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Region 1: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey and New York

Region 2: Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario

Region 3: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Wisconsin

Region 4: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Dist. of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia

Region 5: Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Iowa, Manitoba, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Northwest Territory, Oregon, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, Washington, Wyoming and Yukon

Region 6: Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah

Region 7: All European Chapters

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Office of the International President - 2015 End of Year Report

An Amazing year 2015 has been. This year brought many great new things to the Red Knights. A convention that was hotter than _____. Thank You Texas for such a warm welcome. Next time please make it a little less warm!

Your International Board has been hard at work over the last year as usual handling everyday business and new projects alike. We as officers have attended many local, state, provincial, regional and international events. In the fall I was able to attend the European rally and Association meeting in Switzerland. Thank you to all the hosts of all the events for providing such a great time for all to enjoy the fellowship of each other.

This past year we did have many members who passed on and joined Heavens 1 chapter. If you did not know, the International Board sends a flag to the chapter and the International Chaplain sends an Angel coin. Whenever possible, a Board member attends the services to help the chapter during the difficult times in any way. Many believe this is singularly one of the most important missions we take on. Shortly after Christmas I received a phone call to tell me that Dave Hamilton had passed away. Dave was the founding President of the Red Knights, helping forge the organization we enjoy today. It was truly a humbling experience to attend Dave's services. To simply say Thank You Dave for all you did for the greatest firefighter motorcycle club in the world is not enough, but "Thank You".

With all the work on the history/anthology of the Red Knights now done, the only thing left is for it to go to print. For those that did not get a chance to purchase this or just wanted to see it first, keep an eye out at convention and on the Quartermasters page on the website for you chance to own the first and only professionally edited book about our great club. The information and pictures in the book were submitted 100% by you the members, over 3100 members called in to help out with the book. As a little teaser for you, the book contains about 40 pages on the history, letters from current/past officers and some of the founding fathers as well. There will be over 400 pictures, most submitted directly from the members in addition to over 1,600 short articles from the members that called in.

Dynamic Business Solutions out of California is now our web hosting company. They take care of all our website and email needs. The transition started midyear and the email accounts were moved over in August. If you have an RK event you would like to add, a small problem or navigational issue with the new site, please send an email detailing your event or concern to webmaster@redknightsmc.com while coping your regional director. We all owe a huge thanks to our previous Webmaster, Tommy (NC12) for the countless hours he has spent keeping our site running for the last year plus. Keeping up with and trying to decipher what we send him is a chore to say the least. Thanks Tommy!

Over the last year plus Amanda "Smooches" Roun of New Jersey took on the daunting task of updating the Help-A-Knight roster. I am certain that she spent hundreds of hours verifying the roster because she first cross referenced the old HAK roster against the current membership removing names that were no longer with the Red Knights then she actually called each of us that made it past her first cull to double check that we were still interested in the program. If you want to sign up or you want more information about the HAK program, please reach out to helpaknight@redknightsmc.com so we can get you in on the next quarterly update. Amanda also Helped Scarlett Mullikin of Illinois in taking the "all chapters and MAL Facebook page" to new heights. Thank you Scarlett and Amanda for all you do for our club and congratulations on your Outstanding Contribution Awards! Wear your new patches proudly.

A special acknowledgement goes to past President Dave Emery for receiving the Perry Carter award. Congratulations on being named the Red Knight of the Year 2015. You are a mentor for us all.

On behalf of the entire membership, I thank those behind the scenes at Boylston for all your work building and maintaining the one place that any Red Knight can go to reflect and remember those who have gone before us. You have brought an amazing place to all Red Knights.

I would like to specifically thank each of the officers of the International Board, the International Committees and especially those who left their positions in 2015. I can honestly say I have NEVER worked with a finer group of men. Congratulations to the new officers and committee members who started serving your sentence.... oops I meant term; you got some shoes to fill. Time to step up, the rest of the board looks forward to your expertise and life experience to help us serve the membership. I am honored as I look forward to continuing my work for you.

Chris Gadway
International President

Office of the International Vice President - 2015 End of Year Report

Hello all, I cannot believe we are already headed into 2016! It seems like I was just in Texas celebrating the beauty of the Alamo with over 300 of my closest friends. What a wonderful convention that was for all that attended.

I want to thank everyone for your support in electing me to serve y'all as your International Vice President. It is a great honor to represent this organization and I take great pride in trying to help bring the solutions needed to keep this family growing and prospering. I am now asking for everyone's support as I try to fill the shoes of our outgoing International Secretary. Yes, I am running in Wisconsin to be our next International Secretary. I am looking forward to the challenge and the opportunity to make the office even more efficient productive.

I have spent about 32 hours a week working on the wonderful MAL program that we have and trying to come up with some fresh and new ideas going forward. We have over 600 MAL's at the current time and I have already started or completed processing many new and renewing members. I have really enjoyed watching the MAL program work to form new chapters and expand our Red Knight borders even further around the world.

In 2015 I attended the Spring Board Meeting in Syracuse, the Dixie Rally in New Orleans, the International Convention in Texas, and the fall Board Meeting in Baltimore. I have also been able to assist with a couple chapters getting started and met with quite a few chapters outside my own. I was able to make a trip to see our family in Australia where I met with most of the chapters in that country. They are growing so fast and have an amazing attitude toward what it really means to be a Red Knight. We will certainly be hearing from some of their members in leadership positions soon.

Well, that is about all I have this time. I would just like to remind everyone again that YOU, the members, run this organization so keep the ideas coming. I love to see the involvement from all of you. Please take a good look at all the By-Law proposals for this convention. There are some big changes that can really affect our club. If you have any questions, please call and ask one of your board members! It is time to go as the sun is shining and I have a full tank of gas.

As always, keep the shiny side up and your knees in the wind!

Jack Jarvis

International Vice President

Office of the International Treasurer - 2015 End of Year Report (Part 1)

Greetings Fellow Knights,

The highlight of my latest quarterly report would be the trip to San Antonio for my first convention as your treasurer. We covered a lot of business in a few days and still had time to chat and ride with Red Knights from around the world. Sure it was hot, especially for a Canadian, but I still took advantage of the opportunity to join some friends through the "hill country" of Texas on the "Three Sisters." Throw in the Dragon's Tail, Blue Ridge Parkway, Skyline Drive, 22 States in 13 days and people around home were genuinely envious of my trip. A lot of great sites out there folks. Back on home ground I was able to get in a couple of rides with the Red Knights, including our annual 9/11 memorial ride.

Perhaps the biggest piece of work over the last quarter was taken up by adjusting to the new web interfaces. As a side effect to making our webpage better, a number of the systems that were setup on the back end had to be completely rebuilt to work with the new way of ordering regalia, new way of dealing with MAL applications, building a new way of paying dues, and tracking an additional e-mail address.

It seems I raised a few eyebrows at the Annual Business Meeting when I left the room on the discussion on term limits. A number of people asked me afterwards why I didn't want to take part in that decision so, I would like to explain. In my day job, conflict of interest is an extremely important topic with the politicians as it is something they do not want to be accused of. As treasurer, I receive an honorarium each term I serve, thank you very much, so any decision on term limits has the potential to have a financial impact on me personally. Discussions with that potential are exactly the sorts of discussions that get people into trouble from a conflict of interest point of view and removing

myself from the discussion was the only action I was comfortable taking. For those who have noticed in the minutes of our board meetings leading up to convention, any votes on this matter did not add up to 11 because I excused myself from those discussions as well. Finally, if anyone thought perhaps that I left because I like to avoid controversial discussions, please check with any other member of the board, I think you will find they will support me when I say I'm not afraid to get into the middle of controversial discussions – actually they may say I'm not afraid to get in at the front end of controversial discussions but that's not important.

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 15th)

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 treasurer@redknightsmc.com or through one of the paypal links on our website at <http://www.redknightsmc.com/membership.htm> 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--CfC8qInSR3K3yTm4hLG0T8Pml_xjY9lVo#map:id=3

Scott Ryan

International Treasurer

Office of the International Treasurer - 2015 End-of-Year report (Part 2)

Please accept this as my second end-of-year report in the role of treasurer. This report covers my first full year of serving as your treasurer.

Through the year I have attended all the board meetings, which included setting up new agreements to move our board meetings to a more central location where we were actually able to have members ride their bikes to the meeting. The hotel in Syracuse offered us great rates and a fair bit of convenience but we were able to arrange better rates in Baltimore and make it a little more convenient for a number of board members. Of course I also attend the board meetings and annual meeting in San Antonio. Sure, it was warmer than the convention we hosted in 2014, but that was no reason not to ride – and what a ride it was.

Between meetings I kept track of all the regalia orders, all the membership changes, new chapters, state and federal taxes, statements, dues, paying all bills, and answering an unknown number of e-mails. On average it would be a matter of about 15 hours per week except the first few months of the year when it gets busy. There are many parts of this position that make it such a great place to be. Getting to connect with all the chapters and all the

Members At Large each year, mostly related to dues but there are lots of other matters happening that I get to be involved in. Being one of the first to know about new chapters and new members is also a very rewarding part of being treasurer.

In the fall my family and I had the pleasure of joining members of France 1 for a dinner in their home town of Paris. That is what being a Red Knight is all about, going to a completely different part of the world and meeting up with brothers and sisters you have never met before and talking about the next time you will be able to get together. It's a great family to be a part of.

Scott Ryan

International Treasurer

Office of the International Secretary - 2015 End of Year Report

Hello

2015 was filled with many great rides, meeting new members and making great and new friends.

After twelve years, I will step down as the International Secretary at the Annual Business meeting in August 2016.

During my term as International Secretary, there were a lot of first. I have been proud to serve you the membership.

