families.



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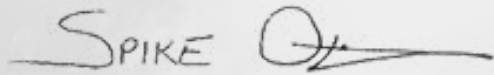
## PRESIDENT – SPIKE OSTIGUY

This past year, I attended all in-person and virtual meetings of RKI, RKM, and RKR.

Ending on a subdued note, I attended two (2) Red Knights Heaven One protocol presentations in 2025.

1. On February 7<sup>th</sup> I had the honor of attending the funeral and life celebration for Stephen Fred Hux “Hux,” RKMC Louisiana Chapter 1.
  - a. A special thank you to Steve and Heidi Guillot (LA 1) for your hospitality, taking in this Yankee for a few days.
2. On October 28<sup>th</sup> I had the honor of attending a Red Knight Heaven One protocol presentation in Potsdam, NY in loving memory of Dean F. Wilson, RKMC New York Chapter 35.
  - a. A special thank you to Chris and Alicia Tiffany (NY 30) for your hospitality, taking me in the night of the 28<sup>th</sup> after the service.

Respectfully submitted,



R. Spike Ostiguy  
International President



Board of Directors at the 2025 International Convention



# 2025 END OF YEAR REPORTS

## VICE PRESIDENT – NORM BEAUSOLEIL

Greetings one and all, and welcome to 2026!

The year 2025 was once again an eventful year for me. By the end of 2024 I had completed one full year in the position, and it didn't come without challenges. I learned the job of Vice President, and managed to settle into a good routine with its daily, weekly, monthly, and annual commitments and expectations. No longer overwhelmed, I continued to seek support from the other board members. Most obstacles I encountered got easier to maneuver every day. I remained busy with travel, meetings, rallies, conventions, and the MAL Program, and I enjoyed nearly every minute of it all.



As you already know, I love to travel, and that passion, along with my love of the Red Knights, is still leading me to places and things that bring me great joy. This year was once again no different! 2025 found me in places from Baltimore to Maine to Illinois, and, England, Germany, Austria, and Italy, all before the end of September! By the end of the year, I had also managed to get back to Baltimore and then head off to Colorado, Idaho, New York State and Massachusetts, all with the RKIFMC at the heart of the travel. Well, not Idaho – that was some R & R in the mountains chasing elk.

I went to Baltimore twice to attend the spring and fall board meetings, and to Peoria, Illinois, to attend the summer board meeting, the annual business meeting, and the international convention. I know that many question the board travel, and believe me, I'd love to see it reduced, but it is a necessary evil in order to keep the Club operating. I went to Bangor, Maine, to attend my 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive Yankee Rally and coupled that with my 50<sup>th</sup> High School reunion in June, and I represented the International Board at the EuCon Rally in Florence, Italy, in September. Being what I think was my 10<sup>th</sup> EuCon, all I can tell you is that if you ever get the opportunity to attend, you should. Our brothers and sisters in region 7 really know how to put on an event.

After the fall board meeting, I headed to a mountain climbing event in Idaho and stopped in Denver, Colorado, to meet with several members-at-large who had just formed the only current chapter in the state. Along with Region 6 Director Brian Singleton, we enjoyed a tour of the area and got to meet face-to-face with people that would normally have been met only through e-mail and phone calls.

This year I have plans to go to Baltimore in April for the spring board meeting, England in May for the England/Ireland meet, the Finger Lakes Region of New York for the Yankee Rally, and at least for now, Melbourne, Australia, in August for the International Convention and summer board and Annual Business meetings. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.



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## VICE PRESIDENT – NORM BEAUSOLEIL

Now, down to the business end of my report:

Representing the membership this past year I was able to attend all Conference Calls and Zoom Meetings of the R.K.I., R.K.R. and R.K.M.F. to which I was invited or expected to be at, with the exception of one zoom meeting, as I was attending my sister in her final days. I also attended, in person, the following meetings and events:

- RKIFMC Spring Board Meeting (SBM), Baltimore, MD, April 23 - 27, 2025
- Yankee Rally (Region 1), Bangor, ME, June 6 – 8, 2025
- RKIFMC Summer Board Meeting/ Convention/ABM in Peoria, IL. - August 19 - 24, 2025
- The EuCon Rally in Florence, Italy, September 12 – 14. 2025
- RKIFMC Fall Board Meeting (FBM), Baltimore, MD, November 5 - 9, 2025

### 2024 R.K.M.C. Heaven One Honors:

As I oversee the R.K. Member-At-Large (M.A.L.) Membership worldwide, it is with a easy heart that I announce that no Members-at-Large made the transition to Heaven One. For those chapter members that have gone forth, I wish peace to their families, and to them:

Godspeed

May you rest in peace

RKF

### State of the Member-At-Large (M.A.L.) Program

12-31-25... we have 316 R.K.M.C., Member-At-Large Members:

Active = 260

Social = 49

Junior - 7

In 2025 we received 124 R.K.M.C., Member-At-Large applications and I've worked on additional ones from previous years, approving 9 of those past year applicants, 3 sent to chapters and the others as MALs. 58 have been approved as MAL, 45 have been referred to chapters, 8 requested transfer from chapters to MAL (6 approved, 1 denied and 1 pending), and 6 were denied membership, the rest are still pending. We also had 12 Members-at-Large resign from the Club. There are 21 MALs that have not paid dues since 2024 and they will be dropped from the roster on February 1. Pending MALs, applicants that have not followed through, from 2024 and earlier may also be removed from the pending folder and will be required to re-apply if they show renewed interest.

### In accordance with the By-Laws Article 2, Section 2:10 3. International Dues;

It is unfortunate I report that there are 49 Member-At-Large Members on restricted service. 21 have not paid since 2024, are now 2 years in arrears, and in jeopardy of being removed, and 28 have not renewed for 2026 and are now 1 year in arrears. All have been advised that they are now on restricted service.

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## VICE PRESIDENT – NORM BEAUSOLEIL

We do hope that you take this opportunity to renew your membership and return to “in good standing” status. **If you are an MAL and have not received a “Dues Reminder” e-mail** from me, please send an e-mail to [vicepresident@redknightsmc.com](mailto:vicepresident@redknightsmc.com). The most likely cause is an incorrectly recorded or copied email address on the roster – mistakes happen.

I have also found that there are some e-mail accounts whose servers consistently reject our “@redknightsmc.com” domain emails. To date, I have identified accounts from “icloud.com”, “t-online.de” and “Mac.com” consistently reject our emails. If you’ve not heard from the Red Knights in the past 6 months or so, and you use one of these email providers, please try to provide an alternate email so we may keep you informed. If you’ve not heard from us and you don’t use one of these servers, contact your chapter president or area Rep to verify we have your email address correctly entered in the roster.

If you are an MAL and have dues owed, please contact the International Treasurer, Scott Ryan, at [treasurer@redknightsmc.com](mailto:treasurer@redknightsmc.com).

### Member-at-Large Program Update

As manager of the Member-at-Large Program (the Program) I have a great deal of freedom with the process, and I would like to remind you all of my thoughts, particularly chapter leadership and those members that move away from your “home” chapter.

The Red Knights is an organization based on **Chapter Membership**, and the Program was designed to allow the Club to gain exposure in areas where we are not established. **It is designed to be a starting point to eventual chapter membership, it was not designed to be an endpoint membership location for chapter members to transfer to.** For example, a motorcycling firefighter in Colorado, Saskatchewan or Latvia hears about us and asks to join. Voila, a perfect MAL candidate. We have no chapter in the state, province or country yet, so the MAL program can do just what it was designed to do – RKMC exposure in a remote area. New member, new place, no question.

Where I am taking a different approach is this: **First**, I am asking current chapter members that move to **seriously consider** several things before I approve a transfer to MAL.

Let’s say a member from MA 1 moves to Colorado. That member is already a Red Knight, and, although the By-Laws (Section 2:06(2)) allow a transfer to MAL due to a “travel hardship” – and I won’t necessarily deny the request – **I will first ask 3 very serious questions.**

1. Why do you want to leave your chapter?
2. Why do you want to be an MAL? Based on your answers to 1 and 2, I will ask
3. Why should (or would) I approve your request to become an MAL? Remember, we are a **Chapter Based** organization, and a chapter member is able to represent us in a new area, and with their access to information from their (current) chapter, i.e. newsletters, e-mails, contacts, etc., they can do the same job as an MAL, including starting a new chapter, with the benefit of current chapter support.



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## VICE PRESIDENT – NORM BEAUSOLEIL

You might say that that member won't be an active member of the chapter – he/she won't make meetings, rides, events, parties, etc. I SAY, SO WHAT? I'll bet every chapter already has local members that fit that description. Having that member move away won't affect chapter activities, will it? And, this Club does not approve or condone attendance requirements EXCEPT at the International Board level. Finally, the member that has moved will benefit more from being included in all communications from their chapter. Who loses? I don't see anyone suffering from that scenario.

**Second**, I'll now reverse the roles a bit. Let's say I receive an MAL application from a prospective member who lives in Florida, 100 miles from any other chapter. I have been referring those applicants to ALL chapters in the state, listing closest first, and **asking the chapter presidents**, along with the respective state/province/country reps and the regional directors, **to ALL reach out to the applicant and invite that applicant to join their chapter**, for EXACTLY the same reasons as above. I can only see good things coming to a chapter that can get additional members and a remote member that isn't "active" will still be in the loop and may surprise you, where an MAL may not even know your chapter exists. Once again, who loses? **This one is a win-win**. Once again, I won't necessarily deny the application, but if someone wants to be a member, and chapter membership is available and, on the table, why should that applicant refuse?

**This is where I need your help** – yes, every one of you that is already a member of the RKMC. Welcome and/or invite new members and be open to receiving new members, no matter how far away they live, into your chapters. If they are active look at the benefits. If they are inactive, what have they changed? New blood can infuse new life.

**Heaven One and our Accidental Life benefit** – as you all are aware, transfer to Heaven One is an honor none of us wish upon each other, but it is the final and highly respected benefit to those members who pass while in "Good Standing". The normal process to receive these benefits generally involves the on-line notification form found on our website. What's come to my attention (in some ways painfully) is that these forms are almost always filled out by a chapter officer. Sadly, our Members-at-Large do not have a chapter officer, and very often may be far from any other RKIFMC member, leaving the board uninformed. It has been my practice to notify every representative and Director of new MALs when they are approved. I ask that every representative and director add all MALs in their respective area (state, province, country) to their e-mail distribution list, and that every chapter add all MALs within 100 miles of them to their e-mail distribution list, and treat them like long-lost chapter members. This may help us learn of the loss of an MAL that may otherwise go untended. For the **MALs** – remember, you are entitled to all the benefits a chapter member is. Be sure to have your family notify us through the website or a local chapter should you pass and earn your place in Heaven One.

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## VICE PRESIDENT – NORM BEAUSOLEIL

In closing, I was looking forward to **2026 AND BEYOND** in serving you, the members, to the best of my ability. Unfortunately, in December of 2024, I suffered what appeared to have been a TIA (mini stroke), apparently caused by what was initially diagnosed as CHF. After 6 months of doctors, exams, tests, procedures, and a multitude of prescription medications, the diagnosis was finally and accurately assessed as A-Fib. Following an ablation procedure, the A-Fib now appears to be under control and I am slowly weaning off the last 3 medications. In March, I witnessed the passing of my oldest sister. Additional medical procedures towards the end of this year made 2025 a year of reflection on life, love and those nearest and dearest to me.

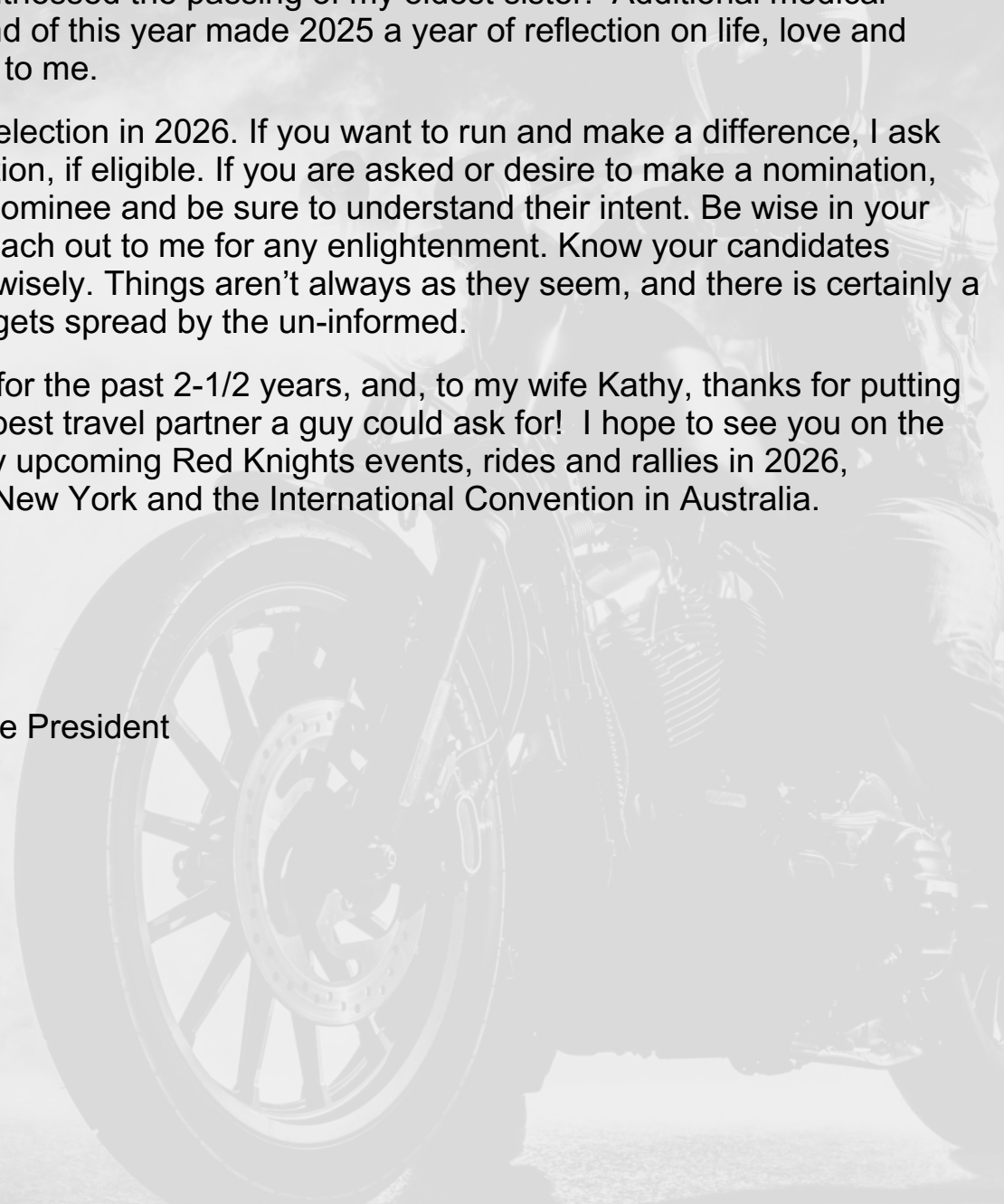
I will not be running for re-election in 2026. If you want to run and make a difference, I ask that you look for a nomination, if eligible. If you are asked or desire to make a nomination, look hard at the potential nominee and be sure to understand their intent. Be wise in your choices, and feel free to reach out to me for any enlightenment. Know your candidates before you vote, and vote wisely. Things aren't always as they seem, and there is certainly a lot of mis-information that gets spread by the un-informed.

Thank you for trusting me for the past 2-1/2 years, and, to my wife Kathy, thanks for putting up with me and being the best travel partner a guy could ask for! I hope to see you on the road, or at any of the many upcoming Red Knights events, rides and rallies in 2026, particularly the Yankee in New York and the International Convention in Australia.

As always, I remain,

Loyal to Our Duty

Norm Beausoleil  
RKIFMC® International Vice President  
Life Member & Founder  
Massachusetts Chapter 1





# 2025 END OF YEAR REPORTS

## SECRETARY – MICHAEL WOODS

Hello to all my fellow Red Knights Brothers and Sisters

I want to thank everyone again for the continued opportunity to be part of the Board! It's such an honor and privilege, and I'm excited to contribute to our Club's future together. As a member of the International Board, I've had the chance to learn a great deal about the dynamics of this organization. There have been joyful moments, as well as some challenging times. I've realized that we don't always have all the facts in any situation, and it's important to communicate with one another. Most of the time, we find that what we think we know is just a story or a misunderstanding. After all, we are all human!



During my last year as your International Secretary, I have had the privilege of attending several important events, including the 2025 International Spring Board Meeting, the 2025 Dixie Rally, the 2025 International Convention, the 2025 International Fall Board Meeting, and, sadly, a few Heaven One services. I cherish the experiences and memories created at each of these events. I look forward to many more years of building bonds, friendships, and unforgettable memories!

Over the past year, I have been busy finishing the transformation of the TMLA (Trademark License Agreement) system into a fully digital platform, and I am pleased to report that it is complete as much as a dynamic system can be. We created a QRG that helps define the system, and you all should have received that from your Regional Directors. It's a step in the right direction for knowledge and transparency.

Please remember that our TMLA system is designed to protect our names and logo from misrepresentation and is not intended to create difficulties or internal strife among our members. One aspect that seems to be commonly misunderstood is the use of the ® symbol. Our intellectual property attorney has clarified its usage: the ® symbol is not compulsory in any jurisdiction where we hold registrations, but it is highly recommended. When I mention this, members often ask what it means. To clarify, the ® is not required, but its use is strongly encouraged, and I will always ask that it be placed on our products. If the symbol is not included, it does not make the item illegal, and I will not disapprove an item solely for the absence of the ®. In fact, placing the ® on an item without proper approval through the TMLA system can create unnecessary issues. Please remember that the names and logo are owned by the International, not a specific Chapter.

If you are unsure whether an item requires a TMLA, please fill out an application along with a picture and send it to me. If the item involves any of our protected names or logos, the answer will always be yes. I'm here to assist you and am always happy to help.

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## SECRETARY – MICHAEL WOODS

This year, we have had the opportunity to bring the ASSIGN operational management system into our organization. Currently, we are rolling it out Region by Region starting from Regions 8 and 7 and working our way down the list. Regions 6 and 5 are slated to be onboarded around February 1<sup>st</sup>, with the other regions following. The ASSIGN app will place all of the RKMC information into the palm of your hand for easy access. You can view your Chapters TMLAs that are on file, the International documents such as the By-law, and, in the near future, submit different items such as TMLAs, rosters, etc. We are currently seeking individuals who are tech-savvy to be part of the IT Committee to support the ASSIGN system, if you are interested, please reach out to our IT Chair or any member of the International Board. Also, I'd like to put this out there: our International website will always be available. The ASSIGN system is an additional tool to help Chapter Officers and our members get information instantly on their phones, tablets, or PCs.

