



From the desk of
President Martin

Red Knights

Mass Chapter 2 — Fall '14

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Loyal to Our Duty

Hello Brother and Sister Red Knights,

Well it's been a year since I was voted in as your president and I have to say it's been a bit of a challenge, but nothing that couldn't be overcome with all of your help and support! Sometimes it's not as easy a job as it appears, but I'm truly having fun at it and love the planning and camaraderie that comes with the job. The meeting of different chapter's officers and new members, pulling a ton of information together and attending to rides and the needs of the membership is all very interesting. As I said I (we) couldn't do it without your help and participation.

Thanks to everyone that pulled together to help with funeral arrangements and whatever detail was needed during the loss of our brother Steve Mickel. I think everything went as well and as smooth as it possibly could have. Please continue to keep Deb in your prayers and thoughts.

Speaking of Deb, at our annual chapter fall meeting we voted Deb in as a Compassionate Honorary Member to our chapter, guaranteeing that she will always be a member of the chapter. We will continue to support and help her with whatever we can.

A couple of items that came up at the annual meeting are that the MSF scholarships will continue and recipients will be asked to complete a survey once they complete the course. Hopefully, this will give us a better idea of how successful this program continues to be. I see us being able to continue to offer this to promote safe motorcycling. We are also looking into setting up a Red Knights Scholarship for students attending a fire science program. We hope to be able to provide a small assistance towards books or whatever they may need (\$300-\$400).

I have taken on the challenge and pulled together a group of members from Mass-2 and 13 to come up with a Steve Mickel Award to be presented at the spring state meeting. This award will be presented to a person from any chapter that promotes the Red Knights and serves above and beyond for the organization. Similar to the Perry Carter award. This does not have to be an annual award, but we thought it would be a good thing to do, as Steve always was a public face for the Red Knights.

We will also be sponsoring a Steve Mickel ride next September. I will be asking for your help with setting this up.

And lastly, I have volunteered us to host the spring state meeting in March or April, and we will be asking for some help with setting this up as well.

Thank you each and every one of you, and to my officers for all you do.

Kevin

President Mass-2

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,
but by the moments that take our breath away.

As someone who enjoys motorcycling, I bet that you can close your eyes and think of rides you have been on where the experience has taken your breath away, either because of the people you are sharing it with or the view from your saddle!

*P.S. Just a reminder that dues are due to the Treasurer by December 1.
Thanks for your cooperation.*



Mass-2

Christmas Party

- Sunday, December 7, 2014
- 1:00 p.m.
- The Glen Caffe
63 Glenallen Street, Winchendon

Come join us for a our catered dinner and our annual Yankee Gift Swap.

Bring a wrapped gift with a value of no more than \$15 for the gift swap.

This year's menu tentatively is a buffet that includes Chicken Poppy, and Sliced Prime Rib with appetizer, potato, vegetables, salad, and dessert.

The cost is \$20 per person (the chapter is picking up the remainder of the cost). A special thank you goes out to Maury Lizotte for his leg work on this year's party planning.

...hope to see you all there!

We will again be accepting donations for Sherry's House at our Christmas party.

Please consider purchasing and donating gift cards for **Wal-Mart, Target, K-Mart, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, CVS, etc. or Gas Cards, Phone Cards, VISA and American Express.** Visit www.whyme.org for more information about Sherry's House. We will be bringing all of those collected to Sherry's House in Worcester to assist them in their mission for the kids this holiday season.

As always, thank you for your generosity — the children and families at the home thank you as well.

We must have a RSVPs and pre-paid dinners by Sunday, November 23 to give to the caterer.

Contact Bob Laford with your meal payment as soon as you can.



Words cannot express the sorrow we all feel in the passing of our dear friend Steve Mickle. Our continued prayers are with Deb and family.

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A special thank you to each of you whose presence, actions, thoughts, tears, and hugs were with us during this time.