During 2015, I attended four RKMC International Board meetings, the Annual Business meeting, three RKR Board meetings, the Dixie Rally in New Orleans, hosted by LA1 the first Yankee Rally in New York, hosted by NY 12, the Annual International Convention in San Antonio, Texas, the Ohio Association meeting, the 343 Ride in North Carolina, and the KORT rally in New Jersey, I also had the privilege to visit many of our chapters.

I have provided minutes of all meetings and submit copies to all Board members.

Since our last convention, we have lost 44 members of the Red Knight Family. I attended seven funerals/wakes of Red Knight members as the representative of the Red Knights International Board. Since this program started, I have attended 39 funerals/wakes as the representative of the Red Knights International Board. Additionally, in 2015, I send RKMC flags and Angel coins to six other families of members who passed away where we could not get a representative to in time or received late notice of the passing. It is our Honor to represent and give respect to those brothers and sister that answer their last call. I want to thank the other Board members who have also attended funerals/wakes for those who answer their last call. It is important that the chapter President notifies me as soon as possible so that we can get a representative to attend in timely manner. They should also notify their Regional Director next.

In April, 2013, I was appointed as the International Chaplain. In August 2013, I completed the requirements to become a License and Ordained Chaplain. I am now attending classes at Ohio Christian University. Since then God has opened doors for me in the Biker community to be of service to them. I been blessed to attend funerals/wakes for our members, conducted bike blessings, and have started a Chaplain's Corner in our newsletter.

I am here to serve you in and all ways that I can. If you need help, prayer or just need someone to listen, please reach out to me.

The trademark license program has is working well. We now have 1933 trademark license agreements with our chapters and outside vendors.. Some are still are still pending. We have 431 chapters that have an approved TMLA for chapter business. Please remember that we were able to combine all clothing items into one TMLA. Each chapter should apply for a "Clothing" TMLA which will allow the use of the Red Knight's name and logo on the following chapter specially clothing line: shirts, (tee, sweat, hooded, polo, golf, work, dress, turtle neck), tank tops, sweat pants, sport shorts, hats (all styles), chapter pullovers, jackets, wind shirts. Use of our name and logo must stay within the Red Knights By-Laws and must not have any profanity and be in good taste. What is in good taste as decided by the Board of Directors whose decision will be final and binding. The register mark (R) must be used on after our name/logo on all items. Do not use the mark of "TM". We now have our name trademarked in 33 countries, including all of Europe.

In 2015, we insured 56 chapter events. There are still chapters who do not know about this program. We need to work on getting the word out to all chapters about this program. There were two new requirements; the first is the chapters now have to provide the route of their event when applying for coverage. This is to make sure that any accidents that may occur are covered by being to the approved route. The second is a new parental consent form for minors. Both sides of this form must be completed.

In 2015, we had 78 requests for information on starting new chapters. We approved 24 new chapters, as the numbers show, we are getting a lot of inquires but are not getting the same number of new chapters. One of the reasons is failure to follow up on the request of information for new chapters.

In 2015 I have advertised the Red Knights in 15 different states, provinces and countries.

The International By-Laws are posted on our web site. These are update after every Annual Business meeting where new By-Laws are approved. If a chapter/member wants to submit a By-Law change for the membership to vote on, please have them submit the request to Amy Gilliland (By-Law chairperson). She will see that it gets placed on the agenda for the Annual Business Meeting (ABM). The committee is working on a complete revision of the International By-Laws with a completion date of the 2017 ABM. Any member want to submit a b-law proposal is advised to submit it to the By-Law Chairperson at bylaw@redknightsmc.com.

The SOG manual is posted on our web site under the link for Membership and is therefor the members to use as a guide. In November, a complete update of the SOG manual was finished. It is of the utmost importance that the chapters stay current with this.

The Office of the Secretary has done the International Convention Handout Booklet containing all of the reports, by-law changes and other information that is given to each member in attendance when they registered for the last eight years. This allows the member time to review what will take place at the ABM. It also includes a short bio on members seeking election to the International Board.

The International Board also appointed Stephanie Fowle (NJ 31) as the Newsletter Editor. The Board approved Steve Payne of AUS 1 and Steve Williams of ENG 2 as assistance editors for Australia, New Zealand and Europe. The first issue of the newsletter was outstanding.

The Board appointed Tom Delboi as the Communication Committee Chair, Stephanie Fowle as the Newsletter Editor and Amy Gilliland as the By-Law Chair.

I have carried out all the required duties of my office which includes but not limited to the following:

1. Maintaining the Trademark License Program
2. Ensuring the chapters obtain insurance for their events
3. Maintaining and updating the Motion Legers
4. Maintaining and updating of the SOG manual
5. Maintaining and updating of the Heaven One roster
6. Ensuring that all requests for information on starting new chapters is provided
7. Maintaining a data base of possible new chapters
8. Providing Board members of updated rosters, SOGs, By-Laws, Motion Ledger
9. Keeper of all RKMC records
10. All of the Red Knight's advertising
11. Answering of questions from members/chapters
12. Keeper of all RKIFMC equipment.

I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to work with the Red Knights Chapters and members for the past twelve years. I hope that I have been a help to you and your chapters.

Bill "Popeye" Snodgrass
International Secretary

Office of the Region 1 Director - 2015 End of Year Report

Brothers and Sisters,

Finally catching up on the End of Year Report for 2015, as it has been a whirlwind of activity. I think I'm slowly adjusting to this new position. Remember, I am here to serve you the best I can. If you need anything, I only ask that you follow the chain of command. If after doing so you can't find an answer, I'm at your disposal.

Sadly, the end of 2015 brought us the passing of a few Region 1 members. We lost John Angil of VT 2, Frank White of NH 4, Robert Lee Burger of NY 39 and Edward Thomas, Jr. of NY 14. I had the honor of attending the services of John Angil and Edward Thomas, Jr. The emotional connection with the family makes this program worth its weight in gold. They truly appreciate the efforts put forth by the International Board to acknowledge the passing of our members.

Also, as you are all aware from my last letter, I attended my first official International Board meeting in October. The next International Board meeting will be held on April 13 to 17, 2016 at the Best Western Plus, BWI Airport, 6755 Dorsey Road, Elkridge, MD 21075. If you happen to find yourself in the neighborhood, all members are welcome to attend the meetings.

I've had the opportunity to work with several chapters in resolving issues as quickly as possible in order to avoid them growing into major issues. I strongly urge all of you to make every effort to fix issues or grievances at the chapter level. It's your chapter, you have the authority as members of this organization to find solutions to your issues. I'm more than happy to provide you with any guidance you may need in order to resolve issues that arise.

Just a reminder, please ensure your chapter is using the email address supplied to you by the International, i.e. nj53@redknightsmc.com. We use those email addresses for all correspondence from the International, such as dues, roster info, etc. If you are having any issues with accessing your chapter email account, please let me know so I can assist you in getting this operational. Also, please remember to check your chapter roster to ensure the correct information is on it. I've seen numerous rosters with names misspelled, incorrect addresses, missing phone numbers and email addresses.

Over the past several months, I've learned of a couple of chapters where sadly the President of that chapter passed away. Now, the chapter does not know how to function because the President did everything. I urge you all to make the effort to ensure all of the executive board is aware how the chapter functions. I also urge every member to visit www.redknightsmc.com. There is a large amount of information located on our website. Some of the best resources can be reached by hovering over "Member" and then clicking "Downloadable Files". In addition to many other great pieces of information, there are 3 documents every member should read. They are the International Bylaws, Red Knights Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs), and the Red Knights Rules and Regulations. 9 times out of 10, these three documents can answer most questions raised. Check out our website, it is there for your benefit.

Lastly, I would like to report the average work hours for the end of 2015. I averaged approximately 4 hours per week on Region 1 business, for a total of approximately 84 hours in 21 weeks. I am honored to be serving you all as Region 1 Director and look forward to the rest of 2016 and into 2017. Ride safe and as always, Red Knights Forever!

Matthew Mattera
Region 1 Director



Office of the Region 2 Director - 2015 End of Year Report

Another year has now flown by and it's time to reflect on my activities as the Region 2 director for the past year.

I have done some updates on the copy of the procedures manual for the position of Region 2 Director as well as maintaining a work time log for the position..

I attended the spring meeting of the International Board in Baltimore Maryland on April 8 -12 2015.

Attended and assisted the International Quartermaster at the Red Knights open house at the Lake George Fire hall on the Thursday June 4th as well as attending the covered bridges ride put on by the New York 3 chapter on the Wednesday of Americade week.

Attended the Ontario Association # 6 annual rally hosted by the Ontario 13 chapter in Cobourg Ontario July 17 – 19th

Attended the Red Knights International convention held in San Antonio Texas also attend the International Board meetings August 11 – 16th

Attended the International Executive Board meetings in Baltimore Maryland October 17 -21

Represented the International at the Wake and Funeral of two Region 2 members that have passed Gary Reynolds of Ontario 7 and that of Corry Vanderlee of Ontario 12.

I have sent Emails to all chapters and MAL's in Region 2 with updates and information from the International as well as replying back to all chapters that requested information or help with their chapter email accounts.

My Time log for 2015 shows 301 Hrs. averaging 6 ¼ hours a week spent on Emails and calls dealing with issues in Region 2 this is over and above the time spent in attendance at International Board meetings and representing the International at funerals and rally events.

I look forward to the 2016 riding season and I hope to be able to attend some more of the rallies and events that are being held in Region 2, with a request that the chapters send me information on events they are holding so that I can attempt to make arrangements to attend them.

