

Vice President – Spike Ostiguy

Fraternal greetings everyone,

What a crazy 2020 it has been to this point. This report will be just that, a “report.” The worldwide topics of the day haven’t changed in the last six (6) months. I will not belabor the headlines any longer. Like most, I’m pretty much done with the rerun. Just know that Karen and I miss our entire Red Knights family and friends, aka “**Framily**.” We look forward to seeing as many of you real soon.

As most know, I oversee the Member-At-Large (M.A.L.) membership worldwide. This classification of membership was conceived by our Founding Fathers. The premise being... firefighters out there wanting to join the Red Knights family but did not live near an already established R.K. chapter. This classification of membership afforded those firefighters the opportunity to join. With that, it is our hope/ our wish that this M.A.L. member will promote the Red Knights, fostering six (6) other like-minded firefighters. Ultimately starting a chapter of his/her own. Member-At-Large membership... A steppingstone if you will, to chapter membership. Word of mouth; Proven over time to be our best advertising tool by far. **Chapter President’s**, we ask that you reach out to the M.A.L.’s in your area. Invite them to your chapter’s meetings, rides, functions, etc. Include them in your e-mail mailings. If you do not have this M.A.L. information, using the chain of command, please contact your State/Country Representative. They will gladly supply you with it.

With the spring meeting of the International Executive Board being postponed, your Executive Board have been participating in monthly/semimonthly conference calls, and “Zoom” meetings to date. Representing the membership, this past year I’ve attended / participated in:

- 2019 - Fall Board Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland Oct. 31-Nov 4
- All conference calls and “Zoom” meetings of the RKI, RKR and RKMf
- As a Massachusetts Chapter IV member, I currently sit on the R.K. Memorial Hall/Park Committee

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

At the time of this report... we have 327 M.A.L.’s

Region 1 = 50	Region 2 = 18
Region 3 = 38	Region 4 = 39
Region 5 = 46	Region 6 = 37
Region 7 = 81	Region 8 = 18

As this report is being written, I’m looking at 15-20+ M.A.L.’s and Member-At-Large applicants, in their process of applying for chapter status. It is my hope, our hope, that by the time this report is published we are welcoming two (2) or three (3) new chapters, spawned from the M.A.L. ranks. Please join me in welcoming to the family one of our latest chapters, R.K.M.C., England Chapter 4. Ronald Patterson ~ President, Matt Bradley ~ Vice President, Steven Kerridge ~ Secretary, Richard Lark ~ Treasurer, James Lloyd-Roberts ~ Road Captain, James Chambers, and Lee Quantrell. Seven (7)

Charter Members, twisting the throttle thru the Member-At-Large program to chapter membership, in the matter of a few months. Thank you all for your due diligence.

Remember, it is YOU that steer this incredible family organization. A phone call away. Door always open. Please feel free to reach out to me or any Board Member for that matter with any questions, comments, and or concerns that you may have. In closing, let's be safe out there. Moving forward as the Covid-19 restrictions ease,

we must remain cognoscente and do our part as to minimize future spikes that may set us back yet again.