## On the road with our friends...

- July 26 was a perfect summer's day and 14 of us knew that when we met up for a ride on some great country roads around Franklin County. Our cultural stop for the day was in the Village of Shelburne Falls where we enjoyed the Bridge of Flowers, Glacial Pot Holes, and of course the chocolate shop that drew us there by its name—"Mo's Fudge Factor." And before the ride was through there was a stop for some ice cream!
- A group of 11 were able to make plans in August for an overnight at Lake Winnepesaukee. The B&B was in Northwood, NH where the group enjoyed the "Super Moon" as it set over the Lake. The arrival day had a ride all the way around the Lake and the weather was cooperative for both days!
- It was the last weekend of summer — so of course it meant we were together for a ride! There were eight of us on board for a ride for lunch at Wright's Chicken Farm through the country roads of northern Rhode Island. Then to cleanse the pallet it was ice cream at one of our favorites, the UConn Dairy Bar (where we timed it by chance to be there on parents weekend — oh boy)!
- We had seven bikes and 10 people along for a 130 mile foliage ride on October 12... and of course it included ice cream!



**Our** monthly ice cream rides have drawn to a close—as most of the ice cream stands have closed for the season. But as has been our history, the monthly ice cream rides were very popular, even when Mother Nature was not cooperative! We had a couple monthly rides cancelled because of weather and a couple others that were “4-wheel based” because of the weather—but we still had friends and smiles that came out to share some ice cream.

Our final ice cream ride (to the King Phillip Dairy Bar) was a perfect late summer gathering. We had 14 people come out to enjoy a perfect sunset and some ice cream... and the 50 degree temperatures!

**The angels that ride with us...** Do you realize that we never ride alone. If you get the feeling that someone is looking over your shoulder, that is because someone is!

On the way back across the bridge from PEI to the mainland, about three miles onto the Confederation Bridge, Wayne noticed something fly out of Larry's trunk and said it looked like a New York City tickertape parade when Larry's wallet hit the deck of the bridge.

The group stopped at the end of the bridge and used the service phone to call for help (as you cannot stop on the bridge). Their hourly patrol was just leaving and would be on the lookout for the wallet and contents.

A while later the car pulled up and the lady came out with Larry's wallet in a pile of stuff she gathered from the area. She said she did not know how much was retrieved as the scuppers on the side of the bridge open to the water below for the rain to run off.

Looking through the pile, the only thing missing was several hundred dollars in cash. Oh well, thought Larry, that is better than losing everything else. Reaching into his pocket to get his keys he then pulled out the cash he thought was lost from in his wallet!

**It's** not ice cream, but in a column written by Fred Rau he talked about different reasons that motorcyclists use as an excuse to go for a ride. Whether it is the largest ball of twine in the United States, a rally like Americade, a great road like the Tail of the Dragon or the Blue Ridge Parkway, it really does not take too much arm-twisting to convince one of us to go for a ride — destination focused or not!

Several paragraphs of the column were dedicated to the mantra: “Ride, Eat, Sleep, Repeat.” And in it he talked about specific food destinations as an excuse to ride. He listed the world's best sticky buns are in Alaska, the best dinner rolls are in Sikeston, Missouri, and the best strawberry shortcake is in Ticonderoga.

After having the strawberry shortcake in Dummerston, Vermont I think we are all good judges of that commodity and I think we should make it a point to get up to the Hot Biscuit Diner in Ticonderoga while we are in Lake George to see if Fred's culinary judging is on the mark or not!



## 2015 Dues

We have been sending out electronic reminders about your 2015 dues. If you have not paid them yet, PLEASE get your dues (still a deal at \$20 per person) to our Treasurer.

As with any organization there are expenses that we incur and your dues help us cover those costs. A portion of your dues also goes to the International for our charter dues. (We must have all International dues paid by January or we incur a \$50 penalty).

Please have your dues in to Treasurer Bob Laford before **December 1, 2014**. Thanks.

Red Knights Mass-2  
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*If you would like to pay electronically via  
PAYPAL, contact Bob*

### Red Knight Statistics:

The International Secretary reported that we have 390 chapters in good standing with 9,315 members. The club has had 31 requests for information on starting new chapters during the year with seven new chapters for 2014. We now have 44 overseas chapters with 26 in Europe (Region 7), 12 in Australia, and 6 in New Zealand.