### Below are some of the stats from 2025:

#### **TMLA Report:**

Approved: 249  
Denied: 6  
Pending: 17  
Total requested: 282

#### **Insurance Policies:**

Insurance issued: 50  
Not issued: 4  
Pending: 0  
Insurance requested: 54

#### **New Chapter Applications Sent Out:**

Interest letters sent: 20  
Applications sent: 11

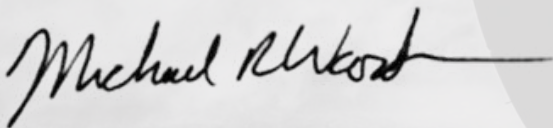
#### **Insurance AD&D:**

Claims filed: 5  
Total payout: \$20,000

One last thing, get out there and meet new RKMC members, rekindle old contacts, and turn them into friendships! Go to rallies and have a great time with like-minded brothers and sisters. There is more to this Club than just Chapter life; there is a whole world full of our brothers and sisters that you can make connections with!

Again, thank you for your faith in me! I'm very appreciative to be able to serve you and help play a small part in making our beloved organization grow for the future!

**"Loyal to Our Duty"**



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## TREASURER – SCOTT RYAN

### Treasurer's End of Year Report

Again this year I attended all the International Board meetings that were called – in person and virtually. This included, of course, the Annual meeting in East Peoria.

As a bonus, I was able to attend the European Rally in Italy and do some touring with another Red Knight around south western Europe. There is some pretty awesome riding throughout Region 7 for those looking for a different perspective on the world.

I continue to look forward to riding on the left side of the road during the 2026 Convention in Australia. It's been a bike-it list item for quite a while to get to Australia.

For those who did not notice, we recently updated our general membership application and process. ALL applications for membership should be on the new form and should include an indication of past convictions. This is designed to help chapters when they find out later that someone who joined their chapter is in the wrong club. The change in process is that copies of all applications are to be sent to me for recording.

Once again, thank you to all the Chapter Officers and others who I have worked with over the year, I'm here to make your jobs easier so **you** can just have fun and ride. I am always open to answering your business questions even at rallies, rides, and other events. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me, even in these social settings. Those of you who follow me on facebook know I make my own opportunities to have fun and ride.

Ride safe, I hope to see you soon.

Scott



# 2025 END OF YEAR REPORTS

## REGION 1 DIRECTOR – KEN MAY

To My Red Knight Family,

Wow, the 2025 year is in the past already as we look forward to all new adventures in 2026. Region 1 has slightly gone down in numbers, with the loss of 3 chapters, and the adding of 13 members to our Heaven One Roster.

Region 1 now consists of the following:

- 8 States
- 95 Chapters
- 2,657 Chapter Members
- 29 Members at Large
- 2,686 Total Members



As Regional Director it is one of my duties to attend meetings, not only with the International, but with the Region 1 State Reps, State Meetings and when possible, the Chapters. So, this past year I attended all 3 In-Person International Board Meetings along with all the Zoom Meetings that were held. I also attended 2 In-Person State Rep meetings in Boylston along with State and/or Chapter meetings in Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Vermont bringing back to the Region One membership information as to what is happening not only Internationally, but locally throughout the Region. I am sad to say that I personally attended 7 funerals where I presented Memorial Flag and Angel Coin to their families.

With all the meetings, funerals and supporting State and Chapter events, I have traveled over 15,000 miles in my car along with around 5,300 miles on the bike. With these travels, we are sometimes entitled to mileage reimbursement (especially for funerals.) With this I have made several donations toward the principal mortgage on Memorial Hall totaling this year just over \$1,200. The majority of these donations were made honoring the name of the deceased member whose funeral I attended.

Here in Region 1, we have had two changes in our State Representatives as we welcome Blue Kelloway from New Hampshire and Brian White from the great state of Maine. But in welcoming these individuals we needed to say goodbye to others that served. Especially Colin Nelson of NH, as he represented the state long before I served as Regional Director. I need to thank all my Representative for the job, time and effort they put in working to make this organization the best they can. So, Thank You also goes to Chris Rogers (NJ), Tim Tordoff (NY), Ryan Peebles (VT), Tom Gill (CT), Kevin Martin (MA) and Rick Waterman (RI).

As most of you all know by now Region 1 has what we call a “Mayday Fund” which is used to help any Region 1 member with a small monetary donation in their time of need. Well, this fund is still actively moving forward as we have sold out of our original 1000 commemorative coins and recently purchased 200 more.



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## REGION 1 DIRECTOR – KEN MAY

The year started off with a bang as New Jersey held their annual After Christmas Party in February, which was hosted by Chapter 20, in Branchburg, NJ. This annual event seems to be getting to be more like a one-night mini rally, as they hosted RK members from 4 different Regions in the United States.

The 3rd Annual Red Knights “Steak Night” which was held in May, at Baker’s American Bar & Grille in Monroe Township, NJ was again a great success. Attended by Red Knights from NJ, NY and PA. This annual tradition is starting to grow as other chapters and states are getting involved.

The 2025 Yankee Rally in Bangor, Maine was perfectly planned and well attended with 285 Red Knights from all over North America. I can even say that not one of the attendees were disappointed at the Saturday evening dinner as we were all treated to whole Maine Lobsters or a New York Strip Steak with all the fixings. We even secured our next several Yankee Rallies as we head to the Finger Lakes Region of New York for 2026, Mystic Connecticut in 2027, Jay Peak Vermont in 2028.

June and July turned out to be busy months with several events planned as I attended Maryland Chapter 7’s first annual Poker Run and their state picnic in Galena, MD. The New York State picnic which was held at the NYS Fireman’s Home in Hudson, NY was well planned out as we paraded our bikes out for all the residents to see. The annual Give a Child a Christmas event hosted by NY 28 was another great success as we took a scenic ride through parts of New York. The month ended with the New Jersey State meeting and picnic in Phillipsburg, hosted by NJ Chapter 5.

August was a lot of fun as it started off with the New York Chapter 33, Shoot and Scoot charity event and ended with our annual Convention.

This year I had the honor of having not only my wife at the International Convention in Peoria, Illinois, but my daughter, daughter-in-law and my 3-year-old grandson Jake as well. All I can say is he is now hooked. The way he was welcomed, not only by the Red Knight members, but by the Peoria Fire Department, who actually invited him back to the firehouse for lunch and a tour.

September was interesting as I was invited to attend the Vermont State Meeting and Picnic in Danville. I am just so glad I drove the car as it rained for most of the day and I mean heavy rain. But, as always, it turned out to be a very productive day. And I got to meet more Red Knight members. One week later I rode to Plattsburgh, New York for Chapter 50’s Annual Squirrel Ride which included a beautiful 90+ mile ride through the mountains. The month ended with a New York State meeting, which was held by NY Chapter 11, in Lake George.



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## REGION 1 DIRECTOR – KEN MAY

October and November were again another busy month as my travels took me to Massachusetts for their State Meeting and then off to Maine for their State Meeting and elections for State Representative. The month ended with New Jersey chapters 5, 19, 31 and 33 riding in the Passaic Valley Annual Christmas Parade which just happened to be one of the coldest nights at just over 30 degrees. Yes, cold but fun.

This past year, at home, was relatively quiet as we normally end up with Red Knight guests several times a month. But this year we only hosted 19 and some of them were repeat customers. All I can say is visitors can always count on a cozy bed and a pillow with a piece of chocolate on it.

I spend on the computer an average of about 10 hours a week on Red Knight business, whether it's getting information out to my state reps or handling an issue on my own. This of course does not include the numerous phone calls I receive which are pretty much daily. I will never turn away anyone looking for answers or just want to talk.

So, as I close my report, I would hope everyone enjoyed their Holiday Season as we look forward to a happy and safe New Year.

God Bless and Ride Safe

**Kenneth “Moonshine” May**  
Region 1 Director



*Bikes rolling out at the 2025 International Convention*



# 2025 END OF YEAR REPORTS

## REGION 2 DIRECTOR – RANDY SMITH

### 2025 End of Year Report from Region 2

Greetings/Felicitations!

It is a pleasure to give the membership an update from Eastern Canada. This report covers my activities in 2025. First, a brief look at Region 2.

Our Region encompasses all 6 of the provinces from Ontario to Newfoundland. We currently have 40 chapters, and approximately 894 chapter members and 19 M-A-Ls. It's a large geographic area, with Canada's most and least populated provinces. It's beautiful riding from one end to another.



### The Year in Review

This year has been a busy time for yours truly. As well as meeting with firefighters interested in joining/starting chapters, answering questions from throughout the Region, and attending my own chapter meetings, bike nights, etc, here are some of the other events I attended. All in all, my mileage for 2025 is in the 16,000 km range.

This year, I attended the following functions as the Region 2 Director. Events in Bold are detailed below.

- The International Motorcycle Supershow in Toronto in January. The largest show of it's type in Canada is a great opportunity to showcase our Club. We are here every year.
- The Camp Bucko Bonspiel in February, where the Red Knights sponsor a sheet of ice to support Ontario's premier summer camp for children recovering from burns.
- Two Red Knights funerals in NY state, (February, March) where the families were presented with Heaven One honours (more on that below)
- Met with visiting Red Knights from Germany, where we showed them our station.
- In April, and November, I travelled to Baltimore MD, for RKMC International Board meetings. These are in-person sessions where we carry on the business of the Club.
- The Board also met by Zoom several times throughout the year, to handle other issues that arise.
- The Central Ontario Ride For Sight.
- Went to Niagara Falls to meet with Red Knights from Australia. (Thanks to Ontario 12 for hosting).
- **The Atlantic Rally** in Bouctouche, NB. Once again, a great rally, and as always, great hospitality from our Brothers and Sisters down East. In 2026, it's in Truro, NS from July 30 to August 02. Get your chapter together and show your support for a Canadian home-grown good time!
- **Camp Bucko Ride** Ontario 1, with other chapters, provide a motorcycle escort for busloads of campers to Camp Bucko (Ontario's premier summer camp for burn victims) each year. These are children who need a safe, inclusive place for a summer camp. This is now a "must" ride for Ontario members.

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## REGION 2 DIRECTOR – RANDY SMITH

- **RKMC International Convention** in Peoria, IL. (To really appreciate this Club, you have to attend at least one convention. Once you do, you'll be back - guaranteed.) This year, there were some great rides, and lots of great times.

The **Canadian Fallen Firefighters Memorial** Weekend, in Ottawa. In 2024, we had 5 Red Knights and a special duty with the families of the fallen. This year there were 13 of us! In **2026** it will be **September 11-13**. We really want each province represented. There are tears at times, it's a solemn occasion, but there is a great weekend of fellowship waiting for you. If you are within riding distance, you need to be there. Many of the Red Knights travel between 5 - 14 hours to honour our fallen. You have 9 months to plan this weekend. Do it.

The **2026 RKMC International Convention** will be in Melbourne, Australia from August 19 - 23. Yes, it's a long way, but when are you ever going to get this chance? Riding in Australia with your RKMC family, petting koalas, fighting off crocodiles (oops, forget that part). A once in a lifetime opportunity. Just do it!

My schedule for next year includes - England/UK Meetup (Essex, UK) in May, Western Rally (High River, Alberta) in June, Atlantic Rally (Truro, NS) in July, the International Convention (Melbourne, Australia) in August, CFFF Memorial (Ottawa, ON) in September. The more you involve yourself in this Club, the more you get out of it.

**What is Heaven One?** When a Red Knights member in good standing passes away, they are entitled to special honours from the Club. This includes a flag and coin presentation, and their name engraved at the Memorial House in Boylston, Mass. Chapters must notify the International for these honours to be granted. Rosters must be up to date, and dues paid. By the way, did you know that you can stay at the Memorial House for a small donation?

This Club gets better when we get together. If your chapter is holding a ride, fundraiser or social, let me help get the word out. I cannot tell you the number of times that I get contacted with "We just found out that chapter "x" had an event and never told us." Invite me to your meeting, and have your members meet their Regional Director. Communication is key!

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, PEI and Newfoundland - We now have Provincial reps from each province. Thanks to those members who stepped up. It's much appreciated.

In 2025, some new chapters were formed, and others ceased operations. Usually a chapter closes due to not bringing in new members. Even one new member can make a difference.

I am happy to answer each email and phone call that I receive. If I don't get back to you right away, I apologize but I'll do my best. I'm happy to explain a procedure or SOG, and have the other person understand the real meaning of it. We on the Board are constantly looking for ways to improve communication and clarify terms that aren't common language to everyone.



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## REGION 2 DIRECTOR – RANDY SMITH

The coming year is already off to a busy start. The Spring International Board meetings are set, and we have Zoom meetings on a continuous basis. Everyone is looking forward to this year's Convention in Australia. My home chapter is already well into planning for the 2027 Convention at sea, sailing from Florida and hosted by Ontario 1.

Please know that I am always available to chat, unless I'm running calls at work. Phone, email or drop by the fire station (with a little notice!) and I'll put the coffee on. Here's to a great 2026 with lots of riding, and lots of memories.

I remain,  
Loyal To Our Duty

*Randy Smith*  
Region 2 Director  
647-470-7562 (RKMC)



*Red Knight chapter flags hung on railings at the International Convention*



# 2025 END OF YEAR REPORTS

## REGION 3 DIRECTOR – MARK MULLEN

Region 3 has 63 chapters, 1361 Members, and 21 MALs.

Illinois has eight chapters., Indiana has seven chapters., Michigan has one chapter, Missouri has two chapters, Ohio has nine chapters, Pennsylvania has twenty five chapters, West Virginia has five chapters, Wisconsin has five chapters, and Kentucky has 2 MALs.

Current chapter rosters have been sent to all region three chapters so that the state reps can see how their chapters are doing.

The Illinois State Association will be having an election this year for the office of President, this has not happened since we restarted the association again in 2018. I wish both candidates the best in the election.

The 2025 International Convention was a success and the Illinois State Association did an amazing job. We had about 280 people attend, we did some great rides, and I'm told everyone had a great time.

Pennsylvania had seven chapters with 17 members in attendance at the annual convention in East Peoria, Illinois. They also had four chapters with 10 members in attendance at the Bootlegger Rally and Pewaukee, Wisconsin.

I recently traveled to Ohio to present a flag and coin to the family of Ohio Chapter 14 member Lonnie "Butch" Anderson. His family was very appreciative of the gesture.

Bootlegger 2025 held in Pewaukee, Wisconsin was a great time. We did a lot of great riding.

Bootlegger 2026 will be held in Champion PA September 3<sup>rd</sup> Through September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at seven Springs Ski Resort, the Facebook page is now live. Please join the page for more information. Don't forget we're still looking for a chapter to host the 2027, 2028 bootlegger rallies. 2029 Bootlegger Rally will be hosted by West Virginia. Where it all started, If interested let me know.

I am looking forward to attending the Spring Board meeting in Baltimore, MD, April 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

And of course, don't forget the 2026 International Convention Will be held in Melbourne, Australia August 18<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. That should be a great time.

The 2027 International Convention will be hosted by Ontario I and will be a Caribbean cruise August 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>, 2027.

Submitted by.

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Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club

Region 3 Director.





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## REGION 4 DIRECTOR – CHUCK MARKS

Brothers and Sisters,

As we approach the close of 2025, I want to reflect on what has been an eventful and enriching previous year serving as your Region 4 Director. January for me started off with going back on a 24/48 work schedule in Wilkinson County, Georgia which has had its own challenges along with many benefits. February, I attended the NJ State Association After Christmas Party in Bridgewater NJ hosted by NJ20 which is always a good time spent with Brothers and Sisters. During that I received a phone call about a Mass 2 Brother injured while on vacation in Florida after a couple phone calls with members in the area we were able to get his bike back to his camper while he was being treated for his injuries. This type of situation is just one example of how amazing our club really is. Thank you to all the members who stepped up to help. The next couple months were fairly uneventful with the exception of daily emails and phone calls from chapters within Region 4. April marked the beginning of a whirlwind of activities. I attended the Spring Board Meeting in Baltimore, where we engaged in meaningful discussions, followed by Thunderbeach In Panama City, FL with GA2 members and met up with several others from around the region. May brought the highly anticipated Dixie Rally in New Orleans, LA. Hosted by LA1 and LA5 I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the chapters that labored tirelessly to make this event EPIC. When the fire dept shows up 3 times for fire alarms at the hotel (bad detector), I know what y'all are thinking but it wasn't our fault. The firefighters were rewarded for putting up with us with a cooler full of Low Country Boil. June was relatively quiet, filled with several joyous birthday celebrations and a Zoom meeting with the board, where we worked diligently to streamline the agenda for the upcoming East Peoria, IL ABM. July brought a flurry of Zoom meetings as I prepared for the Convention ensuring that every detail was in place for what promised to be a memorable event. I also traveled to Troutman, NC to attend a Heaven One ceremony. August was the highlight of the year with the 2025 Convention held in East Peoria, IL. GA2 and myself left Georgia on August 17 for a week-long adventure with stops in Nashville and St. Louis before arriving in East Peoria. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to Barb Buti and the IL State Association on a job well done. During the Convention Brandi and I celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with several hundred of our Brothers and Sisters from around the world. Upon the conclusion of Convention most of GA2 headed home, while Brandi and I along several others headed north to Oconto, WI on the shores of Green Bay for a couple days before heading to Pewaukee, WI for the Bootlegger Rally. This where mine and Brandi's trip took an unexpected twist. While visiting multiple Harley shops on our journey over the past week, we found the bike we always wanted and with safety concerns about our old bike, we spent the time at Bootlegger finalizing the deal on our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift to ourselves. Hats off to WI2 despite having a small chapter yall did an awesome job. November welcomed me back to the Fall Board Meeting in Baltimore, MD, alongside a new board member: Region 5 Director Joel Nelson. Our meeting was productive and inspiring, and I look forward to collaborating with Joel as well as the entire board in the future.





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## REGION 4 DIRECTOR – CHUCK MARKS

As December rolled in, I participated in the 43rd Annual Iron Cross MC Toy Run, where I joined forces with three GA chapters and approximately 600 other motorcyclists. The sense of community and purpose was invigorating.

Wishing you a Happy New Year—stay safe and ride proudly!

Chuck Marks  
Region 4 Director

**“LOYAL TO OUR DUTY”**

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

There are 10 differences. Answers can be found on [page 64 \(linked here\)](#).