The 2016 International Convention being held in Wisconsin Dell, Wisconsin August the 16th to the 21st registration is now on line at the International web site of www.redknightsmc.com

Also a reminder to those members that attend Americade in Lake George New York to make sure and come to the Open House held at the Lake George Fire Hall on the Thursday June 9th from 1500 Hrs. till 1800 Hrs. and for those in attendance on the Wednesday June 8th to watch for information on the Red Knights ride but on by the New York 3 chapter.

I would like to thank David Micheaud of Maine 7 for his work as the International Newsletter editor David had to step down from the position and our new editor is Stephanie Fowle of NJ 31 Please send her any articles that you may have for the newsletter at editor@redknightsmc.com to help her in a difficult undertaking of gathering information of interest to all our Red knights brothers and sisters the newsletters are available for viewing on the International Web site.

Leo J. Patry
Region 2 Director



Office of the Region 3 Director - 2015 End of Year Report

Brothers and Sisters,

After being acclaimed to the position of Region 3 Director at the ABM in San Antonio, I continue to try to make changes for improvement in Region 3. Scarlett Mullikin, one of the RKIFMC all Chapters and MAL administrators, offered to be an administrator of the Region 3 Facebook page and I gladly accepted her offer. As an administrator, she can help me share the many posts on the All Chapters & Mals page that are related to Region 3. I have been able to keep up with the volume of emails from Chapters in and out of the Region and still have more changes that I want to make to improve communications across the Region in 2016.

I have been able to attend 2 planning meetings of the 2016 WI convention committee. These Brothers and Sisters have a lot planned for our enjoyment and hope there will be a large turnout. With 3 Chapters having a total of 61 members and 4 MALs in the state, the committee was concerned about getting enough people available to make the Convention a quality event. As usual though, since we are Loyal to Our Duty, many members have stepped up to the plate and will be there to make this a pleasurable event for all of us.

At the Fall board meeting, Amy Gilliland, Secretary of the PA State Association and President of PA24, volunteered to chair the By-Laws committee. Each of the Board Members had taken a section of the By-laws to look for duplications of subject matter, subject matter being unrelated to the section heading, convoluted writings and grammatical errors. While these issues don't change the by-laws any, they sure make it harder to find what you need. Amy has compiled the changes and we will discuss them again at the Spring Board meeting.

Il14 is working on the next Region 3 meeting and ride. Mark Mullins, President, has emailed me a date of July 22nd thru 24th for the first annual Box Alarm Rally. (as in I will meet you at the BAR) Planning is on going and the details will be announced as they develop. This date was set so any members attending will have some time to discuss issues that will be brought up at the annual business meeting along with having some fun and comradery.

Currently: I average around a little over 15 hours a week, not including convention and Board meetings, dealing with issues with Chapters and members. I have enjoyed 99% of what I get to do as a Director because of the pleasure I get out of talking to our Brothers and Sisters that want to see the club flourish.

I do want to say that I am glad I retired. This position takes a lot of time and being able to vary my schedule allows me to go where my Brothers and Sisters need me to be, when they need me to be there.

Tim Reinard
Region 3 Director



Office of the Region 4 Director - 2015 End of Year Report

Fellow members,

Last year was filled with great rides, meeting new members and making great and new friends. I hope the New Year will bring the same and a better year. This past year I attended both the spring and fall Board of Directors meetings, Dixie Rally New Orleans, International Convention, North Carolina State Meeting and Ride, 343 Memorial Ride Wilmington NC, and several rides with my Chapter NC12. I average around 10-12 hr. a week doing emails or on the phone with members. This past year Region 4 lost 9 members. I was able to attend 5 of the Funerals. It was a great honor to be a part of the services. Some of these members I was never able to meet. But I can tell you by listing to everyone each one was a true member and loved the Red Knights.

I would like to encourage each member if you have any topics that you think the board should address please send it to your Regional Director so that we can discuss it. Remember this is your club.

Region 4 (THE DIXIE RALLY) was held this past year in New Orleans. We had around 160 members to attend the rally. It was a job well done by the hosting chapters. Next year the Dixie will be held in Maryland. I am sure this will be another great event.

I would like to challenge each chapter this year to reach out to the new members and make them feel welcome and to show them the web site, Facebook pages and to go over the bylaws and SOG's. Over the last two years a lot of questions have been asked on different subjects and I have found that they could have been answered by just knowing the By-laws, SOG's. I will be glad to email you the power point on membership retention if you would like to take a look at it. My email is region4@redknightsmc.com

This year I hope to meet more members and do more riding with different chapters. So far here is what I have lined up to attend. Board meetings, Dixie Rally, NC State meeting & 343 ride, 2016 International Convention, rides with my Chapter NC12 and the most important to me just riding with my wonderful wife Joy.

I challenge this past year each Region 4 chapter to reach out and try to get 4 new members. This would add over 400 new members. There are a lot of fire Departments that have never heard of the Red Knights. Please reach out to your local depts.

As we start a new year remember who we are. service that I have chosen to follow. Though my job is often rewarding, it can also be unsettling. I often reflect upon the simplicity of one question, "Who am I?" At times, I cannot provide this answer, not even for myself. So, "Who am I" to choose a profession in life that regularly shows no mercy for the preciousness of life? "Who am I" to willingly, without hesitation, invite myself into some of the most uninviting situations known to mankind? "Who am I", so that when duty calls, may never again lay eyes on the loved ones I could leave behind? The assumed simplicity of this question is not so simple after all. Understanding "Who I am" may be difficult to answer at times. However, all I need to do is pause, think about, and remember those lives I have positively influenced and maybe even saved. All I need to do is look back on the years of service I have given to my community and realize that I helped make the world a safer place in which to live. In my heart, I know I made a difference. *"Who am I?" I am a Firefighter!* by Thomas Powell (Who am I" ...by Thomas Powell)

August 28, 2010

"My profession is somewhat unique in comparison to that of the average person. At any one fixed moment in time when duty calls upon me, I am prepared to sacrifice my own life to save the lives of others I may not even know. I am willing to do this because I understand that we all make choices in life. As for myself, this is the choice and path of service that I have chosen to follow. Though my job is often rewarding, it can also be unsettling. I often reflect upon the simplicity of one question, "Who am I?" At times, I cannot provide this answer, not even for myself. So, "Who am I" to choose a profession in life that regularly shows no mercy for the preciousness of life? "Who am I" to willingly, without hesitation, invite myself into some of the most uninviting situations known to mankind? "Who am I", so that when duty calls, may never again lay eyes on the loved ones I could leave behind? The assumed simplicity of this question is not so simple after all. Understanding "Who I am" may be difficult to answer at times. However, all I need to do is pause, think about, and remember those lives I have positively influenced and maybe even saved. All I need to do is look back on the years of service I have given to my community and realize that I helped make the world a safer place in which to live. In my heart, I know I made a difference. "Who am I?" I am a Firefighter!"

WE ARE A FAMILY OF ONE THE RED KNIGHTS.....

Hope everyone has a great year of riding.

Joey Powell

Region 4 Director



Office of the Region 5 Director - 2015 End of Year Report

Since the Fall board meeting I've been busy with emails and phone calls with numerous Chapters.

The Red Knights email access problems hopefully have been resolved and we will be able to have no more problems.

In June the Western is being hosted by ND1 near Valley City ND.

The International Convention in Aug. is being held in the Wisconsin Dells which should be an exciting time.

This year elections will be held for the VP, Sec. and Regions 2, 4 and 6.

Anyone wishing to run for these positions should have their resume with nomination sent to the Nomination committee.

I will be attending the Spring board meetings in April, if anyone has anything that needs to be brought to the board please notify me.

By-law changes will be posted on the International web site and if anyone has any that they wish to put forward should send them to the by-law committee.

I will be attending the Western and International convention.

Gil Rekken

Region 5 Director



Office of the Region 6 Director - 2015 End of Year Report

Fellow Red Knights, this past two years have been a great run for Region 6. This past year I was able to ride to visit all be 3 chapters in the region. We were able to save a chapter from going away and able to revitalize several others. My only regret is that we were not able to establish several other chapters in Texas and we lost a chapter in New Mexico and Nevada. We are working to reestablish chapters there. One of the issues we are up against in the region is that a lot of the fire departments have their own riding clubs and it is hard to break into their area. Oklahoma is doing a great job of holding their chapters together and making inroads toward new chapters as well as Kansas. We are looking for good things from them.

We are also working on Arizona to try to establish at least one new chapter to begin the work of chapter building there. All in all things in Region 6 are going well.

Now for myself, I have made the decision not to run for the Region 6 Director position in 2016. It is time for me to move on and I do not want to get caught up in home-steading a Board position for too many years. It is time to bring in new and younger blood on the Board of Directors. It is important that us older guys move on to allow the younger firefighters to make decisions for the Red Knights as this Motorcycle Club is seeing younger firefighters take over in the rains.

I have really enjoyed my time on the Board of Directors I had two goals to bring in term limits and a business plan. Maybe the next Region 6 Director can accomplish that plan. I want to thank Region 6 for all your support. I also ask that you support the next Region 6 Director as you have supported me.

Thank you again,

Joe "ChickenJoe" Connors

Director, Region 6



Office of the Region 7 Director - 2015 End of Year Report

Since August 16, 2015, I assure the Regional Director based on the Region 7 (Europe). I would like to thank TomTom for the work done over the past four years at the head of the region 7. I thank him for his time, for his commitment and for his perseverance.

This complex region by the difference of language, culture, firefighter status, is so rich in exchange and fraternity it brings us much happiness. Management of this area is a real challenge and it is with great confidence but also humility that I take my duties.

The participation of the Red Knights from Region 7 during the Annual Meeting in San Antonio, with five countries represented (seven chapters and MAL), all show the international dimension of our club but also the interest that we give each other.