Looking at our roster, there are 661 Members-at-Large in 47 states (including Alaska and Hawaii) and in eight Canadian Provinces. There are also MALs in Belgium, England, Germany, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Okinawa, Scotland, Slovenia, Switzerland, and Wales.

Our roster shows that seven of our members are listed as deployed with the active military.

The Red Knights have lost 31 members since the 2013 convention.

## Membership News Briefs...

Welcome Jeff Hamberg from the Orange FD and to Jason Scott of the Petersham FD as new members!

We bid adieu to Paul and Barbara Duffell who have put their Orange home on the market and will be returning to Paul's home in Australia. They said that now the rest of us have a place to visit "down under!" Their contact info is: barbarapine@verizon.net and phone is 0011 61 2 65599227.

A Treasurer's tradition continues. You become chapter Treasurer and shortly afterwards you get a new ride! Congratulations to Bob and Diona on their new Spyder RT-S



## Texas Bound in '15

The 2015 convention is being held in San Antonio, Texas (and Mass-2 has a Sea World connection waiting for us there too)! San Antonio is billed as the 3rd friendliest city in the United States and the Texas-2015 Facebook page has many comments about the city and the rides and routes that the participants are starting to plan.

It did not take long after the troops had returned to their homes around the world after PEI and the reservations started happening, with reports coming in from all over North America, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, and Australia. Sounds like another truly international convention is in the works.

The host hotel is Drury Plaza Hotel Riverwalk, 105 South St Mary's Street, San Antonio, TX 78205 — 210-270-7799 / 800-325-0720 The Red Knights Rate is \$124 a night plus tax and parking. (The Drury Inn & Suites Riverwalk is overflow when the host hotel is full).

Some of the routes mentioned by others (on-line) include Texas via Skyline Drive, Blue Ridge Park Way, Tail of the Dragon, Natchez Trace, and New Orleans to name a few. Between here and there the most direct route is 2,050 miles, so there are plenty of opportunities to meander if you have the time (and cash) to explore!

The hotel is close to the Alamo. Other attractions nearby are the Tower of the Americas, the Alamo Bowl, Six Flags theme park and Schlitterbahn Water Park. Texas is also planning rides into the Texas Hill Country among other destinations.

Since it is a long hot ride to Texas in August and there will be many RK members flying into the Lone Star State. The hosts have posted places in the area to rent bikes as well. Cowboy Harley, 210-646-0499, Caliente Harley, 210-681-2254, BODACIOUS BIKES LLC, 210-547-3440 (all in San Antonio) and Cowboy Harley in Austin, 512-448-4294.

Included with this newsletter is a registration form for the 2015 convention.

## Winter Potluck

- We do not have a specific date or location yet for our Winter Pot Luck...
- But it is usually a Sunday afternoon in February...
- Where we each bring some food to share and stories to tell, and we have a grand time as always...
- We will have the **ride schedule for 2015** printed and ready for distribution...
- So keep an eye out for the info that will be coming on when and where...
- And break out of the winter doldrums with us!

## Yankee Rally — A gathering of Region 1 Red Knights

The first ever Region-1 Red Knights Rally is scheduled for May 29 – 31, 2015, in Saratoga, NY with RK NY-12 hosting. That is the weekend following Memorial Day AND the weekend leading into Americade.

Here are a few notes sent out by our Regional Rep:

- The purpose of the Rally is to bring the Region together, once a year, for fun and comradery. Being the first event scheduled we are hoping for a good turn out of RK Members from our region, but realistically know it will not be a huge turnout.
- The timing of the Rally is so we, as a Region, can meet to discuss the issues and meet the candidates running at the next convention. It is held before International voting closes.
- The date for 2015 was decided by the vote of those present at the convention this year in PEI. That same group agreed that the 2016 Rally will be somewhere in that New Jersey. Obviously, the weekend before Americade would probably not work for that rally, but we can take the time in Saratoga to plan a more permanent weekend that will fill our needs. We need to remember that we have Americade in June, the Dixie Rally in early May and voting ends in early July.

There has been an initial planning meeting held in Brattleboro in September and more information will be shared as it is available.

### Chapter MSF Scholarship

The Central Mass Safety Council continues to be our partner with motorcycle safety through our MSF Scholarship program. We will be giving out rider scholarships again in 2015 thanks to our fundraising efforts, assistance from the safety council, and the work of our scholarship committee.

