



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



## SPRING to SUMMER SOG Revision Reference 8/24/2024 updates

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

*Completed by Motion 2024-0038 8/14/2024.*

#### (As written)

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#### Example:

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

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

Individual members may identify themselves as a Red Knight® in their personal description. Individual members may use the Red Knights® name in any discussions and may show Red Knight® images in pictures. Even if an Association or Chapter has the correct paperwork, if the Association or Chapter does not control the links on a page, permission to use the Red Knights® names and images may be rescinded. If it is determined by the International Board or an appointee of the International Board, that a violation of the use of said Red Knights® names and images has been committed, legal action may be commenced. The Red Knights® is a family-oriented club and any material that is found to be offensive, even if it was granted a Business Trademark License, will not be tolerated or accepted. If any such material is found and that entity has already been granted a Business Trademark License, the Business Trademark License for such offensive material will be revoked.

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



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### **Rationale:**

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

### **12:06 Restricted Service**

*Completed by Motion 2024-037 8/14/2024.*

#### **(As written)**

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

1. Will not be placed on the list of eligible voters for electronic voting of International Executive Officers. This list will be based on Chapter, Member, or Member-at-Large status 90 days prior to the Annual Corporation Meeting.
2. Will not be a voting delegate at the Annual Convention.
3. Will not have a vote or say in any general discussion that may take place at any Red Knight meeting or event.
4. May not hold or run for any office at the Chapter / State / Provincial / Regional or International level of the Red Knights organization.
5. Will not be issued TMLAs.



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

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5. Will not be issued TMLAs **other than a Chapter Business TMLA**.
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### **Rationale:**

To clarify the timing of TMLAs.



## 16:07 Memorial Patch

*Completed by Motion 2024-039 8/14/2024.*

### (As written)

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

### (As proposed)

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### Rationale:

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





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### 12:01 Chapter SOGs

*Completed by Motion 2024-040 8/24/2024.*

#### **(As written)**

The local chapter may, at its own will, develop a set of Standard Operating Guidelines for the operation of the chapter. These guidelines must conform to the intent of the International By-Laws. No chapter shall require mandatory attendance of chapter members at meetings, rides, or events in order to be in good standing, nor limit the member's voting privilege. Any disagreement because of the meaning of the Chapter's SOG must follow Section 12:02 Grievance Procedure of the International SOGs. Revised 4/19/2013 Syracuse, NY Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY Revised 4/15/2021 Baltimore, MD

#### **(As proposed)**

Repealed by Motion 2024-040. Zoom Meeting 8/24/2024

#### **Rationale:**

Repealed due to By-law proposal passing.