Spot the differences courtesy of Steve Williamson, Region 7 Reporter!





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## REGION 5 DIRECTOR – JOEL NELSON

Knights,

Hello from Region 5!

I am honored to be addressing you as the new Region 5 Director. I was sworn in at the Peoria Convention, and since then it has been a whirlwind learning all the things I didn't even know I didn't know about how the International Board operates. These folks are extraordinarily busy—there is a lot involved! I'm truly enjoying the learning process and look forward to getting to know everyone better.



As you probably know, we are in the heart of “parked motorcycle season” here in Minnesota. I put the new tabs on my bike's license plate today, so I'll be ready to roll once things warm up a bit. Here at MN4, we're getting ready for our annual holiday party at a local VFW, where we'll likely have around 100 Knights and family members gathering for a potluck dinner, games, camaraderie, and plenty of fun.

This past summer, I attended the International Convention/ABM, as well as the Dixie Rally in New Orleans, the Western Rally in Deadwood, South Dakota, and the Bootlegger Rally near Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We had a great time at all of these events, and I would strongly encourage you—if you haven't already—to make plans to attend a regional rally. They are a lot of fun and a fantastic way to meet and get to know Knights from all over. Thanks to these rallies, I now have friends across the U.S., as well as in Canada, Europe, and down under.

Looking ahead to this coming summer, the Western Rally will be held in High River, Alberta, Canada, just south of Banff National Park. I've been to this area and can tell you the riding is phenomenal, Banff is absolutely stunning, and the Canadians are outstanding hosts. Do yourself a favor and attend the Western Rally this June. More information will be shared in the newsletter, on Facebook, and on the International website.

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime at [region5@redknightsmc.com](mailto:region5@redknightsmc.com) if you need anything.

In closing, I'd like to extend a sincere thank-you to Lance Coit, our outgoing Region 5 Director. He served the region well for eight years and has been a tremendous help to me during the transition.

Stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you on the road.

Fraternally,  
Joel Nelson  
Region 5 Director

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## REGION 6 DIRECTOR – BRIAN SINGLETON

2025 was a busy year for the Red Knights, with the International Convention in Peoria, IL.

I have been averaging 10 hours per week on Red Knight business.

Region 6 has 29 Chapters, 427 Members, and 43 Members at Large. Since 2024, the region has continued to grow our family, adding new chapters and members.

I have been working with each chapter to ensure they check their email regularly and use it effectively. Furthermore, I have been working with each state representative to ensure that all MALs are receiving appropriate updates and international information. If you are reading this report and not checking your chapter's email regularly, let's get started. This year, Kimberly Reed stepped up to accept the position of Region 6 Reporter.

This year, Arizona has continued recruiting to build its chapter. Roger Aguilar has been named the State Representative.

This year, a group in California came together to launch CA2, and it has hit the ground running with strong momentum, continuing to build the chapter and recruit. Rodrick Huerta-Moore has been named the State Representative.

This year, the MALs came together in Colorado to reenergize and launch CO2 in Denver, CO. The group has hit the ground running with strong momentum, continuing to build the chapter and recruit across the state. Chris Miller has been named as the State Representative.

This year, we have maintained our brother MALs in Kansas, and they continue to represent the region and internationally at local events.

This year, we have maintained our brother and sister MALs in Nevada and are working to form a group to start a chapter. I have spoken with a couple of potential new members who are interested in starting a chapter.

This year, we have maintained our brother and sister MALs in New Mexico, and they continue to represent the region and internationally at local events.

This year, we have maintained our brothers and sisters in Oklahoma. I have been working with the support of the OK State Rep to assist with getting chapters current with Red Knights International dues and rosters. Together, he and I have spoken with individuals about the requirements for forming chapters in OK. The state hosted its state rally of the year and had chapters travel to Goodman, KS, for the I-70 Dust Storm Honoring Ceremony to support our brothers and sisters who responded to the horrific accident on I-70 and the families of those who lost their lives.





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## REGION 6 DIRECTOR – BRIAN SINGLETON

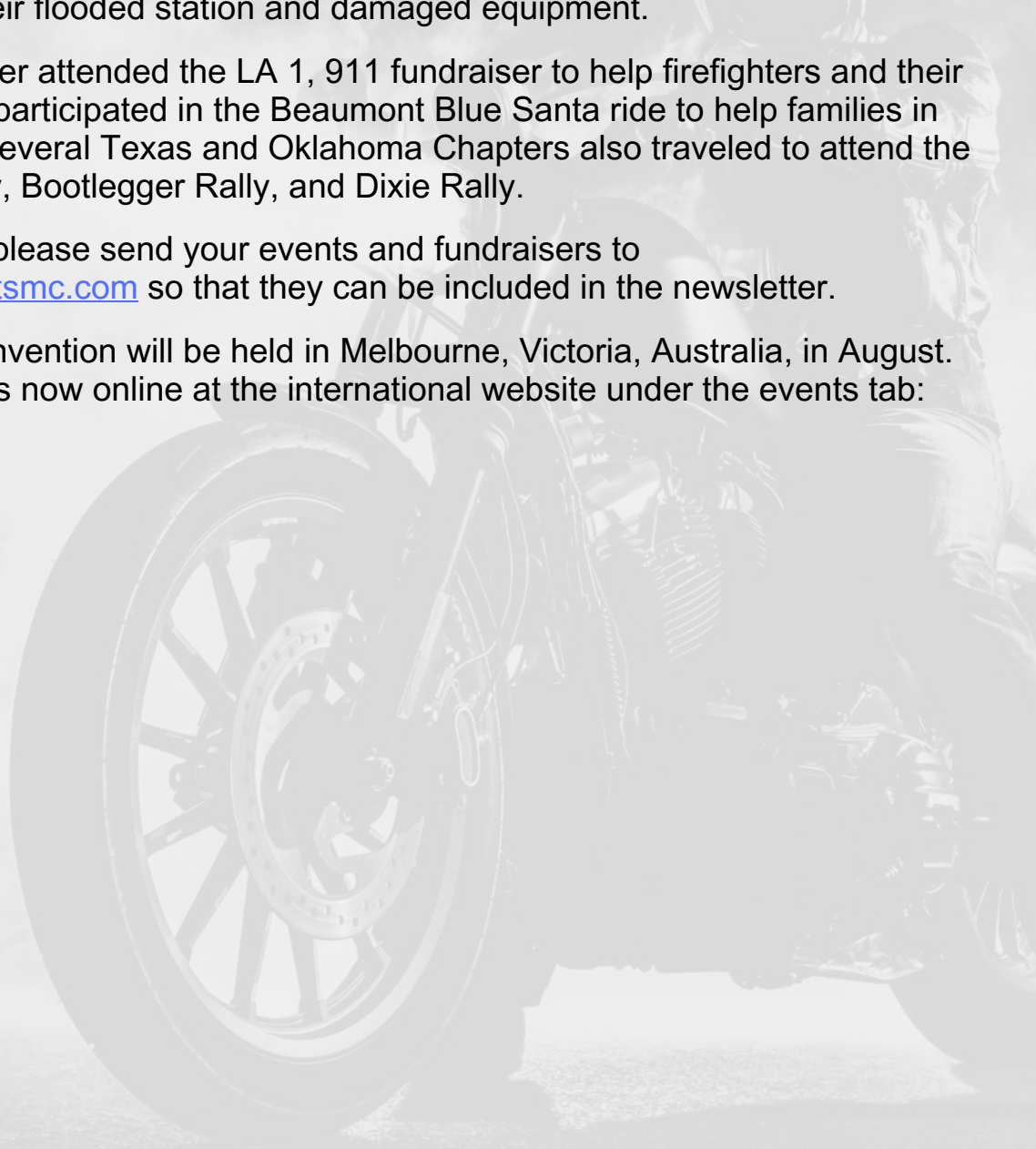
This year, we have maintained our brothers and sisters in Texas. I have been working with the support of the TX State Rep to assist with getting chapters current with Red Knights International dues and rosters. Together, he and I have spoken with several individuals about the requirements for forming chapters in TX. We have also assisted TX 2 and TX 9 in securing a new life and becoming involved with the Red Knights International. The state hosted its state rally of the year, and the Texas chapters hosted the second Region 6 “Scooter Stampede Rally.” We were honored to have brothers and sisters from the East Coast in attendance. Chris Rodgers (NJ State Association, NJ5, NJ19, and NJ33) and Chuck Buchman (TX3) presented Center Point VFD, which was affected by the tragic July 4, 2025, floods, to replace their flooded station and damaged equipment.

This year, our Texas chapter attended the LA 1, 911 fundraiser to help firefighters and their families. The chapter also participated in the Beaumont Blue Santa ride to help families in the Beaumont, TX, area. Several Texas and Oklahoma Chapters also traveled to attend the Sturgis Rally, Atlantic Rally, Bootlegger Rally, and Dixie Rally.

To all Region 6 Chapters, please send your events and fundraisers to [region6reporter@redknightsmc.com](mailto:region6reporter@redknightsmc.com) so that they can be included in the newsletter.

The 2026 International Convention will be held in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, in August. 18-23, 2026. Registration is now online at the international website under the events tab: [www.redknightsmc.com](http://www.redknightsmc.com).

Respectfully submitted by:  
Brian Singleton “Minion”  
Region 6 Director



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## REGION 7 DIRECTOR – TOM VAN DER KLEY

The year 2025 was a year full of challenges and gratifying successes for our club. In this report, I would like to summarize our most significant achievements, the work we have done, and our plans for the future.

### Successes

#### 1. New chapters and international expansion:

This year, we were proud to establish new chapters in several countries. This not only demonstrates our growth, but also our commitment to international partnerships and communities.

#### 2. European Rallye Italy:

This Year the European Rallye has been organized by Italy 1. With just around 10 members they have organized a Rallye that will be in the books for Years with a fantastic organization and memories made for the next Years. I just can say: Italy 1 excellent job !

#### 3. Well-run MAL program:

Our MAL program has made remarkable progress this year. It has proven to be an important tool in supporting our members and promoting collaboration.

#### 4. Effective EU Quartermaster:

The EU Quartermaster has performed his duties very efficiently and helped to ensure that all resources and materials are well managed. This has significantly supported our operations.

#### 5. Communication:

This year, I have conducted numerous telephone calls, countless e-mails and many online meetings, including the spring, ABM and fall meeting. These communication strategies have enabled me to actively involve all members and promote exchange.





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REGION 7 DIRECTOR – TOM VAN DER KLEY

## Projects for the future

I have ambitious plans for the coming year:

- Expansion into other countries:
  - I want to expand our presence in other countries and further promote the internationality of our club.
- The Assign App
  - The ASSIGN App has been introduced to Region 8 and 7. Now the challenge is to let the membership know how the App works and that they get used to it..
- Member orientation:
  - A central concern will be to get our members back on track and to clearly communicate the core values of our club – honor, loyalty and respect for one another.

## Conclusion

The year 2025 has strongly supported our vision of strengthening our community and growing internationally. I am full of confidence and enthusiasm for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

I thank all our members for their commitment and support and look forward to another successful year!



*Group photo at the Springfield Firefighter Memorial at the 2025 International Convention*



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## REGION 8 DIRECTOR – ANDREW YOUNG

G'day from Region 8 and a Happy New Year to our members all around the globe.

As I write this Region 8 are mourning the loss of New Zealand 2 Chapter President John Brennan. Please spare a thought for his family at this difficult time.

As we start 2026 all the members across Region 8 are looking forward to welcoming our brothers and sisters from around the world to join us for Convention in Melbourne in August. Australia 5 is planning a fantastic event, and we hope many members make the journey down under for a Shrimp fresh off the Barbie, some Vegemite on toast and a Foster's to wash it all down with. Please go to the convention website <https://www.redknightsconvention2026.au/> for all your convention info, links to purchase your swag, book your tours and accommodation. There's a Facebook page at the address below where you can keep up with all that's happening around the convention as well. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61562890753962>



In the months since convention, I have averaged between 3 – 4 hrs per week on Red Knights business and attended the Fall Board meeting in Baltimore. On a personal note, thanks to Ken "Moonshine" May, Kathleen, David and Anemarie Wenck and Todd & Sabrina Mclean for their hospitality during the road trip to see the Jack Daniels Distillery, drive the Tail of the Dragon and take in some sightseeing along the way. You guys all made a bucket list trip that much better. Thank you!!!!

I would like to thank both Mick James and Zane Eyre (my Australian and New Zealand Country Reps) for their efforts over the last 12 months, I couldn't do this without their support. Sadly, Zane has made the decision to step down as New Zealand Rep, so an election is in progress to select a new NZ Rep. Zane has done a great job over the last 12 months and his counsel will be missed.

The end of February will see the New Zealand Gathering to be held in Hawera, on the North Island. Looking forward to catching up with our NZ brothers and Sisters for their biggest Annual event and I am sure NZ IV will put on a great one. It will also be the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Red Knights forming in New Zealand, something special to be celebrated.

Region 8 now has 32 chapters with around 647 Chapter Members and MAL's.

I would also like to welcome to our Red Knight family – New Zealand 12 located in Palmerston North, Manawatu Region New Zealand as our newest chapter in Region 8.

And finally let's all remember the 2 Rules of Firefighting in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

1. Come home Safe
2. Don't end up on Youtube

Loyal To Our Duty  
Andy Young  
Region 8 Director



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## CHAPLAIN - MATTHEW MATTERA

As I step into the role of International Chaplain, a position I officially assumed at the beginning of December 2025, I want to first express my sincere gratitude for the trust placed in me. It is both an honor and a responsibility that I do not take lightly. I would also like to thank past International Chaplain Terri Palmer. Your dedication and service to our Club is greatly appreciated.



Sadly, my time in this role began with moments of loss within our Red Knights family. Since the start of December, we have lost the following valued members:

- Social Member Sue Last of Michigan 5, who passed on December 7, 2025
- Active Member Kenneth Luby of New York 33, who passed on December 24, 2025
- President John Brennan of New Zealand 2, who passed on January 1, 2026.
- Social Member John Lawrence of Vermont 4, who passed on January 5, 2026
- Active Member Charles Carter of Illinois 5, who passed away on January 5, 2026

On behalf of the International Executive Committee and our global membership, I extend continued prayers and heartfelt condolences to their families, friends, and fellow chapter members. May they find comfort, peace, and strength during this difficult time.

One of the greatest strengths of the Red Knights is the way we stand together, especially in moments of sorrow. As Chaplain, I remain available to our members and their families for prayer, support, and encouragement whenever needed.

As we look further into 2026, I do so with optimism and faith. A new year brings new opportunities to grow, to serve one another, and to strengthen the bonds that unite us as Red Knights. I look forward to supporting our chapters, advancing the spiritual well-being of our membership, and continuing to uphold the values that define this organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Mattera

International Chaplain

Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club NJ Chapter 31

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## GRAND TOUR COMMITTEE CHAIR – EMMETT DUPREY

At the end of 2025 the Grand Tour Committee consisted of Emmett Duprey (PA 38) as the Grand Tour Chairman, Roger van Kollenburg (Aus 5) as the Australia/New Zealand Coordinator, and Rolf Imperial Muehlemann (Switzerland 1) as the European Coordinator.

2025 saw an increase in the number of Chapters completing Tours.

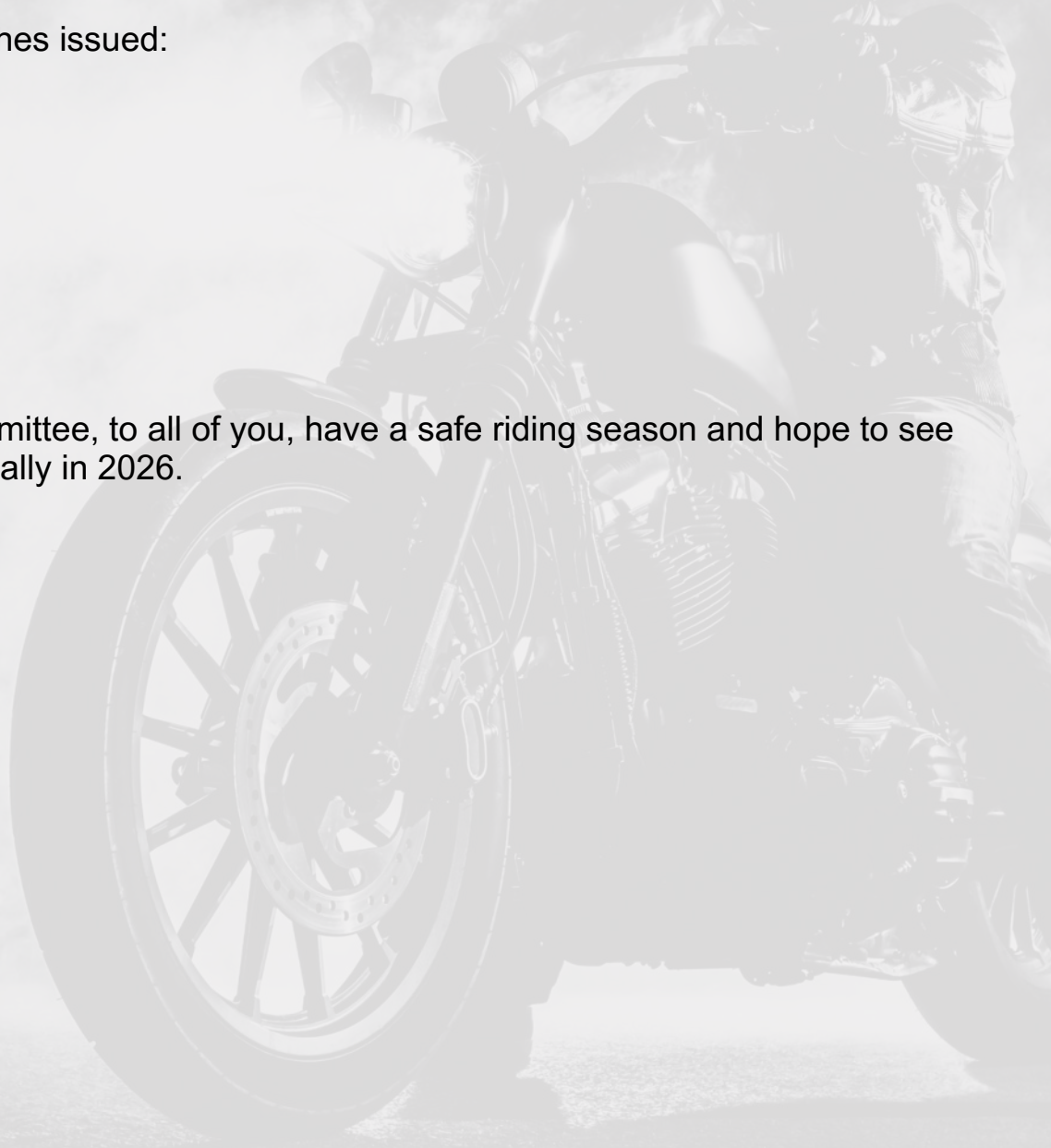
544 Tours were completed by 93 Chapters in 2025. 533 by active members and 11 by Guest. 181 members were First timers.