If you know of a new rider who would benefit from the Beginner's Rider Course, or if you would like to file for a scholarship for either the Beginner or Experienced Course, please get an application (to be found on-line by the end of November) to the committee for consideration.

### A letter from one of this year's Experienced Rider Scholarship Recipients, Chris Conrad

Fellow Members:

I was the lucky recipient of a scholarship from the Chapter to recently attend the Advanced Riders Course held at the Central Mass Safety Council. I submitted application as I was very interested in learning new skills, refreshing old ones, and further learning what the "Wing" can really do with a little experience. I was lucky enough to also have a great instructor who was extremely enthusiastic and knowledgeable. We also had a class of people where everyone had a different type of bike, which added a unique balance of information and observation of skills put into effect. I enjoyed the class very much and learned that I can actually get my "Wing" a lot lower into turns and stops than I had ever realized.

We were fortunate to only have 2 total Motorcycle Drops during the class. Unfortunately however, I happen to be one of the drops. Even more embarrassing was that I didn't drop the bike during an exercise, but while just parked waiting in line for my turn. I recall being upright, then recalled being on the ground with the "Wing" politely shutting off automatically when it realized it's rider rudely knocked it over. It was then determined that due to extreme heat and 5 hours of exercises, I passed out briefly. Lesson learned, HYDRATION is very important even when you don't feel like you are "hot." Luckily, no damage to rider or bike in this incident.

So, I took away from this course not only new riding skills, but also some forgotten basic physiological skills as well. All in all ....a great time!

Keep Riding Safe

Chris



The Fire Prevention week breakfast at the Jaffrey FD is always well attended — and always one of our coolest rides. And 2014 did not disappoint we had 19 members out for breakfast in 13 bikes and several 4-wheelers. And the temperatures started off on the 30's!

(I heard that Marcia and Peg won Kimball's Ice Cream gift cards in the raffle!)

## 2014 RKMC Convention! — Prince Edward Island

*Below are some snippets of comments received and heard from those traveling to PEI for the convention in July. (I received notes thanking those that did the planning and the leading of the clusters of Knights traveling from and back home to Massachusetts).*

As it is each time we gather with RKMC Members from around the globe, this year's convention gave us some great riding with terrific people. Seeing good friends and meeting new ones, experiencing the true meanings of the Red Knights family in camaraderie, and friendship is always what brings us back for more. Our chapter members were 22 of the nearly 500 people north of the border for the festivities. There were several groups of Mass-2 members and all enjoyed extended rides into the Maritime Provinces of Canada before settling in on Prince Edward Island. The trip racked up around 2,000 miles or so per person, and of course everyone had a few practice sessions putting on rain gear. One group saw two soaring bald eagles and a few deer along their route. All had our eyes peeled to see a moose, but the only one seen was a fake one in the lobby of one of the last night hotels on the way home.

The PEI Hosts did an excellent job in the actual convention formalities. The events and rides were pretty well organized for dealing with the volume of people that were there. There were 61 voting chapters present at Saturday's business meeting.

The Canadian hosts were very celebratory as they were sharing their 150th anniversary marking the birth of Canada with all of us! The welcome BBQ was wonderful and the evening at the Brewery (with bus transportation provided) was a favorite.

We may have been on an island, but there was not shortage of roads to ride and places to visit. We hit many local restaurants, along our route, and everyone was quite friendly. Island rides; beautiful scenery, lighthouses, potato farms, ocean views and red cliffs dominated the landscape.

After the convention meeting, the guys wanted to check out the Cows Ice Cream Factory. The front desk mentioned it was down the road to the left, about a 1/2 hour walk. We walked until we ran out of sidewalk about a 1/4 mile down the road, then decided to turn around and jumped on the bikes and rode to get ice cream!

Of course there was much fun had at the hospitality suite where Looping Louie became a friend — or foe — to many! (And he may just reappear at a Mass-2 event in the future)!

A truly international event, with members from all over the world, Looping Louie who looks like a Mario Brother, Cuban Cigars, and several border crossings. It was a great trip.