The last quarter of the year 2015 has seen the holding of the Meeting Européen in Sumiswald, Switzerland. Switzerland 2 has provided a remarkable effort to accommodate more than 200 members of the 25 chapters (out of 33) present as well as Members At Large (well represented). During this meeting, holding a commemoration of 9/11, with the presence of the US Ambassador to Switzerland, Suzi LeVine, the founding father Norm Beausoleil, Past President of the International Ed Brouillet and his wife, Rick Oliver and Bob Laford and our International President Chris Gadway (surprise guest) scored the strong emotion event. The European elections saw the election of a new Vice President, Harris Puisais (France 1) and a new treasurer, Tom Van Der Kley (LAM). Again thank you to the organizers for this achievement.

The last quarter of 2015 also saw the expansion of the Red Knights family in Europe. Indeed, with the opening of Chapter 8 of Belgium, Germany 12 and Germany 13 and the coming of several MAL our organization brings to 36 Chapters in Europe, in 17 countries for a total of 716 members.

In October, I participated for the first time at the International Board meeting. It's a beautiful school of life in which each member can take the measure of the commitment and responsibilities. This meeting allowed me to measure the burden of responsibility (decisions) and the complexity of proposals. This rewarding experience allows me to be confident for the next round during the Spring Meeting.

The sharing of information and especially the face to face meeting with European members and all Red Knights also lead me to inform everyone of my presence at the various meetings organized in Europe and USA. It will be a good time to meet, a good opportunity to answer questions and of course understand the concerns / problems from each in order to make the most appropriate solution.

You can find the schedule of activities which I intend to participate by following the link: <http://region7rkmc.blog4ever.com/calendar-of-participation>.

Can't wait to meet you soon.
Pierre Halleux
Regional 7 Director



Grand Tour Committee Chair - 2015 End of Year Report

Greetings Red Knights and Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Grand Tour this year.

2015 saw our first significant decline in numbers of Grand Tour participants. Participation fell by roughly 30% across the board, in numbers of participants and total number of Tours completed. 350 members from 64 Chapters, 4 Members-at-Large and 34 guests completed 535 Tours this year.

Completed tours include:

Grand Tour	91
Red Knight Tour	81
Fire House Tour	69
12 Stations Tour	246
Alphabet Tour	48

Our numbers are down in part because no Grand Tour ride was held at Americade this year but rather another ride that was well attended. We also have 41 new Grand Tour Masters (same as 2014). We now have a total of 166 Grand Tour Masters, 7 of whom have completed all 5 Tours twice and 3 who have completed them 3 times.

On July 17th Minnesota Chapter 4 with a member from Manitoba Chapter 1, a member from Minnesota Chapter 7 and 15 guests completed a 12 Station Tour and constituted our largest group of the year with 38 participants. Also of note – David and Nancy Skerry of New Hampshire Chapter 4 rode a 12 Stations Tour in July using only stations beginning with the letter W.

Our Committee members in Australia/New Zealand and Europe have been doing a fine job and have taken a load of work from me. I wish to thank Roger Van Kollenburg of Australia Chapter 5 and Stefan Thalhamer an MAL from Germany for all the help.

In 2015 I spent a total of 145 hours on Grand Tour administration which works out to 12 hours and 5 minutes per month.

Please, stay tuned in, we may have a new Tour for you y next summer.

Respectfully Submitted

Henry Heideman

Grand Tour Committee Chair



**MN 4 & 7 and
MB 1 on a 12
Stations Tour**

Grand Tour Committee Chair - 2015 End of Year Report

Appointment by International Board for the position of By-Law Chair on October 19, 2015. Since the appointment I have been working on housekeeping of the current by-laws which includes but not limited to: spelling, punctuation and general appearance. Approximately 15-20 hours

I submitted, to be placed on the website, to the communications chairman, easy directions on how to submit a by-law change proposal, including what information is needed, timeline and what email address to send it to. I also have been working on the organization of the current by-laws to be presented to the membership for approval at an upcoming Annual Business Meeting. This organization includes but not limited to: changing of some wording without changing the meaning of the by-law, deleting duplications of by-laws and moving whole by-laws to proper placing with-in document.

I have spent approximately 100 hours working on this project.

At this time I have spoken with 2 people about the procedure used to submit a proposal for a by-law change to be brought to the membership for approval by vote at the Annual Business Meeting.

I have not received any proposals at this time.

Amy Gilliland

International By-Law Chair

International Conventions

2016 Wisconsin: Check out "2016 Red Knights Convention-Wisconsin Dells" on Facebook

2017 New York: Check out "2017 Red Knights MC Convention-Syracuse, NY" on Facebook

2018 Pennsylvania

2019 New Hampshire (message from committee below)

2020: Laon, France

Greetings All:

Our 2019 convention committee has met up a couple of times after our last actual convention in San-Antonio. We have discussed a few of the major items at hand that needed to be put into place, and get underway to stay ahead of it all. We have compared & shared some items from previous conventions and events as well, I feel that together we have come up with a plan that is pretty representative of our state, and I thank each and every member for all their participation towards this event, It's tough to project feelings on a simple letterhead, however we are very excited to this project in general.

We currently have plans about to come to fruition that will allow us to come out of the gate this year running. Our situation as mentioned with having to secure a large enough tent to house us all for a couple of specific events still remains to be our only real big concern and challenge, but if even a couple of our plans come together... this will all help us out.

On a side note if any chapters out there have secured a pile of non-profit monies, we would love the thought of becoming your money laundering location (lol). My personal plans are to have a better understanding of how this all proceeds possibly by this year's convention to be held in Wisconsin. I look forward to it all unfolding, and seeing you folks again during this time.

Thank you:

Colin Nelson, Current 2019 Chairman



Quartermaster's Corner

Greetings to all.

I hope the start of spring found your bike ready for riding. Things here in central New Jersey are cold and snow is not fully out of the picture yet. For those of you that order chapter rockers, they usually take 3-4 weeks for production, as they are custom made for each chapter. For those chapters within the continental US, our vendor will ship direct to you from South Carolina. This will save about a week in delivery time to you.



For our chapters in Europe, Rolf Muehlemann is your European Quartermaster. quartermaster@redknightsmc.eu. Rolf has all of the "In Stock" patches that our European members will need. When those chapter rockers are shipped to me, I will ship them to Rolf & he will send them along to your chapter. The addition of our European Quartermaster has greatly helped to shorten the time shipping within Europe, and made my job easier. Please keep in mind, because the cost to ship outside the US is very expensive, we have flat rate shipping costs. I understand that for a member in Australia, the cost of a \$5.00 patch is \$25.00 in shipping. This is partly why we encourage our members to contact a nearby chapter and bundle your orders together, so you can share the cost of shipping a larger order. There have been many orders that were \$300-\$400 that cost me \$60.00 or more to ship overseas. The flat rate shipping cost for this chapter was \$30.00. Please understand that if we were to charge you exactly what it cost to ship each order, the amount of work to check each order and bill each member individually would not be cost effective, and it would create duplications of our billing and credits.

For those of you that have a creative idea about a new product, please email me your ideas. If you can include a picture or drawing, any vendor information, and cost I would be happy to look into making a proposal to the board for a new item to be tested in the online catalog.

Ladies...I have been asking all over for ideas and samples for more jewelry that our female riders may enjoy. Send me some ideas; if we add the item to the catalog I'll be happy to offer a picture of you wearing it in our catalog.

Some of you have asked about items that you don't see in the online catalog. I'm working to get the catalog current and updated. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me: rkrquartermaster@redknightsregalia.com

Facebook: Kevin B Williams

Cell: 732.692.3707 USA (You can phone me or text me direct.)

When sending me any messages, please include your name & chapter affiliation, along with a contact number I can reach you at. For the MALs, please include your MAL status & the state you live in.

I look forward to seeing many of you again at the Lake George FD on the Thursday of Americade. It's a great chance to see many faces that you only get to see once a year. For those of you travelling to Wisconsin Dells in August, I'd like to offer to buy all of you a complimentary drink of your choice in the hospitality room during the convention. Stay safe & keep the shiny side up.

Fraternally,

Kevin B Williams

RKMC International Quartermaster



Office of the Executive Secretary

To the Membership

I want to thank you for your support the last twelve years as your International Secretary. It has been an honor and enjoyable being able to serve you.

During that time, there has been many "first" for our club. I want to mention a few.

When I took over the trademark program, there were 185 trademarks, now that number is over 1940 trademarks. Our name and logo are registered in 33 countries around the world. Over the years we have worked to make the process easier for the membership. I want to thank the chapters for their understanding of why we needed to protect our name and logo worldwide.

We now have a Heaven One program, where we send a representative from the International Board to all wakes/funerals of our members who pass away. I have had the honor of representing the Red Knights at 40 wakes/funerals to date. We present a RKMC flag and an Angel Coin to the family. It our way of showing how important our members are to us. We designed a Heaven One patch and rockers so that the chapters can continued to honor their passing members.

In 2005, we dedicated our Memorial Park in Boylston, Massachusetts. The name of every member how has passed since our club was founded, can be found there. We are the only motorcycle to be presented a piece of steel from the World Trade Centers, which now is on station at our Memorial Park.

The Red Knights now a history of all motions made by the International Board since November 2004. We are on volume three. We also have a record of every Board meeting since 2004.

Our insurance program allows for the Red Knights to offer a million dollar general liability policy to our membership to cover rides, outings, chapter meeting, picnics, and other items at a price that is the best along motorcycle clubs in North America. We can and do assist our chapters with the cost of insurance outside of North America.