Total Certificates and Patches issued:

- Grand Tour - 99
- Red Knight - 65
- Fire House - 101
- 12 Station - 185
- Alphabet - 47
- Grant Tour Master - 35
- Loyal To Our Duty - 40
- Guest - 11

From the Grand Tour Committee, to all of you, have a safe riding season and hope to see you at a Convention or a Rally in 2026.

Loyal To Our Duty,  
Emmett Duprey, PA38  
Grand Tour Chairman





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## HELP A KNIGHT COMMITTEE CHAIR – TRUDY RUTKOWSKI

Hello Fellow Red Knights,

Welcome to 2026, I hope everyone had a great 2025 and great beginning of the New Year. I'm Trudy Rutkowski, the Help A Knight Chairperson. I know a lot of everyone has heard of The Help A Knight Program and some still haven't. I would like to let you know as of October the Help A Knight has developed a New Private group page on Face Book, to try and assist help a little bit faster. Please note if you are wanting to join the new group page or are inviting fellow Red Knights, You must answer all questions to be accepted, we also research to verify that you are members. Since developing this private group we have deleted 15 people who wasn't Red Knights. We are trying to keep this a private page and advance the program further and for you to use the program easier. Everything is a work in progress..

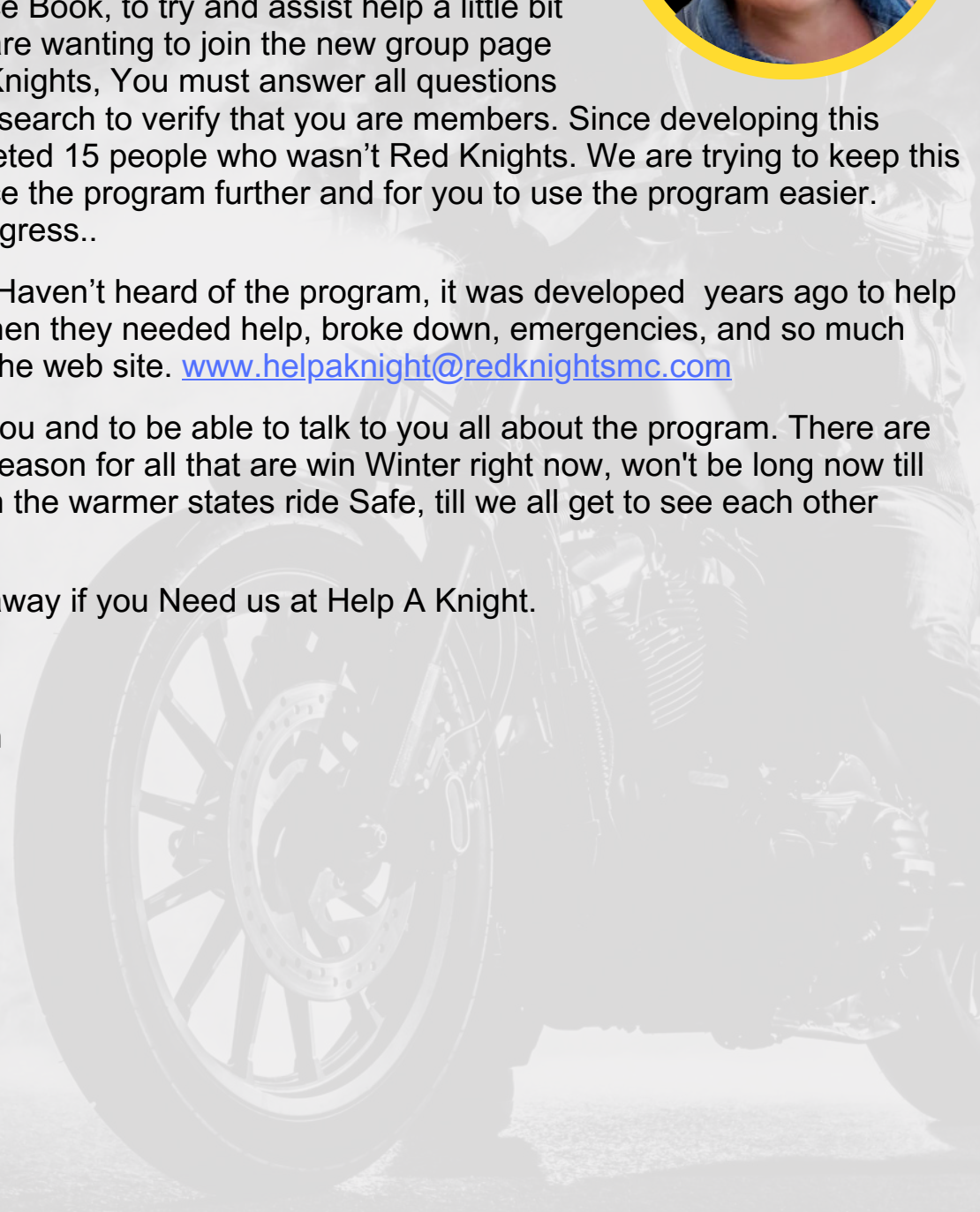


For all new Members that Haven't heard of the program, it was developed years ago to help our Fellow Red Knights when they needed help, broke down, emergencies, and so much more, You can find us on the web site. [www.helpaknight@redknightsmc.com](mailto:www.helpaknight@redknightsmc.com)

I look forward to meeting you and to be able to talk to you all about the program. There are 68 days till Spring, riding season for all that are win Winter right now, won't be long now till we can ride, to all others in the warmer states ride Safe, till we all get to see each other soon...

We are only a text or call away if you Need us at Help A Knight.

Loyal to Our Duty,  
Trudy Rutkowski  
Help A Knight Chairperson



# 2025 END OF YEAR REPORTS

## HISTORICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIR – JOSEPH HOPKINS

Happy New Year to all my Red Knight Brothers and Sisters,

This past year, Stefan Streif, Leo Patry and I have been busy gathering surveys, photos, etc. of the history of many of our Canadian, European, Pacific Rim and United States chapters. It has been an enjoyable endeavor hearing about the startup of chapters, and their chapter's involvement with their community and Red Knight activities. But it has also been somewhat of a daunting endeavor trying to reach out to so many chapters. I want to thank Stefan and Leo for all their hard work on this endeavor, and I want to thank all of those chapters who have completed their surveys.



I want to encourage those chapters that have not had the opportunity to complete their survey to please do so, so all chapters in this organization can be included in its history. If you did not receive the survey, please contact Leo Patry if you are a Canadian Chapter, Stefan Streif if you are a European Chapter, and all other chapters please contact me at [Historian@RedKnightsMC.com](mailto:Historian@RedKnightsMC.com). If you prefer to download the history of your chapter with photos, etc. onto a thumb drive, please contact me at the above email address and I will send you options on how to get that thumb drive to me.

You can also use the above email address to contact me with any comments, suggestions, ideas, etc. on this project.

Looking forward to hearing from many more chapters this year.

Wishing you all a safe and exciting riding season this year!

Fraternally,  
Joe Hopkins  
Historical Research Committee Chair



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## IT COMMITTEE CHAIR – DON BRANDT

We continued the replacement project of laptops for the Board to replace aging technology. We have also updated the Microsoft licensing that the board is using this year.

A new item that has been in the works this past year is the implementation of ASSIGN Operations. Assign has been rolled out to Regions 7 and 8. Region 6 and 5 will soon follow in early 2026. I have included an article by Rasmus Lillemose (Denmark 2) detailing the functions and importance of ASSIGN Operation to the Red Knights.



Respectfully submitted:

Don Brandt  
RKMC IT Committee  
Chapter Member PA11, AL13, NJ19

### **ASSIGN Operations Comes to Red Knights MC**

Structured Operations, Shared Awareness, Stronger Coordination  
By: Rasmus “Wild Patch” Lillemose, Denmark 2

Red Knights MC is taking an important step toward more structured and transparent operational coordination. ASSIGN Operations is now being introduced across the organization, already rolled out within Region 8 and Region 7, with 2275 members - followed by Region 6 and Region 5 in February 2026, and thereafter approximately one region per month until all regions are onboard.

This rollout is not about changing who we are, it is about strengthening how we coordinate, communicate, and operate when we ride, plan, escort, or support others. ASSIGN Operations is already widely used by emergency services and operational organizations. Now, it is being adapted to support the way Red Knights MC works in practice.

### **What Is ASSIGN Operations?**

ASSIGN Operations is an operational management system designed to handle daily operations, coordinated activities, and complex events involving multiple units, people, and resources. The system structures operational work around core elements such as personnel, units, tasks, locations, and timelines, creating a shared operational overview in real time.

Rather than relying on fragmented communication channels, personal notes, or informal coordination, ASSIGN Operations provides a single operational platform where information is structured, updated, and accessible to those who need it.

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### **Proven Use in Emergency and Operational Organizations**

ASSIGN Operations is used extensively by emergency services and preparedness organizations to manage daily readiness and active operations. In these environments, the system supports:

- Allocation and tracking of units and personnel
- Resource and vehicle overview
- Operational documentation and traceability
- Shared situational awareness across command levels

A key technical principle is role-based visibility. Users only see information relevant to their role, ensuring clarity even in complex operations. This reduces cognitive load and allows users to focus on execution rather than information management.

Another core strength is transparency. Changes in status, task completion, and resource availability are visible in real time, creating a common operational picture and supporting informed decision-making.

### **Structured Operations Without Losing Flexibility**

ASSIGN Operations does not enforce rigid workflows. Instead, it provides a structured framework that supports both planned activities and dynamic situations. Tasks and roles can be predefined, adjusted, and reassigned as conditions change—without losing overview or control.

Documentation is handled as part of normal operations. Actions and decisions are logged automatically, reducing administrative effort and ensuring accurate records without extra work for the user.

### **How Red Knights MC Benefits from ASSIGN Operations**

For Red Knights MC, ASSIGN Operations supports activities such as escorts, events, coordinated rides, charitable missions, and support operations, especially when these involve multiple chapters or regions.

Operations can be planned with:

- Clearly defined roles and responsibilities
- Task distribution across members and units
- Route and timing coordination
- Real-time status updates during execution

Leadership gains a clear overview of participation, progress, and potential issues, while individual members receive clear instructions relevant to their role.



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When cooperating with emergency services or public authorities, ASSIGN Operations provides a professional and familiar operational structure. This improves coordination, safety, and mutual understanding, as the system aligns closely with how emergency services already operate.

### **A Gradual and Controlled Rollout**

The phased rollout ensures that each region has time to become familiar with the system before the next joins. Starting with Regions 8 and 7, followed by Regions 6 and 5 in February, ASSIGN Operations will be introduced steadily across all regions.

This approach allows training, feedback, and adaptation to happen organically, ensuring the system supports Red Knights MC in practice, not just in theory.

### **Looking Ahead**

ASSIGN Operations is a tool that turns coordination into structure and complexity into clarity. For Red Knights MC, it strengthens operational capability without changing the spirit of the organization. Members remain volunteers, rides remain rides, but coordination becomes clearer, safer, and more transparent.

As more regions come online, ASSIGN Operations will become a shared operational foundation across Red Knights MC, supporting both independence at chapter level and strong coordination at regional and national scale.

### **Do you want to learn more?**

ASSIGN have allocated a Red Knight MC focused video page, for a variant of instructions on the system.

Go to: <https://rkmc-video.assign.ordergroup.dk/>

Or scan the QR code



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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR – THOMAS L. CAISSE

First Happy New Years to all. It is between Christmas and New Years that I am drafting this report in hopes of bringing everyone up to date on what the committee has been doing this past year. The committee currently has four members: me (Massachusetts 4), Thomas Delboi (Switzerland 4), Dave Emery (Vermont 2), and recently appointed Hardy Clemens (Australia 22). We did not have any contested races for the positions up for election or Special Elections (to fill a vacancy) in 2025. We did respond to requests for information and processed incumbent officers running for re-election to ensure continued compliance and eligibility. There was one open position for Regional Director in Region 5, which was filled without a challenge.



In addition to the above activities the committee provided updated election materials as well as Candidate (Nominee) profiles for posting on the international website. I represented the committee at the Annual Business Meeting held at the 2025 Convention and the 2025 Fall International Board of Directors Meeting (via Zoom). The committee held a formal meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> to establish proposed goals and objectives for the 2026 election cycle. Minutes of the meeting were provided to the International Board of Directors for review. There were several ad hoc meetings, and informal exchanges/communications throughout the year.

One of the objectives approved by the International Board of Directors was to modernize the Nominee Profile to be available for the January 1<sup>st</sup> start of the 2026 election cycle. This was accomplished ahead of schedule and has been available as a downloadable file on the International webpage since late November. The Board also supported the request to add a member to expand geographic representation of the committee. The committee has also been engaged in the process of reviewing consistency of various sections of documents governing the activities of the committee and the overall election process.

I would like to conclude with a thank you to the committee members and for the support and guidance of the International Board of Directors.

Best wishes for a safe and happy 2026, keep the rubber side down!

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom



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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR – THOMAS L. CAISSE

### Participating in the International Election Process

The election process is defined by three groups of stake holders having distinct responsibilities. The first are those who wish to be placed on the ballot as a candidate. The second are those who provide the nominations for the potential candidate for a specific position, and the third are the Chapters and Members-at-Large (MAL's) who cast the actual votes to elect the candidate. The common thread through all three groups is the requirement to be in Good Standing to participate in the process and understand the election timeline as published annually on the International website.

For those interested in seeking a position on the International Board of Directors (IBOD), it is suggested that they be intimately familiar with International By-Law section **ARTICLE III: INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENT** to understand the roles and responsibilities of the position they are seeking and the potential time commitment. It is also suggested that they review International By-Law **Section 3:02 Qualification and Election** to ensure that they meet all of the qualifications to be nominated. A point frequently overlooked in **Section 3:02** is that it's more stringent than any of the other qualification's in that not only must the nominee be an "Active Member" and have served in specific officer roles in their Chapter or Association, but they must also be or have been assigned to firefighting duties. A crucial step is submitting the Nominee Profile to the Nominating Committee and obtaining the required nominations. The Nominating Committee review process starts once the completed Nominee Profile document, and 2 qualifying nominations have been received by the committee.

The expectation for those submitting a nomination is that as the President or Vice President of their Chapter they are nominating an individual at the will of that Chapter. Those submitting a nomination should be familiar with the requirements for nomination, confirm that the individual being nominated meets qualification requirements, and verify that the individual is interested in being placed on the ballot for that position. The first two nominations found to meet requirements will be the official nominations and will appear in the Nominee Profile for that candidate on the International webpage.

Once nominations have been closed, the International Treasurer provides the Nominating Committee with an authoritative list of Chapters and MAL's that are eligible to vote in the upcoming election. In order to be eligible Chapters and MAL's must be in Good Standing at the time that Nominations are closed in order to initiate the process with the third-party vendor administering the electronic voting. Eligible Chapters will receive their ballot from the third-party vendor via their official Red Knights email address. Eligible MAL's will receive their ballot from the third-party vendor via the most recent email address on file. Voting instructions are provided in the cover email and ballot document.

Special elections to fill midterm vacancies follow a similar process flow as above but on a compressed timeline.

Hopefully, this has been informative and provides some additional insight into the process. If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact the Nominating Committee at:

[Nominations@Redknightsmc.com](mailto:Nominations@Redknightsmc.com).

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Dixie Rally**  
Aberdeen, MD,  
USA



**Yankee Rally**  
Geneva, NY,  
USA



**Western Rally**  
High River, AB,  
Canada



**Atlantic Rally**  
Truro, NS,  
Canada



**International Convention**  
Melbourne, VIC,  
Australia



**Bootlegger Rally**  
Champion, PA,  
USA



**EuCon**  
Fußach, Austria



**Scooter Stampede**  
Copperas Cove,  
TX, USA



**Knights of the Roundtable**  
TBD - North  
Georgia, USA



# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 1 – REPORTER: JAMES VOSS

## Upcoming Yankee Rallies

- **2026 Yankee Rally** will be hosted by NH-30 In the Finger Lakes, Geneva, NY
- **2027 Yankee Rally** will be hosted by CT-2 Mystic Seaport, CT

## Massachusetts 2

### Robert Laford Receives 2025 Perry Carter Award

Robert Laford of Massachusetts Chapter 2 was awarded the 2025 Perry Carter Award at the convention in Peoria, IL back in August.

Bob is a 37-year member of the Red Knights and has served under many hats within our organization. He is currently Treasurer with his chapter, having served on its E-Board for nearly 30 years. Along with Treasurer, he has also served as Vice-President and a ten-year stint as Chapter President.

Bob has also served as Massachusetts Assistant State Rep and has served at the International level as Newsletter Editor and webmaster (10 years), and Help-Knight Director (16 years).

A fourth-generation firefighter, Bob was a career firefighter for 15 years with the Orange (MA) fire department where he attained the rank of Captain and also served 28 years in his hometown of Petersham (MA) retiring as Deputy Chief. Bob served 25 years at the University of Massachusetts, retiring recently as Assistant Director of Emergency Management. He continues to support his community serving in an emergency management role.

When a surprised Bob Laford came to the stage at the convention, he told us that it was an honor to be called for this award, both because it was from the members and also, that he knew Perry and worked with him on several projects, including developing the current version of the shoulder patch.

Bob told us that out of the seven or eight members that joined the Red Knights the night a group of MA-2 members came to his fire station, he is the only member of that group that still belongs to the club. He said that he learned what they must not have, that the Red Knights are a very special family.

Congratulations, Bob!





# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 1 – REPORTER: JAMES VOSS

## Massachusetts 2

### Donation to On-Site Academy

Members of Massachusetts Chapter 2 held their summer meeting and family cookout at the On-Site Academy at the Windy Hill Farm in Westminister, MA. The On-Site Academy is a nationally recognized facility that provides training and treatment of emergency personnel (Firefighters, Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Personnel, Military Personnel, and other first responders) working on critical incident stress and/or substance abuse issues.

