## **Greetings Fellow Knights**

The last quarterly report is usually the lamest of all. I don't have chains on the tires and don't have heated gear. I did change the oil though!

It actually works out well, the last quarter of the year (and the first quarter of the next year) are the busiest times for me. I have sent out notices to all chapter e-mails, followed up with notes to chapter treasurers and presidents regarding getting the dues paid. This year there were a lot more chapters paying in December than the year before – everyone trying to stay in good standing.

I did manage to slip in a board meeting in the last quarter, playing double duty there as I covered the International Secretary's absence at the meeting and took the minutes. Well most of the minutes at least, as you will see in the minutes the Board adopted a conflict of interest policy and I was the first to get to use it.

It was a long drive down to Baltimore and back, but worth it when I had the opportunity to drop in on a Red Knights gathering along the way in New Jersey. It wasn't a long stop but it was a quality one!

Thanks to all the chapters and MALs who have made the dues collection process easy for me. Your support and assistance is always greatly appreciated.

Following are notes I like to keep at the bottom of all my reports so members can access the information easily:

As your treasurer, one of the main questions I get is how much the dues are. Unfortunately, our bylaws do not outline the dues in a nice easy to understand format. The note below I will include in each of my quarterly reports so member know where to find it anytime you sign up a new member. I would also like to ask chapter to please provide me with updated rosters whenever new members join.

## Chapter Member Dues:

Renewal = \$13 Active & Association, \$7 Social & Honorary (\$50 late fee after February 15<sup>th</sup>) NEW member = \$16 all members; \$12 for those joining in August/September; \$8 for those joining after October 1 Joining a second chapter or more = \$13 Active & Associate, \$7 Social & Honorary (25% off August/September and 50% off October or later) NEW Chapter application fee = \$35

MAL Dues: Renewal = \$15 Active, \$10 Social (\$10 late fee after March 31) NEW MAL = \$10 application fee + \$15 Active, \$10 Social (25% off August/September and 50% off October 1 or later).

All dues are US Dollars. Options are to mail a check, pay from your paypal account directly to <u>treasurer@redknightsmc.com</u> or through one of the paypal links on our website at <u>http://www.redknightsmc.com/membership.htm</u> with the top button being perhaps the easiest (all you have to do is change the quantity to the total amount of dues being paid).

I have also officially taken over the mapping of members. Unfortunately, the neat little mapping feature we used to have access to for free and is linked to our website has started charging \$99 per month for the number of entries we have. For that reason, I am going to stick with a free option through the link below. If anyone finds any errors in the map, please let me know.

https://www.google.com/fusiontables/DataSource?docid=1NFni--CfC8qInSR3K3yTm4hLG0T8PmI\_xjY9IVo#map:id=3

Ride safe, Scott