We now have a Road Captain and Team Riding class that is taught not only to our members but to other motorcycle clubs also. I have been invited to present this class to the America Motorcycle Association (AMA) of-ficers and Board. We have designed safety vests for our members. We provided Medical Date Stickers to be place on the helmets for our membership, the only motorcycle club that we know of who has done that.

These are but a few items that I am proud of being able to help bring to our membership.

It has come time (and some may say not soon enough) for me to step aside and allow someone with fresh ideas to move in to this position and take this club into the future. I ask that you support your next International Secretary in the same way that you have supported me.

Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving you.

Bill "Popeye" Snodgrass
International Secretary
International Chaplain
Life Member

secretary@redknightsmc.com



Red Knights Events Webpage: <http://www.redknightsmc.org/redknightevents.htm>

To add an event, your requests must be sent to the Web Liaison 30 days prior to the date of the event. For events occurring in less than 30 days, you are welcome to post information on our Forum.
PLEASE NOTE:

1. This page is for Red Knights sponsored events only, no other events need apply.
 2. Any attachments to your announcements must be less than 200KB in size.
 3. Include the following, Who, What, Where, Why, When and Cost.
- Mail all notices, in the proper time frame, to Red Knights Web Master.

Insurance Rules for Red Knight Sponsored Events

This is a requirement from our insurance company. All chapters and associations requesting RKMC INSURANCE coverage for their event MUST SUBMIT AN ACCURATE, DETAILED ROUTE of the ride with the request for insurance coverage. Any rider involved in an accident while not on the listed route will not be covered.

Check the website for more details on obtaining that insurance.



Help-A-Knight



What is Help-A-Knight? This is a list of members who are willing and able to help fellow Knights in the following ways:

- Take calls to help a fellow Red Knight with INFORMATION about your area.
- Allow a Red Knight to stay OVERNIGHT in my home.
- Allow a Red Knight to put a TENT up overnight on my property.
- Allow a Red Knight to park a BIKE overnight on my property
- Will bring my SAE tools to a breakdown
- Pick up a broken bike in my truck or trailer.
- Will bring my METRIC tools to a breakdown.
- Someone in my home or near my home speaks FRENCH.
- Someone in my home speaks another language other than English or French.
- I am willing to accept TEXT MESSAGES at the number listed in this section.

The Canadian and U.S. entries in the Help-A-Knights directory are assembled in alphabetical order, according to the Country. For Example: Canada is listed before the USA. Within each state or province, Red Knights participating in this program are listed by town or city. The assistance made available in case of need by your fellow Red Knight is listed beside each participant's name by coded initials according to the legend below. To receive assistance from another Red Knight, first determine which participants in this program are nearest to your location using the list in this package. Next check the HELP CODE listed beside each participant's name to see which one can provide the assistance you need. Then call that Red Knight no collect calls please -and explain your problem. Be sure to mention HELP-A-KNIGHT.

Find out more about the Help-A-Knight program at: <http://www.redknightsmc.org/helpaknight.htm>



Quick Questions

In a day when the media is dominated by national politics, many of us may have forgotten that the Red Knights have elections this year also. One of our races is for the International Vice President. So I took the time to ask the candidates a couple quick questions to help you get a better grip on the person. Do not forget for more info on all of them, check out their profiles on the international web site.



Spike Ostiguy

Who is Spike?

Spike is a career Firefighter in Holyoke Mass. He's been married for 26 years and has a son who was one of the first RKMC junior members.

Spike tells me that he's been riding since he was young, following in his brothers footsteps on trail bikes then naturally progressed to street bikes . He found riding was in his blood and is still out there, only today he spends a lot of time riding with the Knights. When he became a Firefighter the natural progression between bikes and firefighting was to join the Red Knights. That was 33 years ago. A few years ago Spike's family had some illness, and the support and kindness that RKMC extended to him and his family made him eternally grateful and he wants the opportunity to once again able to return the kindness to other Club members in need.

Should the membership elect Spike again to the International VP position, he wants to work with Chapters and members that may be experiencing financial troubles, and work to keep them associated with RKMC. Along the same lines Spike wants to work with MAL's and our International brothers and sisters to expand membership, and the retention of our club members.



Tim Reinard

Who is Tim?

Tim has been married to his wife for almost 43 years, they have a couple of sons, and they are starting their own families. He has retired three times but his personality is one that he has to keep busy, so he volunteers, time permitting for, four different organizations.

Tim started riding when he was 18, and like many of you has ridden both street and trail bikes. The open air and wind in his face has kept him riding all these years. Today he and his wife split their time between their bike and their boat.

He joined the Red Knights so he could ride with friends he trusted in a safe environment. The fact that not only did they ride together but they also took time to give back to the community while promoting motorcycle safety is a big reason he wants to give back to the RKMC.

Tim told me because he's retired he'd have time, If elected International VP, to work With the MALS and international members to answer and respond to any questions that overseas members may have. He also said that member retention and club expansion were a big project that he'd like to work on.





Thomas Delboi

And now TOMTOM. TomTom is a funny big Red Knight from Switzerland/Europe. He is married with two younger children. He tells me he also has a LOT of bees as he is a bee keeper. TOMTOM works at one of Switzerland's largest Fire and EMS dispatch centers, while holding the Lieutenant's position in his Village volunteer fire company.

When not working, or tending his bees he spends time on his bike cruising through the beautiful Switzerland country side. He said it reloads his personal energy batteries, and he loves the smells of their spring flowers, summer rain and local farms. He also loves riding with RKMC members.

TomTom told me that through his years he has met hundreds of new friends through his association with RKMC. Friendships that he could not put a value on, Incredible memories, and has seen sights from all over the world because he is a RED Knight.

Because he was the first international ambassador he feels he would also like to be the first international VP from outside the USA. TomTom feels this will give a unique perspective in working with all the chapters, MALS, both local and abroad. He promised me even though not located in the US he will remain available to all those who need his assistance either through email or however contact be needed. He also is looking into member retention as well as expansion of the RKMC membership.

This is a brief look at these members. Our interviews were much more extensive but I wanted to give you just a brief look into these men. Our candidates expressed love for our club and the willingness to answer any questions that any members or chapters may have before the election. Their full bios are on the international web site, and I suggest you take a couple minutes and read them. These men are dedicated Red Knights members, who have much more to share about their accomplishments, both inside and outside the Red Knights and deserve a minute or two of your time. For any other brothers or sisters that may not have been featured here, feel free to contact me and I will offer you the same space to introduce yourself. Markguliano@aol.com

Region 1

Hi I'm Mark Guliano and I'm the new Region 1, International News Letter reporter. I'm currently the Secretary for Connecticut Chapter 7. I've been a member of the Storm Engine Company #2, of the Derby, Ct. volunteer FD, and The Storm Engine Company Ambulance Corps. for 35 years. During those years I was an EMT, member of the heavy rescue, Hazmat, & high angle rescue teams as well as an interior FF and a driver.



I've been married to my wife Christine for 25 years and we have two children, both in their twenties now. I am a licensed funeral director by trade. My wife and I both enjoy riding so joining the Red Knights was a natural step. We enjoy the rides and events along with the fellowship of other firefighters who enjoy the same. I've spent my life helping people so when I was asked to help spread the good that the members of my region are doing I was more than happy to jump on board.

I've been riding motorcycles since I was 18. My first motorcycle was a Honda Rebel 250. From there in 1986 I went to a Yamaha Fazer 700. I still have and ride that but last year I moved up to a Suzuki M109r Boulevard 1800. Like you I just love the wind in my hair and the freedom riding brings.

I'm looking forward to meeting the many members of Region 1 and all those who wish to contact me with pictures and stories of the great rides, and all the good RKMC does. My email address is MarkGuliano@aol.com Please email me with all that your chapters do, or if you know of a member who might deserve a special story. remember if you don't send stuff to me I cannot forward it. I look forward to working with you all in the future..

We want to thank Mark for joining the Newsletter Team.

Make sure your Region's news is included by becoming a Regional Reporter. Interested? Talk with your Regional Director.

On Sunday March 20, 2016 Connecticut RKMC elected a new State Representative. Dan Branfield, President of Ct Chapter 2 was elected as the new Connecticut Rep. He will be replacing Dana Robertson also of Ct Chapter 2.

from left Dana Robertson, Past CT State Representative, Matt Mattera, Region 1 director and Dan Branfield, the newly elected CT State Representative





On February 22, 2016 the members of RKMC CT Chapter 7 made a \$500.00 donation to the Valley Food Bank at the Spooner House in Shelton Ct. The Spooner House is operated by area Congregations with the mission of providing food, shelter and support services to people in need. At the request of the food bank director Susan Aygami, the donation was made in February, after the holiday donations stopped and the bank could put it to good use.

From left to right: Ct. Chapter 7 Secretary, Mark Guliano, Road Captain, Alan Dambrov, Spooner House Director Susan Aygami, Chapter President Lou Mazzucco, Club Treasurer, Ron Stebar, and club members Diane and Victor Goodin. In the front row is Frank Zalensky.



RKMC Vermont Chapter IV
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Annual Chapter Summary

Vermont Chapter IV

Wow! 2015 flew by for Vermont IV. We had our usual annual events and awesome weather for all of them. The bike blessing in May was great, the Three Day Stampede Ride was awesome in July, and Ray's Ride made a great last big ride, with a wonderful turnout. Our own First Lady, Ronda Coyle, was nominated by our chapter for the Perry Carter/Red Knight of the Year Award. Congratulations on your Nomination Ronda. We rode with brother s and sisters to the south and west of us.

The ride to the Yankee Rally was a highlight of our year. We met up with three other Chapters, and all rode together to the Rally. It was amazing to see all those Knights together.

Our President and Vice President attended the Knights of the Round Table conference this year. What a great time with the other Red, Green, and Blue Knights.