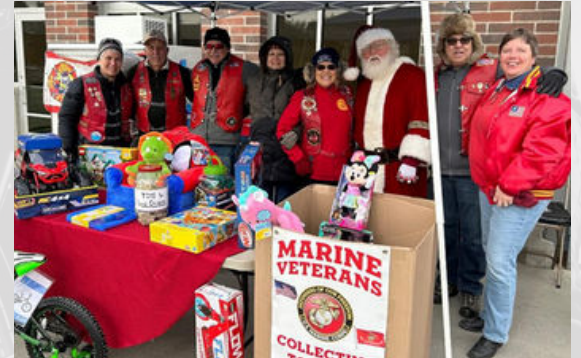


MA-2 made a cash donation to On-Site Academy with the proceeds from their 50-50 raffles.

A Red Knights Mass Chapter 2 brick is in place at the On-Site Academy's memorial walk.

### Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Donations

MA-2 had a great day supporting the local Marine Corps Toys for Tots tent at the Orange, MA Walmart with MA-2 members taking shifts throughout the day. They filled four trucks with toys! Thank you to the generosity of our members and the citizens of Athol and Orange area.



## New Hampshire 1

### Making Donations

Members of Red Knights NH chapter 1 have been very active in saving aluminum can tabs. Kathy, Rich and Blue had the honor and donated 15 lbs to Bektash Shriners in Concord NH. Lloyd Doughty completed the experience by explaining how the whole process works. NH-1 challenges to our members to do more next year.



NH-1 also donated forty (40), \$25.00 dollar Market Basket gift cards (\$1000) to the Kingston NH food pantry. The food pantry is available to Kingston Residents and operates through generous donations from the residents and businesses who support the community. Food bank Director Jennifer Day received the gift cards from Richard P and Blue K. and stated she was very excited to receive the donation.



# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 1 – REPORTER: JAMES VOSS

## New Hampshire 1 and 5

### Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots

NH-1 and NH-5 contributed their successes to the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots drop off at the Newton NH Fire station. The Fire Chief is the Vice President of Chapter 5 and always includes horseback rides for the kids and plenty of treats. NH 5 President Steve Pelechowicz from Danville presented a check from Danville's Fire Departments Auxiliary. Santa was compliments of Kingston Fire Dept.



NH-1 Red Knights noted they went shopping for Toys for Tots. They said it was so much fun. They divided. The girls went shopping for girls and the boys went shopping for boys. BONUS.... IHop for breakfast afterwards! Continued with more fun and laughs. A great weekend with Red Knight brother and sister's.

## New Hampshire 5

### SIG Sauer Raffle Winner

Chapter 5 raises funds and offers raffles to support their annual Firefighter Science Scholarship. One of the contributors was Sig-Sauer firearms experience Center one year membership valued at \$749.00. The membership was presented to Carl Goodwin of Kingston, NH. Carl is the owner/operator of KINGSTAR Custom Cycles specializing in American motorcycle parts and accessories and is no stranger to many NH-5 motorcyclists. Thank you, Carl for supporting our raffle and our Firefighter science scholarship program.



### Christmas Celebrations

NH-5 gathered for their annual end of the year Christmas party at the Hungry Traveler. Lots of laughs, stories and plans for the riding season coming up. Always looking for new members. Looking strong everyone!



# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 1 – REPORTER: JAMES VOSS

## New York 26

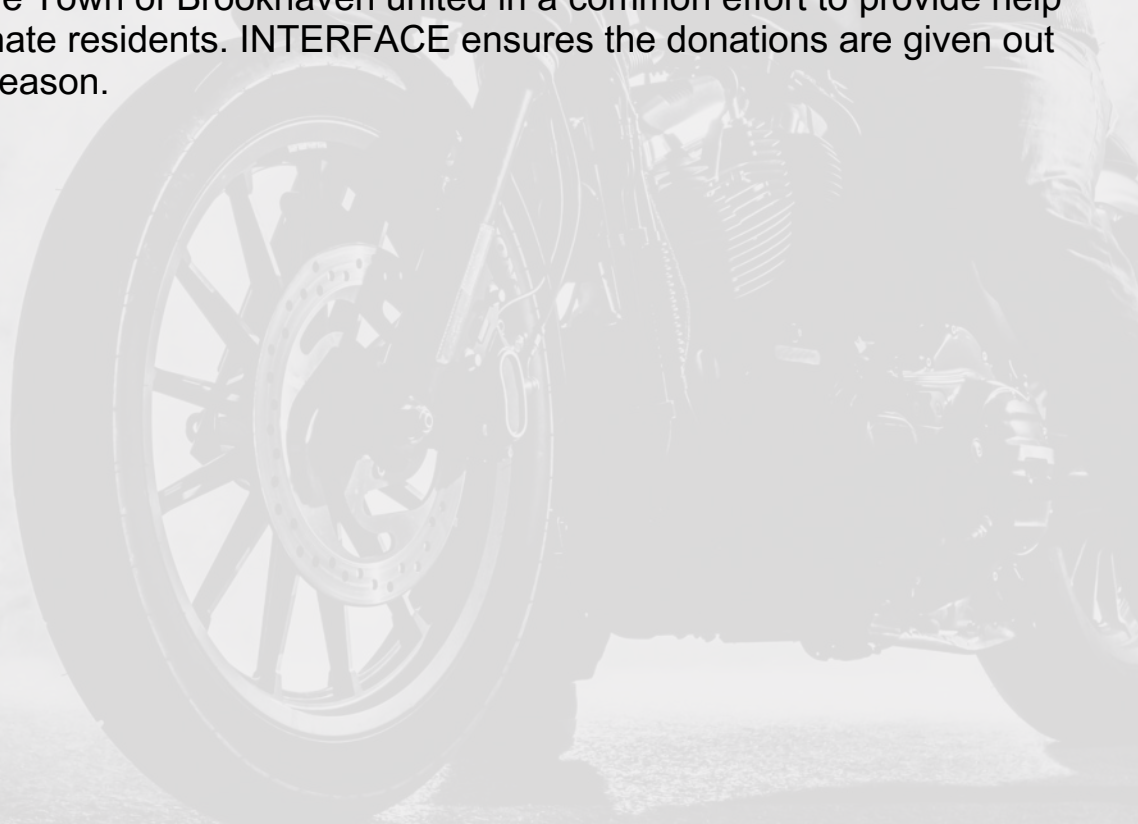
### NY-26 Hosts its annual Teddy Bear Run

This was the 19<sup>th</sup> year for the Teddy Bear run. It started back then with 15-18 motorcycles. It has grown every year and we had 300 motorcycles this year. Led by President Jim Brown, this event is a team effort with all the members of the noted New York Chapters. The ride was fully escorted by The Town of Brookhaven Public Safety and directed by NH26 Road

Captain Brian Stone. All intersections were blocked by Suffolk County Police and the local Fire Department personnel. The successful ride ended at Painters Restaurant where lunch was served. All the hundreds of Teddy bears and toys brought by the riders were donated to The Town of Brookhaven Interface. INTERFACE is a partnership between citizens, good corporate neighbors and the Town of Brookhaven united in a common effort to provide help to Brookhaven's less fortunate residents. INTERFACE ensures the donations are given out to kids during the holiday season.



*All 4 Long Island Chapters: 26, 25, 20 & 43*





# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 2 – REPORTER: GLENN GILES

## Ontario 1

### Annual Camp BUCKO Ride

Each year, Ontario 1 does a ride to support the children that are going to Camp BUCKO, Ontario's only Burn Camp. This year, it was a hot day and a long ride, but seeing the smiles and hearing the laughter made it worth it for the Ontario 1 members who attended.

The kids always look forward to seeing and hearing the motorcycles and the Camp BUCKO organizers are grateful for the Ontario 1 members that come out every year to start the camper's week off on a high note!





# REGIONAL NEWS

**REGION 3 – REPORTER: JIM GARNER**

## **Pennsylvania 39**

### **Annual Spring Fling**

This fundraiser in April helps raise monies for our Suicide Awareness Ride that we hold in September and has become a great way to pull the community together and involve those who don't ride along with all the area clubs. We have an awesome band perform, several raffles, a great hot dog bar and a lot of dancing!



### **Mental Health Awareness Night at Curve Baseball Game**



We participated in the Mental Health Awareness Night at the Curve baseball game. We joined many other local businesses to connect with the community and share what our club does to help provide funds to local organizations that have the resources to provide mental health, suicide prevention and awareness to those in need.

### **Take Back the Night Against Crime**

PA39 participated in Take Back the Night Against Crime. Having a presence in our community and talking to attendees has been a great way to speak about the Red Knights, who we are and what we do.



### **Donation to Adam Zook Memorial Foundation**



PA39 Presented the Adam Zook Memorial Foundation with a donation of \$3131.00 from our 7th Annual Suicide Awareness Ride. After the presentation our club members led, followed, cheered on and helped block intersections to keep all the runners safe as they ran a 5k and 9.88.



# REGIONAL NEWS

**REGION 3 – REPORTER: JIM GARNER**

## **Pennsylvania 39**

### **7th Annual Suicide Awareness Ride**

What a beautiful day to ride 110 miles and we were blessed to have 118 registered and 82 bikes! We had three stops along the way and upon returning we were feed an incredible meal prepared and donated by our local fire station. Everyone was extremely generous and we had great support from the local clubs, riders, businesses, fire stations and volunteers and PA39 raised a TOTAL OF \$6,263.00 - THIS WAS ANOTHER AMAZING DONATION! All proceeds are split and go to the Blair Co Suicide Prevention Taskforce AND The Adam Zook Memorial Foundation.



### **Kickstands and Kandy**

PA39 loves participating in the annual Kickstands and Kandy event held at our local Roundhouse Harley dealership. We join several other clubs and organizations to some Halloween fun and candy to the kiddos and their families. AND of course we go alllll out with our set up! Fire truck and all!



### **Donation to Blair County Suicide Prevention Taskforce**



PA39 Donation presentation to the Blair County Suicide Prevention Taskforce for \$3131.00 from our 7th Annual Suicide Awareness Ride. We had the opportunity to hear from Lindsay who is with the Taskforce and she was very informative about the services they provide and what our yearly donation helps with.



# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 3 – REPORTER: JIM GARNER

## Pennsylvania 39

### Breakfast with Santa

We attended the Breakfast with Santa event at Geeseytown fire station. Several of our members belong to this fire station and they did an outstanding job at this annual community outreach. 100+ children were thrilled to see Santa! **Mr. and Mrs. Claus are both members of PA39!**



### Throwing Axes!



Our Winter 2025 club activity was Throwing Axes! We had so much fun!

### That's not all!

The President of PA39 is proud to add that not only did they accomplished all of these 10 events/functions/rides that are shared above, but they also managed to attended many other local clubs rides/social events and their own journeys in the wind.



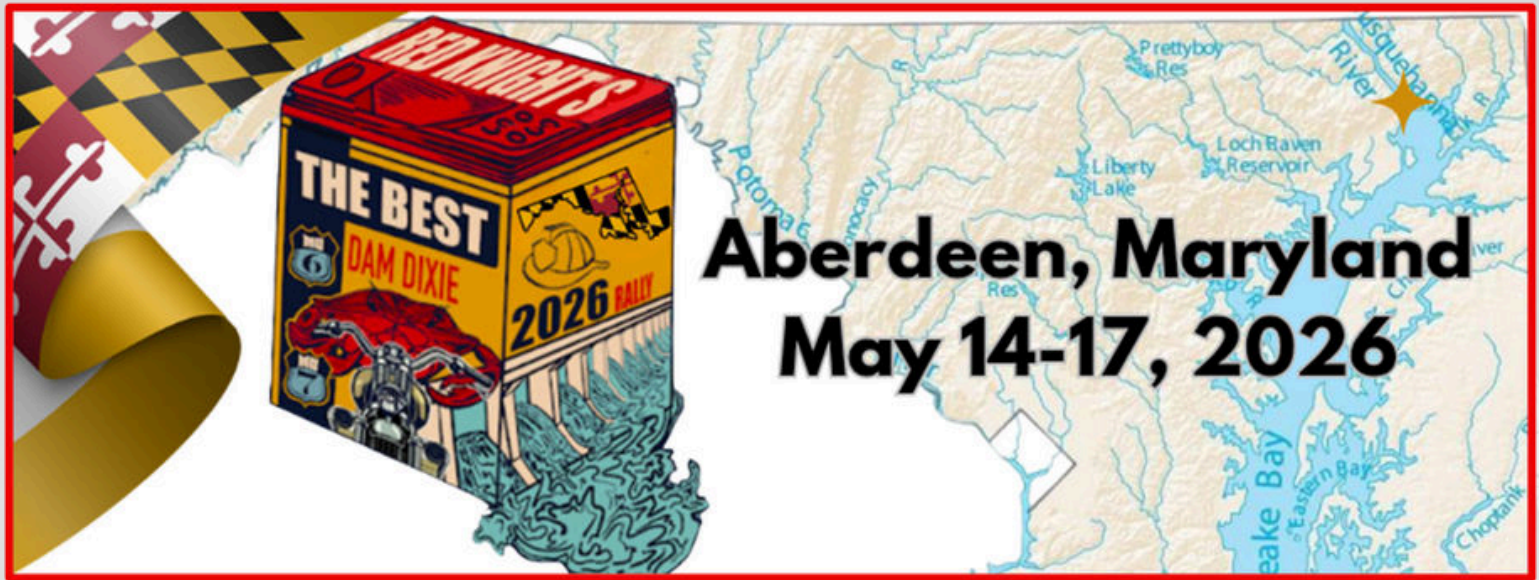
*Region 3 at the 2025 International Convention*



# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 4 – REPORTERS: ALAN AND DIANE BILLINGS

## Dixie Rally 26: Where the Region Comes Together



There's something electric that happens when Red Knights from across the region roll into one place. Engines rumble in harmony, old friendships pick up right where they left off, and new ones form before the kickstands even hit the ground. **That's the magic of the Dixie Rally—and Dixie Rally 26 is shaping up to be one you won't want to miss. In fact, some might say it's the Best Dam Dixie.**

The Dixie Rally has always been more than a destination. It's a reunion. A celebration of the brotherhood and sisterhood that binds us together—firefighters, riders, families, and friends—sharing stories, laughs, and miles. Whether this is your first rally or your twentieth, the feeling is the same: you belong here.

Expect days filled with great rides, regional pride, and that unmistakable rally energy that only happens when Red Knights gather in force. Evenings bring camaraderie, conversation, and the kind of fellowship that reminds us why we ride and why we show up for one another, year after year.

Dixie Rally 26 is your chance to reconnect with members you haven't seen since last season, finally put faces to names you know from patches and posts, and strengthen the bonds that make this region special. It's also the perfect rally to introduce newer members to what the Red Knights are all about—community, commitment, and shared passion.

Registration is open, and the road is calling. Make plans now to be part of the sights, the sounds, and the spirit of RKMC Dixie Rally 26. When the region gathers, memories are made—and this one promises to be unforgettable.

Register early. Ride in strong. We'll see you at Dixie. 🏍️🔥

You can register here: <https://bestdamdixie26.my.canva.site/>



# REGIONAL NEWS

## REGION 4 – REPORTERS: ALAN AND DIANE BILLINGS

### Steve “Biz” Bisbee Running for Regional Director

Dear Red Knight Family,

First, I am honored to be part of the RKIMC family and proud to share that I am running for region 4 Director.

My Red Knights journey began in 2008 when I joined New Jersey 5. Prior to that, I was a longtime member of the Hampton Rescue Squad, starting in the early 1990s. For those who know me well—yes, I was an EMT, provided patient care, and truly loved it. After relocating to Lebanon Township, New Jersey in 2004, I joined the Lebanon Township Fire Company and served as an Engineer.

In 2010, my family and I relocated to Galena, Maryland. I joined Maryland 7, where I became Quartermaster and continue to serve in that role today. I also joined the Galena Volunteer Fire Company, where I have been fortunate to serve in many capacities, including Lieutenant, Engineer, Chief Engineer, Director, and—one of my favorite roles—Company President, a position I have held since 2020. Currently, I also serve as President and County Liaison for Life Insurance and LOSAP. I have a strong passion for helping those who need it most.

In 2022, I became the Maryland State Representative and quickly found a deeper passion for this organization. Over my 17 years with the Red Knights, I have attended numerous Dixie, Yankee, and Bootlegger rallies, conventions, state picnics, and other events. Through these experiences, my Red Knight family has grown, and I am proud to call many members from around the world friends.

While I have many passions—riding when the weather is above freezing and hunting when it is below—my greatest passion is family. One of my proudest and most joyful moments was holding my grandson, Leader, for the first time.

As a candidate for region 4 Director, I am excited about the opportunity to strengthen our region through open communication and meaningful connections. I plan to attend events, meet as many members as possible, and hear what matters most to you. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me, I am always available to talk.

Thank you for your time, support, and consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve “Biz” Bisbee

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“Loyal to Our Duty”





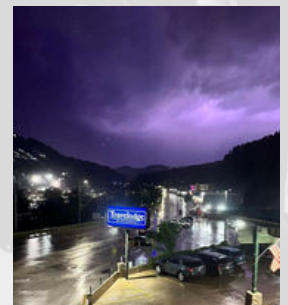
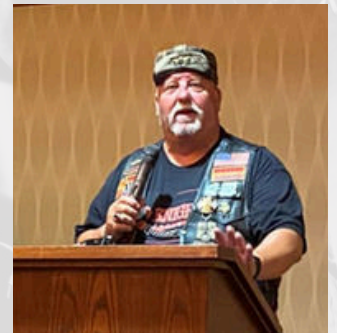
# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 5 – REPORTERS: ASHLEY MARTIN AND JEN ZENKER

## 2025 Western Rally

SD1 kept themselves busy this year, hosting the Western Rally for 2025 in Deadwood, SD. Your Region 5 reporters were both there and tried to meet as many of you as we could! We had the official announcement of Joel “Hambone” Nelson as the next Region 5 Director and had a chance to give our thanks to Lance Coit for his time spent in the role. Dinner at the Deadwood Fire Hall, a trip to see Crazy Horse, some absolutely beautiful scenery, a banquet where the 2026 Western location and details were announced, friendships renewed and new friendships created...We couldn't have asked for a better weekend!

A Huge THANK YOU to the Deadwood, South Dakota Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the Western Rally attendees for dinner and for all of the work put into the entire event by RKMC SD1!





# REGIONAL NEWS

**REGION 5 – REPORTERS: ASHLEY MARTIN AND JEN ZENKER**

## Alberta 11

### “Z” for Zap

Wisely, Alberta 11 collected their Alphabet Patch “Z” in Zap, North Dakota on their way home from the 2025 Western Rally.



