## Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club® International Board of Directors Nominee Profile International Vice President

1. Personal Profile

a. Name: Richard "Spike" Ostiguy

b. A.K.A. / Nick Name: Spike

c. City, State / Province, Country: Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360 U.S.A.

d. Other (optional):

- 2. Red Knights Information
  - a. Current Home Chapter: R.K.M.C., Massachusetts Chapter IV
  - b. Positions Held at Chapter, State/ Provincial, International Level:

Chapter Level = Road Captain, Vice President and President.

International Level = Vice Chairman, Board of Directors 1990 - 1994.

Interim Chairman, Board of Directors for part of 1990.

International Vice President 1994 - 1995.

Eastern Director (now Region 1) 2008 - 2009.

International Vice President 2016 to present.

- c. Years (total) In RKIFMC: 35+ years.
- d. Other (optional): Chaired multiple Chapter Poker Runs, Chaired two (2) Statewide Charity Runs to Shriner's Hospital in Springfield, Massachusetts. Bestowed Chapter (Mass. IV) "Life Membership" 2010. International "Life Membership" 2017

## 3 Fire Service Affiliation

- a. Name of Department(s): City of Holyoke (Retired)
- b. Number of Years in Department(s): 40+ years
- c. Positions Held: Sr. Lieutenant
- d. Other (optional): Town of Warren, Captain's Rank (Paid Call 1978 1987). Town of Ware (Paid Professional, 7-1987 to layoffs 7-1989)

## 4. Platform for Election

a. Primary reason(s) for running:

My primary reason for running is member and chapter retention. We remain to hover around the 10,000 member mark. But we are losing members & chapters each year as well. Working with the Board I intend to keep a mindful eye on this trend, and strive to reducing these numbers. Also, as a Board Member, I am your sounding board. I am and always will be approachable, ever improving the lines of communications between you the membership and your International Board. Other duties and responsibilities of the office of International Vice President are so noted in our Constitution & By Laws but not limited to...Section 3:16, Page 15

- The International Vice President oversees;
- The Membership At Large (M.A.L's).
- All Overseas Chapters.
- All Ambassadors.
- b. Vision for future of RKIMC:

This vision... My vision remains the same and steadfast as in my original nominee profile of 2016.

Continue to grow, but not forget how we got here. I love and will always cherish the storied history of this organization, and what it has to offer. As we go forward my/our vision for the future should not lose focus on the past.

We will continue to grow if we keep listening to our membership.

"The whole is greater than the sum of its parts" (Aristotle).

5. Other:

I continue to be extremely humbled, honored and proud to have served you the members of this great family organization. With your support I look forward to serving you once again. Any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Skype: spike.ostiguy911
Skype: We can coordinate a group of members or your monthly meeting(s) skype.

Fraternally, Spike