The weather is beautiful already, and we had riders who were on the road for a cruise for Easter!!! Motorcycles in March in Vermont! Wow, Global Warming? 2016 has started out busy already... We regret that one of our Brothers has left us to go on the next big ride. Edmund Sullivan passed away in February, 2016. We will miss you Ed. You were the epitome of a Red Knight.

Ride Safe and Enjoy the Journey from Vermont Chapter IV.

**8th Ron Thomas
Memorial Ride
Red Knights NY 36
9th Annual Dice Run**



Dyke St. Fire Station**E Hanover St. Wellsville NY

September 10, 2016

Registration starts 0930 until 1100

Kickstands up at 1100

Drivers \$15 and Passenger \$10

There will be food and drinks, chinese auction!!

Lunch at Stop 2

We will be doing Pre-registrations until August 1, 2016!!
With each Pre-registration you will receive a free tee-shirt!!

Preregister go to www.redknightsny36.com
then to Ron Thomas Memorial Ride Page click on link and print

All stops will be at the Fire Halls only!!
We will be going by the Alma Ponds for part of the ride.

Ride will be about 120 miles.

NO ALCOHOL STOPS OR BEING SERVED!!!

For info contact: Bill Lambert 585-307-2675

info@redknightsny36.com

Hosted by: Red Knights MC NY 36

To Benefit NY Fireman's Home, area firefighters and families in need!!
www.redknightsny36.com - www.cyberspokes.com

Region 2

RKMC NB 1 has been working hard for the last few months to co-ordinate the events of **the Atlantic Association 12 Rally 2016**. August 26-28th 2016 in Saint John New Brunswick. I know all Members for all Chapters will have a good time in Saint John. The city of Saint John, SJFD and SJPD have partnered with NB 1 to make sure your visit will be memorable.

We have planned a very busy weekend filled with Friends – Fellowship - Great Food, what more could one want. Hampton Inns and Suites have opened their doors to offer our brothers and sisters a comfortable and warmest welcome. The Hotel will have completed an extensive renovation fresh and new for you.

The Runs we have planned for you will give all a small glimpse as to why New Brunswick is called the Picture Province. The dinner on Saturday evening will be prepared by Maple Leaf Queens Plate Buffet. You will be entertained by an award winning band "Side Kick" come along and rock the night away.

As president of RKMC NB 1, I am so proud of my members and the enthusiasm they have shown and the efforts of all members who have done their part to make this Rally come to fruition. Please remember to get your registration in early and come and enjoy your weekend. On behalf of the members RKMC NB 1, welcome to our town, New Brunswick

David Gallant, President
RKMC NB 1



Atlantic Association 12 Rally - August 26 - 28 2016

Saint John, New Brunswick hosted by Red Knights NB Chapter 1

An enjoyable, relaxing and fun filled weekend of friendship, fellowship and good food!

Choice of 2 runs on Saturday August 27th:
Kennebecasis River Valley Scenic Ride & Beautiful Bay
of Fundy Coastal Ride

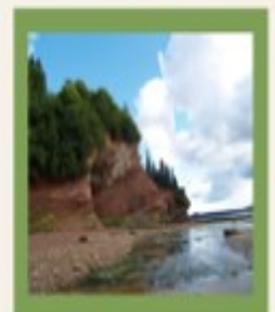
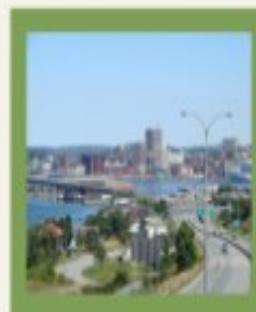
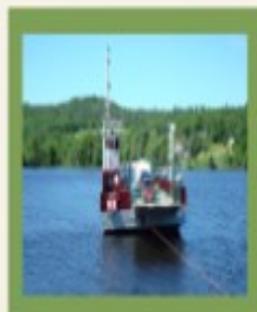


Registration \$55/Bike, \$30/Passenger

Includes Meet & Greet - Lunch & Ride - Supper
& Entertainment - Evening Shuttle Bus

Host Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites

See registration form for more detailed information



For more info please contact Dave Gallant: President NB1 ddgallant@xplornet.ca



**Red Knights Atlantic Association 12- 2016 Rally - Registration:
Hosted by the Atlantic Association 12 & RKMC NB 1**

**The Host Hotel will be Hampton Inns and suites
51 Fashion Drive, Saint John N.B. E2J-0A7
Phone 506-657-4600**

**Room rates at \$124.00 Canadian for 1 King or 2 Queen
Non-Smoking, booked before July 26. 2016**

Or Book on Line at;

<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/Y/YSJSJHX-RKM-20160826/index.jhtml>

**August 26th – 28th 2016 - Saint John New Brunswick
Personal Information – Please Print Clearly**

Last Name:_____ First Name:_____

Passengers Last Name:_____ First Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State/Province:_____

Zip/Postal code:_____ Chapter/MAL:_____

Phone:_____ Email:_____

Arrival Date:_____ Departure Date:_____

Atlantic Association 12 Rally Registration Fee:

\$55.00 Rider - \$30.00 Passenger. (Canadian)

INCLUDES: Participation Bag, Convention Program, Crest, Hospitality Room Friday evening, Kegger, Saturday Run & Lunch, Saturday evening Banquet & Entertainment, Sunday morning send-off breakfast, items from the City of Saint John,. A Shuttle Bus will be provided for Dinner & Dance. Please Drink responsibly, leave your wheels at the hotel and have a GREAT time.

We are offering Two Rides on Saturday– Please choose ONE:

Ride 1; Four Ferry Run _____.

Ride 2; Fundy Trail Run_____.

Ride numbers will be balanced, so get your choice in quickly.

BBQ Lunch will be provided en route:

Norton Fire & Rescue will Host

Payment Options; you can pay by Cheque or Money Order;

Payable to RKMC NB 1.

RKMC NB 1 Treasurer

Jim Bedford

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For more information email Dave Gallant President NB1 ddgal-lant@xplornet.ca

Registration cut-off date August 15th 2016

[Hotel Registration deadline July 26th 2016. 50 rooms blocked](#)

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Red Knights step up to help burn victim's family



Members of the Grand Falls chapter of the Red Knights, a group of motorcyclists who are firefighters, attended a recent dance fundraiser for burn victim Donald Deschênes' family in Drummond and presented a donation of \$550 to his wife and children. Deschênes suffered serious burns to more than 80 per cent of his body in an incident that occurred at his home on June 14. He is presently undergoing treatment at a burn centre in Halifax. Left to right: André Turcotte, Greg Thibodeau, Paulo Caron, Nicole Vienneau, Roch, Karine, Monique and Julie Deschênes, Yvon Pelletier, president of the Red Knights' Grand Falls chapter, and Bryan Martin. PHOTO: MADELEINE LECLERC/THE VICTORIA STAR



New Brunswick Chapter 5

Region 3



First annual West Virginia state picnic



Illinois Chapter 1 and 2 at the
Ride to Remember 2013

[Brenda Walters-Layton](#)

Region 4

RKMC GEORGIA CH 26

2015 Annual Accomplishment Report

Rides and fundraising activities of the Red Knight Motorcycle Club Georgia Chapter 26 based in Oglethorpe, Georgia. It has been a very good year for our Chapter as we have been very busy in the local communities in which we come from. Our Chapter consists of members from all over the Middle Georgia area including Oglethorpe, Montezuma, Perry, Hawkinsville and Warner Robins and Ashburn. We currently have 25 members that are career firefighters, volunteer firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nurses and their families.



Here are some of our accomplishments:: On Feb 16th, 2015 we were honored to ride in the funeral procession for a local fallen firefighter. Lt. Randy Parker, of the Macon/Bibb Fire Department was lost in the line of duty while fighting a structural house fire. The family had requested the Red Knights escort the remains on his last ride. GA Chapter 26 along with other Red Knights from Chapters 3, 13,15,16,20,24,25,27 came together to provide an impressive escort. The family was very thankful.

On March 7th, 2015 we were proud to support the Jones County Fire Department with their annual spaghetti dinner fundraising effort.

On March 28th, 2015 the chapter was again called on to support a fellow firefighter's family in their time of loss. A Brother in the Eatonton Fire Department lost his father and the Red Knights escorted his remains on his last ride.

In September of 2014 a paramedic in the local area, Bobby Hahn, had just completed his tour of duty and was on his way home when he was injured in a horrible motorcycle accident. His injuries were severe enough that they would keep him out of work for the foreseeable future. On April 11th, 2015 our Chapter sponsored a Dice Run fundraiser to raise money to aid in his medical bills and living expenses.



The Ride for Bobby raised over \$1500 that was presented to Bobby following the ride.



Our Chapter also enjoyed some fun time and much needed down time for us. May 3rd found us in Panama City Beach, FL for the Thunder Beach Spring 2015 Rally.

Early on May 9th chapter members were on the bikes headed south to Thomasville, Ga. At the request of Georgia Rep Chuck Marks we went to meet with firefighters wishing to start a Red Knights Chapter in south Georgia. We were impressed with the dedication and questions from these firefighters. This was a fruitful meeting as this group of folks would later in the year be chartered as Georgia Chapter 28.

Our Chapter was honored to ride on May 16th, 2015 in the Pratt Martin Benefit Ride. Pratt is a police officer with the Warner Robins Police Department who was diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer.

The Chapter was honored on May 17th, 2015 to be able to meet and share a meal with RKMC International President Chris Gadway, International VP Jack Jarvis and families during their stop in Byron, Ga on their trip home from the 2015 Dixie Rally in New Orleans. It was a fun time meeting and/or renewing friendships and having some great fellowship. It was a pleasure spending time with these fine folks.