## Manitoba 1

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Rolling Barrage

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Manitoba 1 participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Rolling Barrage. The Rolling Barrage is a yearly coast to coast motorcycle ride across Canada. It's a 19-21 day motorcycle journey that takes the riders through the stunning landscapes of Canada. Experience the refreshing ocean breezes along the East Coast, the breathtaking sights of the Maritimes, the majestic St. Lawrence, the serene beauty of Northern Ontario, the vast prairies, and the magnificent mountains of Alberta and British Columbia.



This is a fundraiser for Military, Fire Fighters, EMS; creating awareness & raising funds that assist other Non Profits and Charities with their efforts in mental health for Veterans and the First Responder community.

MB1's group of Red Knights rode out to meet them as they ride from the east coast to the west coast. They were able to ride with the crew from east Manitoba to west of Manitoba.

### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Manitoba 1 is celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their chapter in 2026!!!! Happy anniversary!



# REGIONAL NEWS

## REGION 5 – REPORTERS: ASHLEY MARTIN AND JEN ZENKER

### Minnesota 2

#### Growing a Chapter

Congrats to MN2 as they welcome New President Elmo Swedberg! The existing members, new, and prospective members all got together to meet and get to know each other. MN2 has a goal of building their chapter this year, and we are sure they will be great!



### Minnesota 4

#### 2025 Western Rally, Deadwood South Dakota

Multiple members of MN4 left home a week before the 2025 Western Rally started to explore Montana and Wyoming! Here they are while riding Beartooth Pass!

MN4 had about 35 members attend Western Rally. While in town, Region 5 Director Joel “Hambone” Nelson, who is also a member of MN4 led a large group of MN4 and MN10 members through the twisties of the Black Hills. They hit the Iron Horse Road to see a great view of Mount Rushmore, took the Custer State Park Wildlife Loop where they saw some animals including a heard of Buffalo before heading back to Deadwood via Needles Hwy! During the banquet, MN4 announced that they would be hosting Western Rally in 2027! Stay tuned for details, which will be announced after the 2026 Western Rally in High River, Alberta, Canada.



Great times were had by all during the rally and the camaraderie was appreciated between multiple chapters. Thank you SD1 for hosting!

*Pictured to the right are MN4 and MN10 with Mount Rushmore in the background on Iron Horse Road!*



# REGIONAL NEWS

**REGION 5 – REPORTERS: ASHLEY MARTIN AND JEN ZENKER**

## Minnesota 4

### Patch Rides

Assistant Road Captain Elisha “Delish” Wolfman was at it again planning out our patch rides! This time she lead a group of members from MN4 and MN10 around MN and Wisconsin for the 12 Stations patch!



Along with the 12 Station Patch, we also had multiple members complete the Loyal to our Duty Ride! Congrats to the following members on completing this challenge! Lisa Vandermark, Joel “Hambone” Nelson, Shawn “Bunz” Thorud, Greg “MT” Hajny, Adam “Flash” Gordon, and Nate “Birdie” Zenker.

### 20th Anniversary Celebrations



We turned 20 this year!!! We hosted our 20 Year Anniversary Party in Mankato, MN this year where members were able to celebrate this great achievement with great food, drinks, games, and of course a good ride in there! Members from MN7, MN9, and MN10 also attended. Congrats to our Cornhole Champs Brent “Hangover” Hadoff and Adam “Flash” Gordon! Thank you Isiah “Wild Bill” Bladzick and committee for putting this together! This event will hopefully be turned into a yearly All MN Chapter get together!

### Congratulations, Elmo and Wynnona!

Congratulations to members Elmo and Wynnona Swedberg on their marriage! Many members of the chapter ventured up to McGregor, MN to celebrate the couple.



### Dinner Rides



Summer time means getting out to ride AS MUCH as possible! Members of MN4 all sign up to host a weekly dinner ride, where they can showcase their favorite local spot, enjoy each other's company and of course get out for a little scoot!



# REGIONAL NEWS

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## Minnesota 4

### 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Firefighters Fighting Cancer Benefit Ride

This year was MN4's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their Firefighter's Fighting Cancer benefit! Even though the weather hindered things, they were able to get in a great ride, silent and live auction, axe throwing, and enjoyed some live music throughout the day. It was a great success and they were able to help out 2 very special people in their community!



### International Convention

2025 International Convention was extra special for MN4, as our member Joel "Hambone" Nelson was sworn in as the new Region 5 Director! Joel was previously MN State Representative, and previous to that, was President of MN4 for many years. We feel so fortunate to have one of our own able to represent us at the highest level! Congrats Joel!

*Pictured to the right: Previous Region 5 Director Lance Coit (left) passing the torch to Joel (right)! Thank you for all you did for our Region Lance!*



### Holiday Party

MN4 rounded out the Holiday season with our annual Holiday Party! Lots of fun and games were had and we were able to recognize many 2025 achievements!



**David "Flem" Lloyd**  
2025 Rookie of the Year



**Elisha "Delish" Wolfman**  
2025 Red Knight of the Year  
2025 High Mileage (20,866 miles!)



**Shannon "ShaNon" Devine**  
2025 Red Knut of the Year



# REGIONAL NEWS

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### Minnesota 4

#### Upcoming in 2026

MN4 is looking forward to another busy year filled with rallies, rides, get togethers, and all kinds of different events. See below for the current 2026 list of events that is sure to be expanded as the year goes on!

- Donnie Smith Bike Show: 3/28-3/29
- RK Dixie Rally: 5/14-5/17
- RK Yankee Rally: 6/3-6/7
- Maranatha Blessing of the Bikes: 6/7
- RK Western Rally: 6/18-6/25
- MN All Chapter Get Together: 7/10-7/12
- MN4 Girls Ride Out: 7/16-7/19
- RK Atlantic Rally: 7/30-8/2
- Sturgis Rally: 8/7-8/16
- **MN4 16th Annual Firefighters Fighting Cancer Benefit: 8/29**
- RK International Convention: 8/18-8/23
- RK Bootlegger Rally: 9/3-9/6
- RK Scooter Stampede: 10/1-10/4

### Minnesota 10

#### The Building of a Chapter

MN X was formed the past year (March 2025). We are located out of Lindstrom, MN. Over the last year we worked on getting established, by-laws in place, and discussing the future and direction we want to take this new chapter in. This last fall we had a meeting and got our base set of by-laws in place and set up a solid foundation to be able to work off of in 2026. We did several rides together as a chapter and with other neighboring chapters. Shout out to our Road Captain Dylan Annis for working with other road captains to put together 3 RK patch rides. One of the big accomplishments we had besides our by-laws was getting our chapter logo finalized. This was a big lift but everyone helped with input and refining the design until we got to the final product. Huge shoutout to our Quartermaster Miranda Annis for helping with this and getting our chapter patches for our vests made.

In January 2026, we held our Q1 meeting to layout our mission as a chapter for the year, plan rides for the season, set future meeting dates, etc. We are looking forward to the upcoming year and opportunity that it brings our chapter!

T-Bag  
President, RKMN X





# REGIONAL NEWS

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## Adventure Awaits: 2 MN Red Knights take on the Founding Father's Challenge

*Written by Spencer "Titus" Hulburt*

From the moment Wild Bill (Isiah) and I heard of the Red Knight Founding Fathers Challenge Ride, we knew we were going to go for it. Originally, the idea was to wait a year. But the more we talked about it, we decided that the time was now.

We broke the trip into 4 legs. In May we covered 2600 miles in 5 days by hitting the Dixie Rally and our Florida boarder goal. A few weeks later took us east for what we agree was the hardest ride of our lives with hard rain for three days. Our trip was soggy, covering 3500 miles over 6 days, bringing us into Boylston to stay at Memorial Hall before turning North to Maine and taking an unexpected detour back home after running to the Canadian Boarder.

With half of our challenge behind us, we were excited for an easy third leg which took us for a relaxing three day trip west to Deadwood for the Western Rally in June. 1200 miles of riding included our picture at Mount Rushmore and time with our brothers and sisters.

September was our final run. Isiah planned an easy pace for us to wrap up our trip which covered 4,200 miles and 14 states over 8 days. We made a quick run to Washington before turning south to take two lane roads down to California. From there, all that we had left was our picture at the Four Corners Monument before making our way home.

On top of our big rides, we took short rides to the 2025 International Convention in Illinois and the Bootlegger Rally in Wisconsin. When everything was said and done, this challenge took us to 32 states, covered over 13,000 miles, and brought us countless memories meeting brothers and sisters from around the world. We highly encourage more members to look into the challenge and go for it!



*Spencer and Isiah are both members of MN4. Spencer is also the current President of MN9.*

- Spencer "Titus" Hulburt RKFFCR #18 (left)
- Isiah "Wild Bill" Bladzick RKFFCR #19 (right)



# REGIONAL NEWS

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## Washington 2

### A Ride to Remember

RKMC WA2 co-sponsored the benefit ride “A Ride to Remember” on 7/12 to support Battalion Chief Frank Harwood, Battalion Chief John Morrison, and Engineer David Tysdal, the firefighters ambushed on Canfield Mountain in Coeur d’Alene, ID, along with RKMC WA5 and the local

Knights of the Inferno chapter. The route went through both WA and ID. They had over 350 bikes and raised a lot of money that went directly to the families of the firefighters.



## Washington 2

### Annual Pool Party

In late July, WA2 held their annual pool party. (Hey, WA2, your regional reporters like BBQ and swimming too! Give us a shout for next year! 😊 J&A)



## Washington 2

### 5th Annual Ronald McDonald Supply Drive

In August, WA2 hosted their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Ronald McDonald supply drive to fill up a trailer of all the things RM House needs. They did a short ride and then stopped at Target, where they purchased needed supplies. In place of a registration fee, they asked people to purchase items from the provided list and place them in the trailer. Once the trailer was loaded, they then took it to the Ronald McDonald House.

Their ride even hit the local news: <https://tinyurl.com/RedKnightsKHQNBC>

They had over 80 bikes and over 13 clubs (Including RKMC WA5!) and independent riders representing. Way to go WA2!!! Such a cool thing to do! **See photos on next page.**



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## Washington 2

### 5th Annual Ronald McDonald Supply Drive - Photos



## Washington 2

### 3rd Annual 9/11 Memorial Ride

Next up was RKMC WA2's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 9/11 Memorial ride, co-hosted with the Combat Vets!

Post ride, in October, they had the privilege of donating over \$1600 towards Alli and Veronica's schooling expenses. They are both fire science students at SCC. This is Alli's second year as a recipient and she will graduate in the spring and Veronica's first year. WA2 is so proud of them and are there to support them through their journey of becoming fire fighters. Congratulations to all involved!





# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 6 – REPORTER: KIM REED

## Annual Scooter Stampede

We had our annual Scooter Stampede in Kerrville, TX on October 1-5, 2025.

Much fun and Good times was had by all. We had a rides done everyday during the Stampede. The famous Three Sisters ride, Luckenbach, Devil's Backbone and Kerrville -Bandera Ride. We had Brothers and Sisters come from other chapters visit. NJ33, NC22 MN MA2 and MA13 I am missing someone please forgive me.



## Multi-Chapter

### Beaumont Blue Santa Toy Run

November 29, 2025 Numerous chapters rode out to Beaumont for the annual Beaumont Blue Santa Toy Run.



## Texas 1 and Texas 7

### Fish Fry Ride

November 1, 2025 TX1 and TX7 rode out to to Austonio, TX Fire Department Annual Fish Fry. It was a chilly day but a good ride.





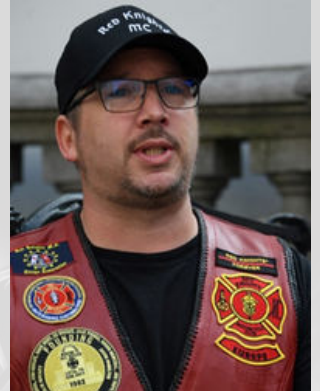
# REGIONAL NEWS

## REGION 7 – REPORTER: STEVE WILLIAMSON

### Reflections on 15 Years of Brotherhood and Change

**By Tom van der Kley, Regional Director, Region 7**

As I sit on a flight to Washington for the International Fall board meeting, I find myself reflecting on almost 15 years as a member of the RKMC and now four years as your Regional Director. It feels like the right moment to share a few thoughts and memories with you all.



#### The Beginning of a Journey

My journey began around 2010 or 2011 — I can't recall exactly — when I stumbled upon the International RKMC website by chance. What I read there resonated deeply, so I decided to give it a try. Together with a friend, I started as a Member at Large (MAL). After visiting several chapters and events, it quickly became clear that this was where I belonged.

Soon after joining, I was elected as the representative for all European MALs. It was an unexpected honor — and a big responsibility. I began working to give MALs across Europe a stronger voice within the club. It wasn't always easy; communication was often a challenge, and many members remained out of reach. Yet, I was fortunate to meet many passionate and dedicated brothers and sisters whose enthusiasm reminded me why this club means so much.

#### Growing with Responsibility

A few years later, I decided to run for European Treasurer — a role that allowed me to give something back to a community that had already given me so much. To my surprise, I was elected, and I had the chance to collaborate with a wide range of motivated (and sometimes less motivated) members across Europe.

Through that work, I became increasingly involved with the International Board, often helping as a translator. Language is more than words — it carries emotion and meaning — and bridging those gaps was both a challenge and an honor. Over time, my involvement deepened, friendships grew stronger, and one day I found myself nominated — and eventually elected — as Regional Director for Region 7.

Honestly, I was stunned. From MAL to RD7 — it was a journey I never could have imagined.

#### Four Years of Growth and Gratitude

Since then, I've had the privilege of meeting countless incredible people around the world. The RKMC has given me brothers and sisters on every continent. But I also remember the advice my predecessors gave me: one day, new ideas and fresh energy will be needed. While that day has not yet come, it's on the horizon. These next two years will be my last term as your RD7, and I'm confident that the next leader will continue the projects we've started — and bring new ones to life.



# REGIONAL NEWS

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## Reflections on 15 Years of Brotherhood and Change

By Tom van der Kley, Regional Director, Region 7

### A Message from the Heart

After nearly 15 years of active membership and service at almost every level of the club, I've seen our culture evolve — and not always for the better. What worries me most is a growing shift away from the true spirit of motorcycling, friendship, and respect. Too often, people seem more interested in how quickly they can earn a patch rather than what it means to wear one.

Our traditions, hierarchy, and bylaws are not burdens — they're the foundation of who we are. When those values are dismissed, we lose the very essence of our brotherhood.

If you're thinking of joining the RKMCA, ask yourself why. If it's just to wear a vest, make money, or play a part — maybe you're in it for the wrong reasons. Those who still cherish our values deserve the space to preserve them.

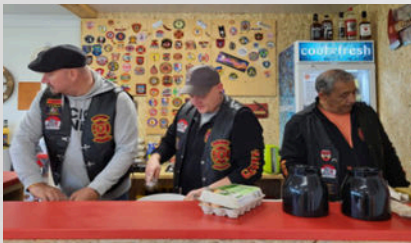
Because in the end, this club is — and should remain — about the road, the ride, and the brotherhood that unites us all.

## Austria 4

### The Opening of a New Clubhouse

It is always great news to hear about the opening of a Chapter's new Clubhouse. In August, Austria IV opened their new Clubhouse and were happy to receive Red Knights visitors from Switzerland, Germany and MALs to share in their joy and excitement.

Their friends from the Blue and Green Knights also visited to share in Austria IV's special day.





# REGIONAL NEWS

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## Belgium 2

### Raising Much Needed Money for Charity - CAR 't Veld vzw

After another hugely successful and enjoyable June Gathering of the Knights

hosted by Belgium 2 in June, they were able to hand over a cheque to [CAR 't Veld vzw](#) on behalf of their chapter, all Red Knights and sympathizers who participated in their Annual Gathering in June.

The Gathering's Saturday group ride took the riders to CAR 't Veld vzw where lunch was provided and any Red Knights wishing to do so was shown around the facility and was given an explanation about the work carried out there.



The charity that Belgium 2 is committed to provides care and assistance for children with special needs and the Chapter send a big Thank You to each and every one of you that attended their Gathering for allowing them to do their bit and by making their donation!

THANK YOU, Brothers and Sisters! In the name of the Hagrid board.

### WORDS WRITTEN BY BELGIUM 2'S CHARITY

\*Red Knights\* Knights for Charity,

On a beautiful summery 14th of June, more than 50 motorcycles drove through the parking lot of CAR 't Veld. The spectacle was admired with awe and admiration. It was the Red Knights Belgium II who took

a break from their motorcycle ride. And why a break in 't Veld? Because they chose to donate the proceeds from their annual event to CAR 't Veld, a centre where infants, toddlers, and children from primary school with developmental disabilities receive therapy.

On September 28, the beautiful proceeds of €1,250 were officially handed over to director Christophe Indigne and the team of therapists of 't Veld. This help from the Red Knights Belgium II, makes a big difference to the children of 't Veld. The center values innovation and wants to provide tailored work for every child. That means that new material is regularly needed to realize the best possible therapy.

And then... As soon as they arrived, the bikers drove back off. They leave behind grateful therapists and children. They are probably already on their way to new challenges to solve. Because that's how the Red Knights are now. Heroes on a motorcycle...

**This is what it means to the Charities that we all choose to support sw**



*Belgium 2's President, Koen 'Buba' Vanthuyne can be seen here handing over the cheque.*



# REGIONAL NEWS

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## England 2

### Making a 4<sup>th</sup> Donation to P.A.C.T. (Parents Association of Children with Tumours and Leukaemia)

A few years ago one of England 2's member's grandson was going through treatment for cancer and the family were helped greatly by this Charity. As the charity relies on donations to continue its work, England 2 decided that this charity was to be their chosen charity go forward.



This latest donation of £845 was handed over on 18<sup>th</sup> December and is England 2's fourth donation to the charity and it is their way of saying thank you to them for the support they gave to one of its members.

England 2's President, Steve Williamson called in to present the cheque to the charity whilst he was visiting a neighbouring hospital.

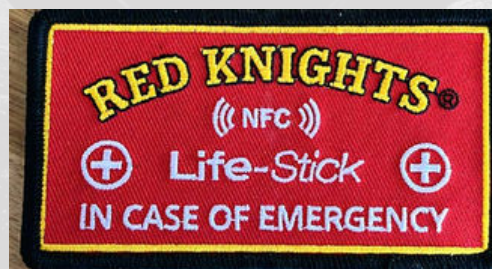
## France 9

### A Message From France 9 That Could Save Your Life

We have already told you in previous communications that as part of its actions for the practice of motorcycling safely, our Chapter supports LifeStick, an innovative passive safety device.