Our friend Henry Hiedeman from Ontario received the Perry Carter Award for 2014. Very well deserved!

Gas stations for most of the Americans proved a challenge as most of our Credit cards would only work inside, and not at the pumps so gas stops tended to take more time. Seeing a sign indicating food and gas at an exit, we took the exit in search of breakfast. We followed signs that led us through a small town, cross roads and into 'the country'.

We came upon another sign that mentioned "Restaurant at the left after Sherwoods". Having no idea what or where Sherwoods was, we continued on our trek over the country road (felt like a Zelda ride). We found Sherwoods, which turned out to be a funeral home, not a cemetery, and took the next left. Another few miles down the road we arrive at a large parking lot. We pulled in to find a septic truck, doing it's thing. Not another vehicle to be seen.

The restaurant opened at 11a.m. - it was 9:30ish. We spoke to the septic truck driver and he sent us back the way we came mentioning another place that was going to be on the left that he frequents. We hadn't seen ANYTHING that resembled an opened eating establishment along the way. Sure enough, we drive by the place, closed. Fifteen mile round trip, no food, but some good laughs. By the way, the second restaurant also opens at 11a.m. I guess folks in that town fast before 11.

**I**t was great to see Hal Billiard and his wife Joanne again after far too many years. Hal was an active member of the chapter in our "early years" - and even though he lived in New Brunswick he would venture down the coast to ride with us on many occasions. But as life changes with us all, he has not been able to meet up with us in person, but has kept his membership and contact with the chapter. Since PEI is in Hal's back yard it was not too hard to convince them both to come to the convention this summer! Below is a note we received after everyone was safely home.

We enjoyed ourselves with the group. It's been 19 years since we were together. You know, I didn't see much change in any of us, maybe a few grey hairs but still able to smile about things in the past. It sure was great seeing the old and new faces. It was great to see how family and friends still find themselves in the Red Knights.

I even met with an old friend from Ontario 1, we started out in 1978 as Fire Fighters Of Canada, before joining the Red Knights. I see where we need to start a new branch, 60 and up, the four wheel club.

Linda and Wayne, Marty and Cliff, Ed and Peggy, all I heard was, do you remember when and laugh like hell, while having a few drinks, {of pop that is}. I sure missed the old gang. I was hoping to see Bea and Phil. Some time I'd like to make a trip down and see the whole gang. That's all for now, Hal

### *Future Conventions:*

2015 — San Antonio, TX  
2016 — Wisconsin  
2017 — Syracuse, NY  
2018 — Pittsburg, PA  
2019 — New Hampshire (?)



## ***SUPPORT FOR SHERRY'S HOUSE***

What a great fall day we had for our annual ride to support Sherry's House and [www.whyme.org](http://www.whyme.org). Thanks to Tim Kilhart who had the route and the card games all ready to play and we had nine members meet up to enjoy the day.

His route this year took us over Western Massachusetts for about 190 miles. We had a great turn out with 17 members showing up for the ride. The skies were mostly overcast but remained dry for us.

We raised \$190 in cash and \$325 in gift cards for a total of \$515 on the ride. The winners were: 1st was Maury with three kings, 2nd was Bob Laford with three tens, 3rd was Shaky with a pair of aces with queen high, 4th was Norma with a pair of aces with jack high, and 5th was Judy with a pair of jacks.

Thank you to Tim Kilhart for planning the ride and making our delivery to the facility



in Worcester. At our Christmas party we will again be collecting gift cards that will be brought to Sherry's House to help support their mission and the children and families that are in need of their support.



We learned rules for Corn Hole at our Labor Day BBQ at Cynthia and Mark's. The Red Knights are here to expand your cultural knowledge, whether it is with Bocce, Curling, Horse Shoes, Twister, or now — Corn Hole!

The annual chapter reports were distributed at our Fall business meeting. If you were unable to attend the meeting, but would like to receive a copy, contact Treasurer Laford.

President Martin is chairing a committee that will plan for a "Steve Mickle Memorial Ride" in 2015 — and to link that venture with a Red Knights Scholarship in Steve's name for those undertaking Fire Science studies in college. Contact Kevin if you have ideas to share.