The Chapter was represented by several members during Memorial Weekend in the 2015 Rolling Thunder Demonstration Run in Washington DC. Over 1.2 million motorcycles in town to support all military vets and to bring notice of the America's military that were killed and/or are still missing in action (MIA) and their remains were not being returned home or respectfully buried.

In May 23rd, 2015 the Chapter rode in support of the Mil Vets MC Warner Robins Chapter in their semi-annual "Ride to Andersonville". These rides are held in May and November in remembrance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day. These rides bring out approximately 400 riders and are completed at Andersonville National Cemetery in Andersonville, GA.

The Chapter clubhouse in Oglethorpe was the scene on May 30th for the 2nd RKMC GA 26 Open House. We started having an Open House in 2014 to invite other motorcycle organizations in the area to come see what the Red Knights are all about and to meet new folks in the area. During the Open House we cook up a mess of fish, fries and hushpuppies, have bike games of slow ride and plank rides, have a cornhole tournament and a bike show. Prizes are given out for all of the events. We had several

motorcycle clubs from the local communities in for a rousing good time.



June 6th found the Chapter supporting another firefighter in need. Kyle Livingston was a local firefighter who was injured in a motor vehicle accident on his way to work. He suffered severe injury, was paralyzed and in a coma for some time. Georgia Chapter 16 sponsored the ride and we were more than glad to participate and provide support.

On July 11th the Chapter rode to support the Georgia Fire Safety Educators Association, in which one of our own members James Wise is key part of. The ride was to raise money for deserving individuals that have contributed to Fire Safety Education.

Labor Day weekend was another time for the Chapter to have some relaxation and fellowship. Several members and families loaded up campers and equipment and spent the weekend in Pine Mountain at the RV park. A great way to start the slow down season and end the summer with a bang.

In October we were able to ride in support of a local former firefighter. Joe Romeo was a retired US Marine, volunteer firefighter and the father of a Georgia Chapter 24 member. Joe had been disable for some time and had a contractor come to his house and make some repairs to his roof. The contractor took advantage of Joe's inability to inspect the work and performed shoddy work on the roof leaving it in worse condition than when he started. Unable to pay to have the roof properly fixed the Red Knights stepped up and sponsored a benefit ride to raise money to have the roof properly fixed.

On Nov 7th, 2015 the Chapter rode to support the Veteran's Day ride sponsored by the Mil Vets MC to Andersonville National Cemetery.

The Chapter rode Nov 28 to support the Delmar Singleton Love Run which raised over \$6900 for the Children's Industrial Home. This organization works with youth who have emotional and/or behavioral disorders and are considered to be at a higher level of need.

Our year ended on a high note Dec 20th as the Chapter took a deserving mother and her children as our Christmas Family. The Chapter surprised the family with lunch at a local buffet, provided the mother with close to \$400 that she could use for bills and vehicle repairs, and took the children to mart and purchased them Christmas gifts that they would not have had.



As we closed this year with our annual New Years Eve family party we said goodbye to 2015 and welcomed in the new 2016 with hopes of another banner year for the Red Knights Motorcycle Club and Georgia Chapter 26.

Bill Culberson
Secretary, GA Chapter 26

Region 7



BELGIUM 4

The Red Knights Belgium 4, in collaboration with the Red Knights Belgium 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7, have the pleasure to inform you that they have organized their European meeting on 9, 10 and 11 September.

Like every year, we will have at heart to commemorate the memory of the fallen firefighters 15 years ago, when the WTC attacks.

We look forward to welcoming you on Friday evening on the Domaine of the Marlagne Wépion and the following program:

Saturday will be devoted to the memorial ceremony. There is also planned a ride in this area rich of a prestigious past. A meal and an evening of socializing will close that day.

Sunday will meanwhile be reserved for dressing our national Manneken-Pis in the colors of Red Knights, this will end our commemoration.

You are all welcome. Please check out our website for more information.



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Freitag, 9. September 2016

ab 17:00 Uhr: Begrüßung der Teilnehmer
19:00 Uhr: Gesellige Mahlzeit
21:00 Uhr: Entspannter Abend

Samstag, 10. September 2016

8:00 Uhr: Frühstück
10:00 Uhr: Sitzung der Präsidenten
10:30 Uhr: Abfahrt der Motorrad Balade
18:00 Uhr: Offizielle Zeremonie
19:00 Uhr: Gastronomisches Essen
21:00 Uhr: Animierter Abend

Sonntag, 11. September 2016

08:00 Uhr: Frühstück
10:00 Uhr: Ende der Festlichkeiten und Abreise der Gäste



vendredi 9 septembre 2016

17h: accueil des participants
19h: repas convivial
21h: soirée décontractée

samedi 10 septembre 2016

8h: petit déjeuner
10h: réunion des Présidents
10h30: départ balade motos
18h: cérémonie officielle
19h: repas gastronomique
21h: soirée animée

dimanche 11 septembre 2016

8h: petit déjeuner
10h: fin des festivités et départ des convives

Friday September 9th

From 5pm : reception of the participants
7pm : dinner
9pm : relaxed evening

Saturday September 10th

8am : breakfast
10am : présidents reunion
10.30am : start of the ride
6pm : official ceremony
7pm : gourmet meal
9pm : animated evening

Sunday 11th September

8am: breakfast
10am : end of the festivities and departure of the guests





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Wales 1

Belgium 8

Germany 2

Ireland 1

Netherlands 1

Germany 3

Switzerland 1

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Switzerland 2

England 1

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Switzerland 3

England 2

Germany 8

Switzerland 4



Smoke Eater Style – The Story

Greetings fellow Red Knights. Thank you for the opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself and my journey. I am typing this from the very small community of Grafton, a rural community in King's County, Nova Scotia. My home is the base for my screen printing business 'Ace Screen Prints' and of course my firefighter brand 'Smoke Eater Style'. I live here with my wife Rachel (also a Red Knight), 2 dogs, and 30 chickens, it's country living.

It was not always this way however, and in answer to the question how did you ever find Grafton??, I guess the honest answer would be, I have no idea!!. We will call it fate, as we love it, and feel very much at home.

My roots are firmly planted in Europe. I am originally British, where I lived most of my life. My father Julian was a full-time Firefighter, and before I can remember I had always wanted to follow in his footsteps. My dad tells me I would greet him at the door after every shift and ask how many fires he had been to?. I was the kid that always wanted to be a Firefighter and never grew out of it.

Fast forward to 1994, age 21 and I took my first steps onto a Fire Station as a Firefighter. I spent the next 16 years serving as a full-time firefighter in the UK. I would still be doing it now if my wife Rachel and I had not decided to follow another dream, Life in Canada.

My passion outside of the Fire Service has always been motorcycles, I've rode one for well over 20 years now. Together, Rachel and I have ridden extensively in Europe. Unfortunately we were not Red Knights back then. I don't remember it being a big organization back then in Europe. It certainly wasn't well known in the British fire service.

In 2010 our immigration papers had finally been processed, it was our time, time to put up or shut up. We chose to put up, and started a new life in Nova Scotia.

The idea for 'Smoke Eater Style' was born in early 2013. Throughout my fire service career I had travelled allot through North Eastern US, I had always loved the pride and creativity I saw at firehouses. Unique logos, awesome phrases and play on words, really good fire company pride stuff. It all proved to be part of the inspiration for having a go myself.

I decided I wanted to produce everything in house, and bought a screen printing set-up from a shut-down shop. In the early day's you hope to build this killer brand inspired by the success of brands like Black Helmet. In reality brand building is an art form in itself and it is a journey I am still working on. I take great pride in Smoke Eater Style, everything is done in house. SES is truly firefighter owned and operated. We focus on a great quality product. I am constantly working on making it better, for the best customer experience. Am I where I want to be yet, no, am I working towards it Hell Yer.



In late 2012 I saw a flyer for a meeting to start a Red Knights chapter locally. It seemed like the perfect fit for me, I was onboard from the start. In March 2013 we started Nova Scotia Chapter 4, I was Vice President. Today we stand at over 50 members, something we are all proud of in such a short time.

Shortly after joining, your pumped, new Red Knights chapter, you want to show it off, show your pride. I was trying to find something to wear. There really wasn't anything I saw that I thought was firefighter biker style. How the Red Knight clothing came about was really simple after that. I did a couple of designs for myself. With the wonders of the internet it didn't take long before like-minded Knight's were interested in the clothing. As of right now, I have sent Red Knight clothing all over the world. It is very cool to see a pic pop up on the internet of a Red Knight wearing one of our shirts in a far flung place.

I am very thankful of the support I have received, I hope one day to make it back to Europe, I would very much like to meet alot of you in person, swap a few stories, just don't ask me about shipping costs EH!!

Thank you once again for the support, Happy New Year to my Red Knight Brother's & Sisters.

Karl Downton
Smoke Eater Style
RKMC Nova Scotia CH IV



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Gathering of the Knights - RKB II

The background of the poster is dark with a fiery, orange and red glow. In the center, there is a large, detailed image of a knight's helmet with a visor. To the right, there are two logos: one for 'ceccus' which is a shield with a figure, and another for 'Red Knights' which is a red Maltese cross with a figure in the center. At the bottom, there is a decorative sword hilt.

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Netherlands 1



Did you know that ...

- The Red Knights Netherlands 1, 28 Full members and 9 Social Members?
- Our Facebook page already has 138 members?
- The date 13 May 2011? That this year we again 5 years!!!
- That three members are those above pin may start wearing?
- The International Red Knights Convention will take place in Europe in 2020? This is usually the 3rd week of August, so keep this week free!