As a reminder, this system allows the emergency services to instantly access vital information about an accident victim, as well as their emergency contacts. When needed, LifeStick allows for faster and more efficient care, thus improving the responsiveness of medical teams and offering greater safety for motorcyclists.

We are happy to announce that as part of its partnership France Chapter IX has been able to develop a patch in the colours of RED KNIGHTS including the device, and for which we have been granted a TMLA.





# REGIONAL NEWS

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### France 9

#### A Message From France 9 That Could Save Your Life

We are not the designers of this technological innovation, so we have no economic interest in its dissemination. We wanted to support a system that we believe can be used in many areas (motorcycling, cycling, hiking, as well as for children or the elderly). The creation of the RKMC / **LifeStick** patch seemed natural to us in view of the values of our **MC** and our status as members of fire and rescue services.

**Promoting the safety of our members, arousing the interest of global emergency services is our goal!!**

For more information, please contact us:

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	Public price € excluding VAT	24,92 € excluding VAT
Quantity ordered	Discount in % off the retail price	Price € excluding VAT LifeStick Velcro patch
1 à 100	10 %	22,43 €
101 à 300	15 %	21,18 €
301 à 500	18 %	20,43 €
501 à 1000	20 %	19,94 €

### Germany - All Chapters

#### That was it.... the 2nd Germany Rally was a huge success!



From 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025 we met in the Harzlodge in Goslar.

This year the meeting was planned by the Red Knights Germany XII Südheide & the Red Knights MC Germany 23. In total, members from 17 chapters accepted the invitation.

Special thanks go to the Red Knights MC Germany 28 Bad Harzburg - Harz, who led us with 4 road captains and a great tour through their beautiful Harz 'living room'.

It was an entertaining weekend with many brothers, sisters..... friends. Thank you all for making the weekend an experience!





# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 7 – REPORTER: STEVE WILLIAMSON

## Germany 1

### Presenting Cheques to Two Charities

The Red Knights MC Germany 1 & the Yellow Knights MC Chapter III have jointly handed over €1,234.56 each to the Angelo Foundation and the Malteser Sigmaringen children's and youth hospice service.

The amount comes from our summer party, which the two Motorcycle Clubs organised together.

Afterwards we went on our Memorial Run in silent memory of our deceased brothers.



## Germany 3

### An Unforgettable Weekend

At the end of September our club grounds of Germany 3 turned into a very special place when the Camp Ground turned in to an event just for Red Knights.

On Friday, the first members had already begun to arrive, set up their night camps, cleared the fire station and provided a nice start to an unforgettable weekend.

It was an entertaining weekend with many brothers, sisters..... friends. Thank you all for making the weekend an experience!



Everyone was set for a few days off from everyday life, sleeping in the open air, surrounded by their bikes, staring at the stars - what more could you ask for?

After a good night's sleep members were woken early in the morning, but it was not the alarm that woke them up, but the smell of freshly fried bacon and onions and baking eggs on the grill.

During the day everything was about their passion for riding motorcycles and together they cruised over country roads, through small villages and along fields – the ride was superbly organized to ensure a safe and enjoyable time for everybody!





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## Germany 3

### An Unforgettable Weekend

Included in the weekend was a trip to the summer party of the Blue Knights Germany XXI - Thanks were given to them for their warm welcome and the great celebration!

And as if that wasn't enough, there were still special occasions to celebrate.

The weather? Perfect. The mood? Even better. The catering? Mega. The Weekend? Unforgettable! The reasons to celebrate didn't stop there, the Camp Ground had two additional highlights:

Their quartermaster Andy's birthday was celebrated and his life partner Tina was inducted into the Germany 3 chapter. Tina has been enriching our club life for some time - now she has found her permanent place with Germany 3 and the Red Knights as a social member – welcome!



## Germany 12

### Handing over a cheque to the Mellendorf Children's Nursing Home

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June Germany XII went with a delegation to the children's nursing home Mellendorf where they handed over their donation cheque of over 620€ this year to the children's nursing home Mellendorf.





# REGIONAL NEWS

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## Germany 12

### SÜDHEIDE CELEBRATE THEIR 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday November 22, 2025, we invited you to our 10 year party. Numerous chapters have followed the invitation. In the afternoon it started with a warm-up, mulled wine hot cocoa with a shot were available as well as a cake buffet. The fire brigade Oppershausen entertained us for 2 hours with their great music.



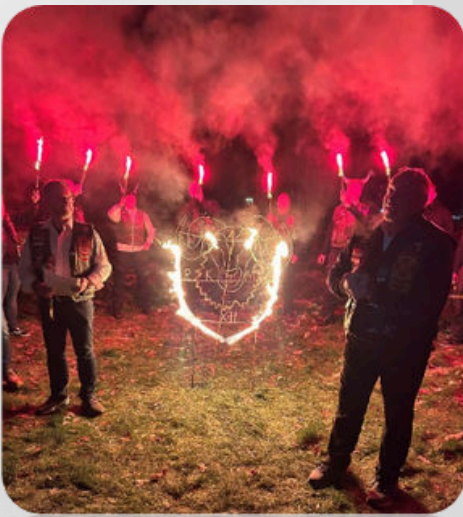
At 19:00 the official greeting was held by our prize Ralf. The food truck from [Oliver Premper](#) has entertained us with its super delicious food.



Highlight of the evening was the knighthood for our new chapter member Rolf, welcome. Later in the evening, Uwe, Jörg, Olaf and Jörn were honoured for 10 years of membership. At midnight we were still able to wish our Nicole a happy birthday.

We would like to take this opportunity and thank you for the many congratulations and gifts for our birthday.

We are proud to be a part of the Red Knights family.





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## Germany 19 and 30

### Germany Veterans Honor Ride



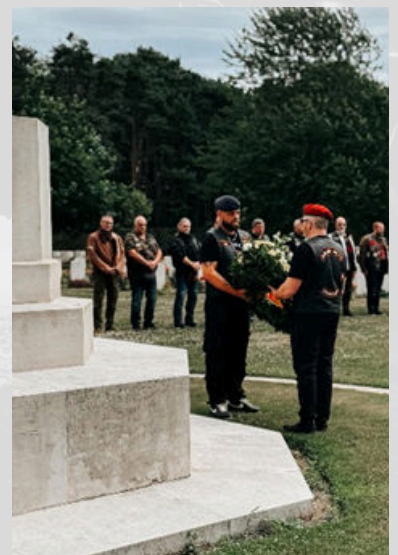
Veterans from Chapters Germany 19 and 30, accompanied by other members of the Red Knights MC, took part in the Army Vets MC Honor Run. The veterans of numerous motorcycle clubs commemorate the fallen of past and present wars and remember all those who are still serving.

The highlight of this year's run was the wreath-laying ceremony at the Rheinberg War Cemetery.

This weekend is all about community, solidarity and brotherhood.

A moment of remembrance. A sign of strength. A family on two wheels.

And of course there was plenty of time to celebrate afterwards!





# REGIONAL NEWS

## REGION 7 – REPORTER: STEVE WILLIAMSON

### Germany 34

#### Finally Handing Over a Donation to the Association Der Kakadu E.V

Germany 34's donation handover, originally planned for September 24<sup>th</sup>, had to be postponed due to a fire brigade operation was finally ceremoniously made on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Their donation of 600 euros came from proceeds of their foundation party raffle and was presented to the Solinger club Kakadu. Since many members of the chapter are active in the Solingen fire department, it was a special concern of the motorcycling firefighters to support a local organization.

This organization, "Kakadu e.V., has been doing valuable work for decades by enabling young people with disabilities to spend their free time in a meaningful and varied way. It was important to us to support an institution that makes a difference right here in Solingen," explained Chapter Vice President Carsten Lane.



It was also nice that so many of the Chapter there, unfortunately two senior members of our Chapter could not be there as they are on long-term vacation but those Germany 34 members that attended were all overwhelmed by the warmth of everyone present and the show of great joy that they were there, and of course also about the cheque.





# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 7 – REPORTER: STEVE WILLIAMSON

## Italy 1

### Journey to EUCON 2025

It was 2019, some of us had just joined the big Red Knights Family. Our first ride out, our first appearances at trade fairs, our first EUCON. We listened to your words, your instructions, your dreams. We remember very well when you said: "...guys, the European Board and many chapters are asking me if we can organize an EUCON in Florence. What do you think about?"

The responses came immediately: Are you crazy? Have you counted us? Where are we going to take them? With what money will use to organize?



Your answers were disarming. You found a solution to everything. You found an answer to everything. "Where shall we take them? Here! To Piazzale Michelangelo!!!"

Today, we are a group of 20 members of Italy1 and we have brought our 400 Brothers & Sisters come from all over Europe, the United States, and Canada, to the most

beautiful terrace in the world (excuse our modesty!!!). We are proud of what we have done, even though there will always be a big void in our hearts.

Many Brothers & Sisters took the opportunity to visit our country, some arrived a week early, some went back to home a week late and some didn't want to go back to home!?!

To be present, our Brothers & Sisters joined us by any means possible. Some have grown wings to travel across the Ocean and the Alps; others loaded their homes onto the roofs of their cars; the most daring crossed mountain passes on elephants; many travelled kilometres as true bikers.



However, the big Red Knights Family is not just a bikers' brotherhood, but also a spirit of belonging and duty that makes us unique in the world (Loyal To Our Duty). For this reason, we couldn't miss the opportunity to share this experience with the Florence Fire Department.





# REGIONAL NEWS

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### Romania 1

**We were invited. We were challenged. We won!**

Red Knights Romania 1, together with our comrades from Guerrilla MC Cluj, accepted an invitation issued by Green Knights Romania II MMC to take part in their paintball match.

The competition was fantastic and hard fought as all participants wanted to fly the flag of their Club as winners.

At the finish of the competition, first place was awarded to Romania 1 who accepted their trophy and said that “respect goes to everyone who was there”.

Brotherhood, adrenaline and honour - that's how it's done!

Croatia 1 promise to be back!



### Switzerland 2

**Helping the Children Dream with a Cheque to the Theodora Foundation**

Switzerland 2 held a charity ride in August in aid of the Theodora Foundation. The Theodora Foundation was created in 1993 with a mission: to **offer moments of laughter and escape to children in hospital or with disabilities**. To this end, the Foundation finances and organises weekly visits by professional artists, known as **Dream Doctors**, to hospitals and specialised institutions in Switzerland.

During each visit, the Dream Doctors open a window on the imagination through improvisations adapted to the child's means. They allow her to escape and find her world of laughter and games.





# REGIONAL NEWS

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## Switzerland 2

### Helping the Children Dream with a Cheque to the Theodora Foundation

The memories of this event are still very present in the memory of Switzerland 2 and make their President very proud.

Finally, after six weeks, at the children's hospital Aarau, they were able to hand over the cheque for more than 2124 Euros to the foundation.

David Utz from the Theodora Foundation and the two dream doctors Dr. Grunz and Dr. Gugus were happy and grateful for Switzerland 2's donation and about the great access to the foundation.

Switzerland 2 thanked [Stiftung Theodora](#) for their great moments and their tireless efforts.



## Region 7 Wedding Celebrations

### Germany 32's Road Captain Enjoys a June Wedding

On 31/5/25, Germany 32's Road Captain Flo married his Katharina in perfect weather.

We were there with a delegation to stand in the trellis and were able to celebrate with the bride and groom for a few nice hours afterwards.

We wish you all the best for the future



### Our Region 7 Director, Tom Van Der Kley, Gets Married



Tom Van Der Kley expresses his feeling on getting married to Stephana earlier this year.

"Since 02.05.2025 I am the happiest man of the world. My better half, my soulmate and my best friend and I decided to tighten our bond. Accompanied by our closest family we said yes to our future as Mrs and Mr Van der Kley.

Thank You all that made it the best, happiest and memorable day of our life"



# REGIONAL NEWS

**REGION 7 – REPORTER: STEVE WILLIAMSON**

## Region 7 Wedding Celebrations

### Germany 5 Celebrates the Marriage of Manuela and Markus

On the 19<sup>th</sup> On this Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July, it was finally time, our Markus and our Manu said yes to each other!

A very special moment that Germany V could not miss, of course - we were there with pride and joy to celebrate this unforgettable event with the two of them.

We wish the newlyweds all the happiness in the world for their journey together!



### Germany 23 Celebrates Kerstin & Olaf's Marriage



On Thursday, October 30, 2025, we travelled to Bruchhausen-Vilsen to form a guard of honour at the wedding of Kerstin and Olaf (both RKM Germany 23). We warmly congratulate them both on their marriage and wish them all the best for their life together.

### Germany 26 Announces the Marriage of Markus & Saskia

Markus & Saskia tie the knot!

Earlier in the year Germany XXIV had some very special news to share: Their brother Markus and his Saskia have said `YES` and tied the knot!

We congratulate them both from the bottom of our hearts and wish them many happy years together on their journey through life.





# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 7 – REPORTER: STEVE WILLIAMSON

## What's Happening in Europe in 2026?

**Winterparty**  
**07.02.2026**  
ab 17.00 Uhr



**RED KNIGHTS**  
**GERMANY VII**  
**Red Knights**  
**MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

im Clubhaus „Tannenhof“ 02736 Beiersdorf  
Übernachtung im Clubhaus möglich  
Anmeldung und weitere Details unter:  
0173/2018994

**15 JAHRE**  
**GERMANY VI**



**RED KNIGHTS**  
**MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

**ÜBERNACHTUNG**  
**30,- € PRO BETT**  
**UND NACHT**

1 EINZEL  
3 DOPPEL  
1 DREIER  
1 VIERER

**14,- € MATRATZENLAGER**  
(MAX. 20 PERSONEN)  
**WOHNMOBIL 7,50 €**  
**CAMPGROUND 3,-**

**RESERVIERUNG UNTER**  
SECRETARY@RED-KNIGHTS-GERMANY6.DE

**17.04.26 - 19.04.26**  
KOLPING-BEGEGNUNGSSTÄTTE, WIDAU 40, 46514 SCHERMBECK



**RED KNIGHTS MC**  
**GERMANY V**  
**CHAPTERPARTY**  
**22.05.2026 - 24.05.2026**  
**SSV SCHWEGENHEIM 1977 E.V.**  
**IM ROTT, 67365 SCHWEGENHEIM**

REGISTRATION SHOP



**RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS**  
**MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

**UK AND IRELAND**  
**MEET '26**

**8 - 10 MAY 2026**  
**ESSEX, ENGLAND**

HOSTED BY  
ENGLAND 4






# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 7 – REPORTER: STEVE WILLIAMSON

## What's Happening in Europe in 2026?



### KNIGHTS AT THE BEACH


## 15th Anniversary Red Knights Netherlands 1

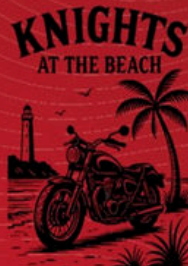
Dear friends, members and supporters,

It's time to celebrate 15 years of Red Knights Netherlands 1! What a special milestone, which we could not have achieved without your support. We kindly invite you to celebrate this anniversary with us from the 18th to the 20th of September 2026 in Ouddorp, by the beach.

It promises to be a weekend full of fun, memories and conviviality, where we reflect on the past years and look forward to the future. We hope to welcome you all for an unforgettable celebration! All chapters are welcome.

**Meal included**





### KNIGHTS AT THE BEACH

## OUDDORP


- **Friday September 18:** Festive opening at Hotel Duinzicht, Ouddorp
- **Saturday September 19:** Ride through the Dutch landscape, lunch and museum visit + Jubilee celebration in the evening
- **Sunday September 20:** Final ride if enough attendees

**Location:** Fletcher Hotel Duinzicht, Ouddorp.

**Registration:** From September 1, 2025 via the website/ application form.

**Please note:** full = full. We look forward to celebrating this anniversary with you!

Yours sincerely,  
The board of the Red Knights Netherlands 1





## RED KNIGHTS NETHERLANDS II

### EIFEL WEEKEND

## VRIJDAG 12 JUNI - ZONDAG 14 JUNI 2026\*

HI FLANDERS HOSTEL, RODTHER STRASSE 13, 4780 SANKT VITH, BELGIUM  
8 KM FROM THE GERMAN BORDER - 18 KM FROM THE LUXEMBOURG BORDER

INCL. DINNER FRIDAY, BREAKFAST SATURDAY, BBQ SATURDAY, BREAKFAST SUNDAY

BASED ON 1-PERSON ROOM 195 EURO PER PERSON  
BASED ON 2-PERSON ROOM 140 EURO PER PERSON  
BASED ON 4-PERSON ROOM 120 EURO PER PERSON

STAYING LONGER IS POSSIBLE AT AN ADDITIONAL COST\*

INTERESTED? SEND AN EMAIL TO: [QUARTERMASTER@REDKNIGHTSHOLLAND.NL](mailto:QUARTERMASTER@REDKNIGHTSHOLLAND.NL)





# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 8 AUS – REPORTER: JUDY TEUMA

## Australia 3

### Bunnings Christmas Event - Thursday 4 December. A big thank you!!!

Shout out to Bunnings for putting on a community event at many stores within the region which featured Santa, crafts, face-painting, entertainment (magic elves), free treats and sausage sizzle and other community stalls.

It was a great evening for Red Knights to be out there, along with other groups including the Police, Furies, SES, Men's Shed and many others. Thanks Bunnings Leopold!!! With your help, the Red Knights get to make regular donations to our charity, that being the Barwon Health Renal Dialysis Unit.

As we go into 2026, Australia 3 is always looking for any active, retired, volunteer furies to join our club. We are a family club that love to ride motorcycles and spread the safety of riding. There is nothing better than a coffee, so why not share the call. Who's on for a coffee or maybe just a ride with the wind in your face? We would all love to meet and greet you.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Regards

President and members of Australia 3 – Geelong/West Coast, Victoria

### Christmas Break-Up and Life Membership Presentation

Congratulations to 'Chucky' Charlie Vella awarded Life Membership of Red Knights Motorcycle Club - Australia 3 - Geelong/West Coast.

On Sunday, 30 November at one of our long-standing members' residences in Anakie (Pumpy's Place), we shared our Christmas Spirit with our Christmas break-up.

With a great turnout, we had our meeting and presentation with Charlie Vella being presented his life membership. 10 year membership badges were given to Alex Vella, Paul 'Pumpy' Moore and Andrew 'Roo' Knowless, and five year badges were given to Gary 'Barnesy' Barnes and Ron Marell, with new member David Jubb being welcomed to the Red Knights.





# REGIONAL NEWS

**REGION 8 AUS – REPORTER: JUDY TEUMA**

## Australia 3

### Christmas Break-Up and Life Membership Presentation

A big thank you to Diane Vella, Christine Woods and Linda Ward for an exceptional Christmas dinner and did I mention Pumpy and that magic man cave! I truly believe it's our unofficial clubhouse.

A great time was had by all, even with our bon bon hats on and of course those dad jokes included. To which good old Neil 'Gull' Watkins still kept them in his pocket to tell his grand kids, but we all know Gull, and he will still bring them out again, down the track.

Next was a good old sit down and chat about how good we have all been and what is good old Santa going to bring us all. I think we all believe we have been terrific and so very good to our partners, so Santa, what do you think? A new bike comes to mind!

So after all that, it was time to leave with handshakes and cuddles. We all went our different ways looking forward to meeting up sooner than later.

From all of us to all of you, stay safe, happy, healthy, and above all it's nice to be important, but it's important to be nice.

Merry Christmas from all at Australia 3 to our brothers and sisters around the world.

Jim 'Wardy' Ward  
President  
RKMC AUS-3

## Australia 6

### 28th Annual Keith Hamilton Sale and District Toy Run

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, after a build-up of 3 – 4 months Red Knights Australia 6 ran the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Keith Hamilton Sale and District Toy Run.

Around 50 riders turned out for the event and combined their donations with donations raised from the Sale Business community and the local population to donate an estimated \$40,000 worth of Toys, Gift Cards and non-perishable food that was donated to the local Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul Society for distribution to needy local families.





# REGIONAL NEWS

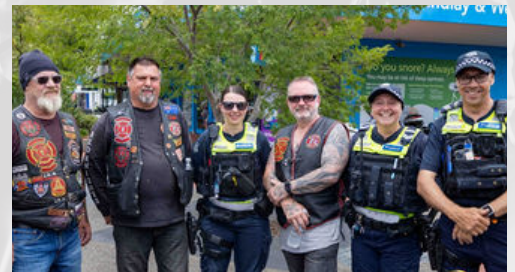
## REGION 8 AUS – REPORTER: JUDY TEUMA

### Australia 6

#### 28th Annual Keith Hamilton Sale and District Toy Run

Red Knights travelled from across the State and beyond to attend the event, with the longest distance being 900 km by Graham Whelan from South Australia. Youngest rider in the event was a 7-Year-old Sidecar passenger, oldest a 79-Year-old on an older bike.

Red Knights Australia 6 would like to thank all the riders, the businesses that donated and the Victoria Police for escorting the ride again this year and especially the members of other chapters that made the effort to come out for a great ride and a great cause.



### Australia 14

#### Tarrawingee Fire Memorial Ride

Saturday December 20 Red Knights Aus14 made the ride up to Tarrawingee, a small village located on the Great Alpine Road just outside of Wangaratta. I'll give a brief overview.

On 22 December 1943 a grass fire that began near the Bowser railway yard (north of Wangaratta) spread rapidly towards Tarrawingee during an extreme drought and wartime manpower shortages.

Volunteers and local farm workers rushed to fight the blaze, but a sudden change of wind overran a group of firefighters; 10 men died (including two 14-year-old schoolboys), making it one of Victoria's worst firefighter losses at the time.

The tragedy highlighted gaps in firefighting resources during WWII and helped drive later improvements in equipment, organisation and memorialisation by the CFA and local communities.

The site is remembered each year and a memorial commemorates the ten who died.





# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 8 AUS – REPORTER: JUDY TEUMA

## Australia 14

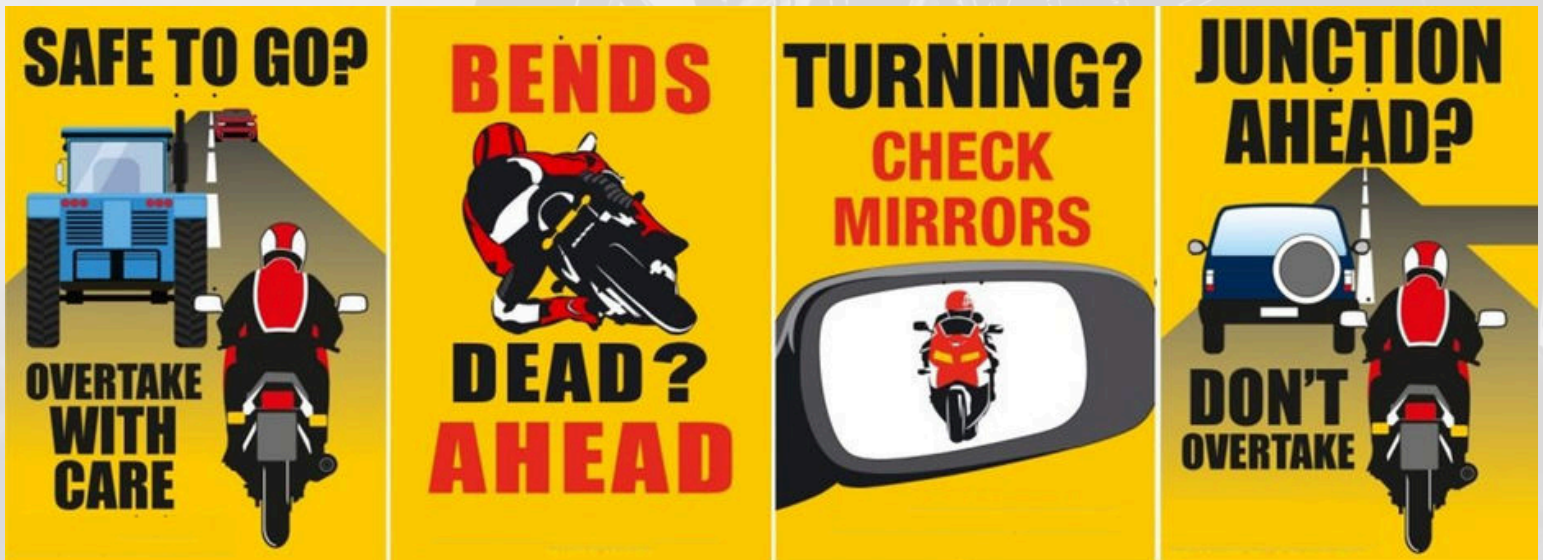
### Tarrawingee Fire Memorial Ride

Together with the Tarrawingee Fire Brigade we laid two floral wreaths, stood side by side silently and remembered. As a group we were given a history of this event from a brigade member, absolute privilege to be a part of. From Tarrawingee we made our way to Beechworth to have a quick stop at the hospital and a look at the palliative care room. As a major beneficiary of our rock n roll show in April the staff at Beechworth Health got to meet us and see who is helping out, good for us as well.

Then to Osborne's Flat for lunch and a chitter chatter about the show we're putting on. Weather was awesome, hotter than a big bag of hot things and drier than a salt and vinegar chip.

Great turn out for this ride, awesome to see some faces again and say giddyay.

Simon Morgan - Australia 14





# REGIONAL NEWS

## REGION 8 NZ – REPORTER: ZANE EYRE

### A Year In Review from New Zealand Representative, Zane Eyre

As we close another year for the Red Knights here in New Zealand, it's a good time to pause and reflect on what has been a year of both highs and lows.

It has been a year that reminded us exactly what the Red Knights stand for — brotherhood, sisterhood, service, and support for one another. Across the country, our chapters have continued to show commitment, professionalism, and pride in wearing the patch. Whether it was attending events, supporting charities, riding together, or simply being there for one another, the strength of this club has been clear.

I want to personally acknowledge and sincerely thank everyone who has supported me in my role as New Zealand Representative throughout the past year. Your advice, hard work, and willingness to step up when needed has not gone unnoticed. The role is made far easier because of the people who make up this organisation.

Sadly, this year also brought moments of loss. We said goodbye to members who will always be part of our Red Knights family — Brian Moon, Callum Knowles, and most recently John Brennan. Each of them contributed to the club in their own way, and each leaves behind memories, friendships, and a legacy that will not be forgotten. Our thoughts remain with their families and friends.

On a positive note, it is great to welcome NZ12 Manawatū as our newest chapter. Your formation is a strong sign of continued growth and enthusiasm for the Red Knights in New Zealand, and we look forward to riding alongside you in the years ahead.

As you will all be aware, I have recently made the decision to resign as your New Zealand Representative, effective Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2026. This decision was not made quickly, nor was it an easy decision. It is a fantastic role and responsibility to keep; however, I am not the right fit to do the role justice at this time. Let's see what the distant future holds. For our new successor, I wish you nothing but the best moving forward. Its great being able to look after our New Zealand whanau.

Anyway..... that's a wrap from me for 2025.

Thank you all for your dedication and your support. Stay safe, ride safe, and I look forward to what the coming year will bring for us all here in Region 8.

Cheers,

Zane Eyre  
New Zealand Representative





# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 8 NZ – REPORTER: ZANE EYRE

## New Zealand 3

### Supporting Christmas Spirit

New Zealand 3 once again demonstrated the true spirit of service by taking part in the Waikato Children's Christmas event, bringing smiles, and excitement to local families.



The Waikato Children's Christmas event is an important occasion for many families, providing gifts, entertainment, and a joyful experience during the holiday season. The Red Knights played a hands-on role, assisting event organisers, engaging with children, and even providing the opportunity for kids to sit on motorcycles throughout the day. Their presence went beyond the motorcycles; members took time to talk with families, pose for photos, and help create lasting memories for the children involved.

The participation of NZ3 was warmly received and served as a reminder that community spirit, generosity remain strong in the Waikato. Their efforts helped make the Christmas event a success and ensured the festive season started with smiles, laughter, and goodwill.



## New Zealand 4

### Ride of Remembrance in Support of Hawera RSA

NZIV proudly hosted the Ride of Remembrance in support of the Hawera RSA, bringing together riders, veterans, and community members for a meaningful day of reflection and camaraderie. The event honoured those who have served while also raising vital funds for the RSA.

Despite mixed weather conditions, the turnout was impressive, with 80 motorcycles officially registered for the ride. Riders travelled together in a show of respect and solidarity, creating a strong visual reminder of the continued support for returned and serving personnel within the region.





# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 8 NZ – REPORTER: ZANE EYRE

## New Zealand 4

### Ride of Remembrance in Support of Hawera RSA

The day was supported by raffles and generous donations from participants and supporters, adding to the positive atmosphere and community involvement.

Thanks to the generosity of everyone involved, the Ride of Remembrance successfully raised \$2,964.00, which was donated directly to the Hawera RSA.

NZIV extends sincere thanks to all riders, and the Hawera RSA for their support and hospitality.



## New Zealand 5

### NZ5 Recognised as Key Sponsor Charity for Te Omanga Hospice

NZ5 has been proudly recognised as one of the main sponsor charities supporting Te Omanga Hospice, acknowledging years of commitment and fundraising efforts for this vital community service. Through continued dedication and strong community backing, NZ5 has now raised over \$20,000 for the hospice to date.



The 2025 5th Annual Charity Ride was a standout success, with 152 riders attending in a powerful show of support. The event alone raised an impressive \$7,364, reflecting the generosity of participants, sponsors, and supporters who came together for a common cause.

These fundraising efforts play a crucial role in helping Te Omanga Hospice continue to provide compassionate care and support to patients and families across the region. Being recognised as a main sponsor charity is a significant milestone for NZ5 and a testament to the impact that collective effort can achieve.

A massive thank you goes to all the charities, riders, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters who have contributed along the way. Your ongoing support ensures that Te Omanga Hospice can continue its invaluable work within the community.





# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 8 NZ – REPORTER: ZANE EYRE

## New Zealand 7

### A Year of Riding, Brotherhood, and Giving Back

This year has been an incredibly productive and rewarding one for Chapter 7 here in New Zealand. When Mother Nature allows, we've enjoyed some fantastic rides together and have received a lot of interest from people across Christchurch and beyond who are keen to become Red Knights. It's great to see our family of firefighters and riders continuing to grow.



One of the highlights this year was the arrival of our new gazebo, proudly printed with the Red Knights Maltese Cross and our chapter's name. It also features the logos of a few generous sponsors who kindly donated to support our chapter — a big thank you to them for their continued backing of what we do.

In October, we held our annual South Island Mini Gathering in Twizel, an event that brings together members from across the country. Each year, we collect food donations for the local community food bank, supporting those who may be struggling. It's easy to forget that even in a community known mostly for holiday homes, there are locals working hard to make ends meet — and it's always rewarding to lend a hand where we can.

This year, we were thrilled to be joined by a member from Wellington in the North Island, whose generous contribution added to the overall success of the drive. We were also joined by Chapter 6 (Nelson) from the top of the South Island, Chapter 8 (Bluff) from the bottom, and Chapter 10 (Cromwell) from Central Otago.

The donations were very well received, and the local community truly appreciates our support — they look forward to our visit each year, and we're proud to keep that tradition alive.



Here's to another great year of brotherhood, safe riding, and giving back to our communities.

Ride safe, everyone!

New Zealand 7



# REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 8 NZ – REPORTER: ZANE EYRE

## New Zealand 9

### Most Successful K55 Christmas Santa Ride Yet

NZ9 proudly hosted the annual K55 Christmas Santa Ride in December, marking the most successful event since its inception. This year, more than 50 riders took part in the festive journey, travelling from Napier to Taupō in a powerful show of festive colour, and community spirit.



The Santa Ride is an initiative of the K55 Firefighters Support Charitable Trust, which was originally set up in 2019 and officially registered as a charitable trust in 2025. The trust was established to support firefighters who have fallen on hard times, including those facing challenges such as PTSD, cancer, and other serious health issues.



The continued success of the ride has inspired other Chapters around New Zealand to get involved, with several now looking to host their own K55 rides. There has also been the addition of K55 merchandise available in support of the charity. A K55 event was successfully launched in the Waikato region last year, further strengthening nationwide support for firefighter wellbeing.

With riders dressed as Santa and spreading Christmas cheer along the route, the event not only raised awareness but also reinforced the growing network of communities standing behind New Zealand's firefighters.





# WORD SEARCH

Can you find our European Members' Locations on the Grid?

The words can run across, backwards, up or down.

Answers can be found on [page 64 \(linked here\)](#).

Word Search courtesy of Steve Williamson, Region 7 Reporter!

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# HEAVEN ONE

## IN LOVING MEMORY



**Richard Alley**  
ME3



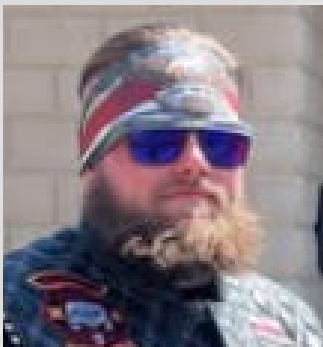
**Lonnie Anderson**  
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**John Brennan**  
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**Stephen Clipperton**  
MN9



**Joe Morris Combs**  
GA20



**Heike Friedrichs**  
GER8



**John Lee Gray Jr.**  
MD2



**Sue Last**  
MI 5



**Brian Moon**  
NZ1



**Andrew Rush**  
NZ3



**James Stewart**  
NC13



**Mike Warner**  
OH1

### Not Pictured:

- **Steve Burns** (MA8)
- **Roy Baken Sr.** (NC27)
- **Diana Chattin** (NJ31)
- **Leonard Ferrari** (NJ13)
- **Richard Foley** (PA17)
- **Callum Knowles** (NZ6)
- **John Lawrence III** (VT4)
- **Kenneth Luby** (NY33)
- **Tony Maillet** (NY33)
- **Nannett Putnam** (NY21)
- **Merton Silk** (VT1)
- **Jack Squire** (NJ13)
- **Gary Lee Trader** (MD3)
- **Dean Wilson** (NY35)



# MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLYWEDS!



**Marcus and Kathrin**  
Austria 3



**Markus and Manuela**  
Germany 5



**Olaf and Kerstin**  
Germany 23



**Markus and Saskia**  
Germany 24



**Tom and Stephana**  
Germany 31



**Flo and Katharina**  
Germany 32



# MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLYWEDS!



**Elmo and Wynnona**  
Minnesota 4



**Scott and Jessica**  
New Zealand 7



**Chris and Tabitha**  
North Carolina 14



**Barry and Katherine**  
Virginia 1

# BIRTHS

NEWEST JUNIOR MEMBERS!



**Lillian** (NY25)

Parents: Sam and Kathry Fisher; Grandpa: Joe Fisher



**Jameson** (NY44)

Parents: Nick and Tyler White

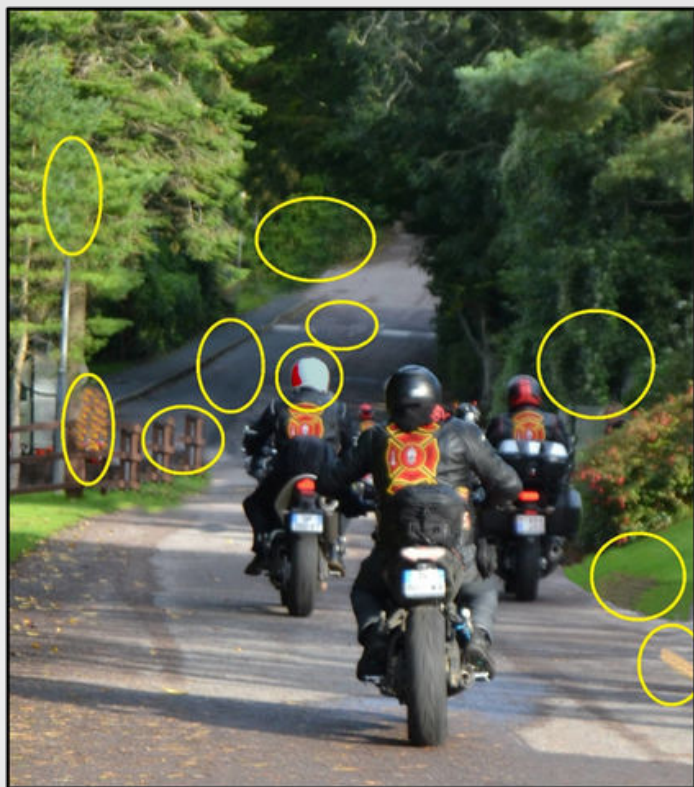


**Atlas** (VT1)

Parents: Angie and Justin Bergeron



# ANSWER KEYS



## Newsletter Quiz Answers:

# Thanks for playing!

1) When are updates for the next newsletter due?

**June 12, 2026**

2) Which region got a new Director in 2025 and what is the Director's name? **Region 5 - Joel**

# Nelson

3) What is the name of the new operational management system that the Red Knights will use? **ASSIGN Operations**

4) What organization do three Region 1 Chapters support with donations? **Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots**

5) Who was awarded a Life Membership this year?  
**Charlie Vella of Australia 3**

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