Tips for riding in a group



If you're alone you can drive at your own pace, and all your energy spent on learning to look and drive.

If you are in a group, rides is different. What are the pitfalls, if you're in a group ride? What game rules make everyone safe and happy on ride drives? By far the most important that your supposed to do during a tour ride, is to keep an eye on your mirrors, and see if those who sit behind you, are still there. If that not the case anymore, stop! You can do that once you get to a suitable place, but do it in any case, at the next exit in the route.



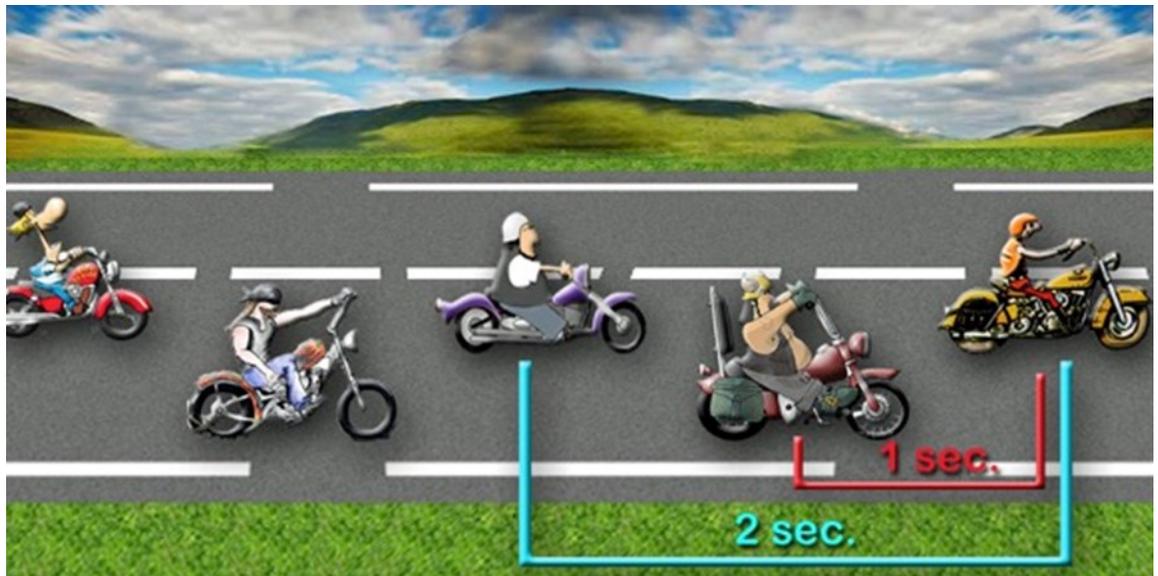
Good to remember to keep back, especially if you're near the front rider. They can suddenly see that he almost missed a turn, and then you're soon on top of each other. In a group you are closer together than normal.

Remember at round trips that you have to drive at your own pace. If you are slower than the rest it is nothing to be ashamed of: everyone has different experience. You know they will always wait on you. What you often see is that bikers drive slower in turns than their advantages and backmarkers. On the straight-aways they give it extra gas so they stay up (and perhaps so it's less noticeable that they are a slower driver). Don't do that! If you find yourself in the lagging behind, or others are almost on top of you, let him over.



Don't be so goaded that you fly off the bend! Always look out for children playing, cars that come from side streets, biking families, and so on. Remember that, especially with a driver which tends to go fast on the straights, you in the back of the group known as the accordion effect. If you like it that's fine of course, but if you don't like: don't! Especially at catching-up actions: not blind behind the vehicle ahead rushing. If you lose the group wait for them! Just only catch up if you can see that you can.

On long straights it is convenient to have in the so-called brick formation. The front drive on the right side of the lane; the one left behind; the one behind right, and so on.



[Andrew Young](#) Red Knights Australian members at the 2015 Wall to Wall Police Memorial Ride



Hi all Red Knight members, My name is John Daemen and I am living in Schiedam where I, on 6 December 1956 was born. Married to Loes D-Vermeij, about 36 years. We have 2 daughters who each have three children. After first volunteering, I become a professional firefighter in 1981 at the municipal fire brigade in Schiedam. After a merger with the Fire Department of the city of Vlaardingen and municipality of Maassluis to fire Waterway, we proceeded to the security region Rotterdam-Rijnmond (VRR) after the basic training and various other training done as Diver (this was common for municipality of Schiedam), HAZMAT suit carrier, instructor and onderbrandmeester (as it was then called). Per 1 January 2016 goes I leave the service because of my age (59).



Since my 18th year I have driven several such as a Honda CB500, CB750, Goldwing, MotoGuzzi california 1000i,

Over the years we have been on the most beautiful places (Europe is still very nice), Dolomites in Italy, Pyrenees in France and the Spanish side (round trip with the Auto train, great) but also the Vosges are very beautiful, with its Alps Austria, South England. But there is nothing wrong with, for example, Germany or the Czech Republic, so we went to the North Cape in June 2013, via Denmark Finland Sweden right through to Rovanimi in gone, hence along the Russian border to the northern tip of Europe's main land, the North Cape. Then along the fjords of Norway to the South. In Oslo the boat to Germany. Home and away 26 days.



For 2016 is a dream scheduled a tour of the USA where I want to visit several parks and cities. Wherever I go I meet the faces of our own Club.

France 1 Continues the Good Work By Running First Aid Courses

For the second consecutive year Red Knights France 1 conducted an initiation in first aid for the CASIM 78 (Chain of Friendship for Security and Information Bikers). This day was Sunday, January 10 2016, and was conducted in an informal and friendly atmosphere.

Five workshops were conducted: Protect, Alert, Assist; Recovery Position; Helmet Removal Stop Bleeding; External Cardiac Massage and use of an external defibrillator.

Ten RKF1 members were present. A sale of goodies was also organized during coffee/lunch breaks.

The day began with a presentation of the organisation and Red Knights France 1, with a word from the Vice-President, in welcoming participants over coffee. After the distribution of trainees, workshops were launched through to the lunch break. Following lunch the workshops continued until early evening and the day ended with a debriefing of the day's activities.



Following the success of the January event, 8 members from Red Knights France 1 were involved in delivering a first aid awareness day to a motorcycle club of Vincennes (Town near Paris) on March 12.

Again the workshops covered: Protect, Alert, Assist; Recovery Position; Helmet Removal; Stop Bleeding and Emergency Release; External Cardiac Massage and use the external defibrillator.

In parallel, a member of the FFM (French Motorcycle Federation) presented items of rider's safety equipment including motorcycle airbag systems. Then, a session on how to manage disaster was organised and presented by an Insurance Company.

As always, the welcome was warm and friendly.



Ireland / UK Meeting 2016

This year's meeting was hosted by Ireland 1 and took place at the Glendalough Hotel, County Wicklow, Ireland. Those attending were treated to some stunning scenery around the hotel grounds, and in the wider area during their stay.



There was an old monastery a few minutes' walk away from the hotel and a little further away was a lake, it has to be said that the scenery was fantastic. All-in-all this was a superb location to hold a meeting.

Members from Ireland, Belgium, Switzerland and England as well as members from the Blue Knights and EMS White Knights Motorcycle Clubs attended the weekend and members of the Green Knights (Armed Forces), and Blue Daos (Police) joined us on Saturday for the well organised ride out through Ireland's country roads to Johnnie Fox's Bar, said to be the highest bar in Ireland, where we enjoyed some nice food before setting off on the second part of the ride. We all know how changeable the Irish weather can be and after arriving at Johnnie Fox's in pleasant weather we were informed that it had started snowing shortly before we were due to set off back to Glendalough to get ready for the evenings partying, fortunately this soon passed and we rode back (most of the way) without the snow.

After meeting in the bar to drink some of the world famous Guinness we were formally welcomed to the gathering by Barry O'Mahony, Ireland 1's Vice President and Tom `Sparks` Hoedjes, the RKMC European President said a few words on behalf of our Regional Director, Pierre Halleux who was in USA at the International Board meeting, after which we were treated to a sit down three course dinner...followed by more drinking and of course the European Red Knights official drinking game, LOOPING LOUIE, made an appearance.

Thanks and goodbyes were exchanged after breakfast on Sunday morning before all Knights made their way back home by aeroplane, boat and motorcycle. CONGRATULATIONS Ireland 1 on a very

well organised and enjoyable weekend... See you all for 2017's UK/ Ireland meeting which will be organised by Wales 1.



2017 EUROPEAN CONVENTION PREPARATIONS

Preparations for the 2017 European Convention are well underway and Germany seven and ten are jointly organising the event and have been to visit the neighbourhood of Querxenland in Seiffhennersdorf, Upper Lusatia which is where the EuroCon 2017 will take place between the 08-10.09.2017.



The 2017 EuroCon venue

The event promises to be lots of fun in a beautiful location so make a note of the date and venue. Germany 7 and 10 will make a joint presentation at the EuroCon 2016.

The beautiful landscape is a fantastic location for those attending to go on some beautiful motorbike tours and The Querx, a mountain spirit from the Lusatian mythology awaits you.

So that the organisational meetings were not all about work the two chapters got together on the evening of the 05.05.2016 to have even more fun of a special kind when Vanessa and Sophie joined Germany X as Social Members and drank shots of champagne from a fire hose nozzle to celebrate and they also had large glasses of Looping Louie water as can be seen in the pictures below



The Querx



Vanessa and Sophie join Germany X

On 07.05.2016 Germany X visited the residence "Tannenhof" of Germany VII in Upper Lusatia. In addition to organizational discussions and planning for their joint event and the great motorcycle tours that there are in the beautiful areas of Upper Lusatia, Waltersdorf, Oybin and Seiffhennersdorf.