Thank you all that participated in the Fall State Meeting in early October. There were nine chapters in attendance with 43 members on hand.

George Colby was re-elected State Rep.

The Massachusetts chapters meet together twice a year to discuss business, what each chapter is up to, and any issues that are affecting the state or the RKMC in general.

Our chapter will be hosts for the Spring 2015 State Meeting, sometime in April.

Thank you to those who came out for our October meeting and election of officers. Congratulations to VP Maury Lizotte, Treasurer Bob Laford, Road Captain Bob Shakarian, and Assistant Road Captain Larry Robinson on the members' acclimation of them each staying on the board.

Thank you to each of our officers for the time and effort that they all put into making our chapter successful.

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Are you contemplating going to San Antonio for the 2015 RKMC Convention? (I bet Caitlin is!)

Drop President Martin a note that you are thinking about it, so he can keep track of who, what, when, and where for 2015.

**Don't forget to get your year-end mileage into  
VP Maury Lizotte to be included in the 2014 totals!**

### **Hamberg's Motorcycle Service**

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### **ALS Ice Bucket Challenge**

Back during the summer a fundraising challenge swept over the country and it also hit the Red Knights.

Members were "nominated" and then were allowed to nominate others to have a bucket of ice water dumped on their heads. Each "dumpee" then donated \$10 to the ALS Foundation (Lou Gehrig's Disease)..

In just the first three weeks of August the foundation received over \$13.3 million in donations from this challenge and brought in 259,505 new donors to the cause.

The Red Knights were not exempt as our Secretary Rick Oliver was first to be nominated (by a non-Red Knight) and he threw down the gauntlet — or shall we say ice bucket — when he nominated Maury Lizotte. From there it was a snow ball effect as the ice water flowed through the chapter and on to other chapters and the International Board as well!

All for a good cause, because each of us does not have to look far into the lists of people we call family and friends to find those affected by this disease.



*The Ice Bucket was thrown down at our Labor Day BBQ*

### **RK Ideas for Christmas!**



**Red Knights' apparel and stuff  
are always a great gift for the rider on  
your Christmas list!**

For RKMC embroidered clothing (shirts, coats, hats, etc.) contact Joe Guarnera at joegua@comcast.net or his home phone at 978-455-1022 .

For screened T-shirts and Golf shirts, contact Vice-president Kevin Martin (978) 877-6179.

Chapter Treasurer **Bob Laford (978) 724-3270** has a number of items too: Window & Helmet Decals , Thin Red Line Decals, Red Knights Shoulder Patches w/ rockers, and Red Knights Back Patches & Rockers (for vests).

On the International Web Page you can buy merchandise from other chapters ranging from doo-rags to collar brass and license plate frames and everything in between!



**Not an arm and a leg,  
just your tows!**



Did you know that if you sign up for membership with the AMA (American Motorcyclists Association) and choose to have automatic renewal through your credit card, that the **AMA Roadside Assistance** benefit is free?

This benefit is available for no extra charge when you sign up for auto-renewal of your AMA membership! Coverage for all your vehicles in your household, including motorcycles, cars, trucks, RVs and even trailers!

Towing services are covered up to 35 miles to the nearest qualified service facility (or to any other location requested by the member of equal distance at no expense to the member). If over 35 miles, the member is only responsible for the overages incurred after the 35-miles coverage

#### Service Limitations

AMA Roadside Assistance is your safety net for mechanical breakdowns with your motorcycles and other vehicles. Commercial trailers are, however, excluded.

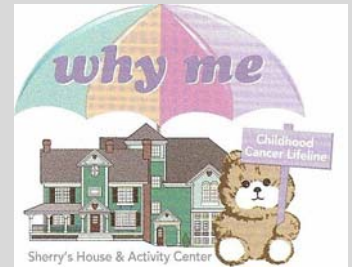
(There are many other benefits beyond the Roadside Assistance and monthly magazine for your \$49)

And within our chapter of the Red Knights, there are a number of members who own motorcycle trailers and may be available to lend a hand if you break down and need to be picked up while out riding. These may be good names and numbers to have in your cell phone!

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| Larry Robinson | 978-724-3321 (H)<br>978-257-0169 (C) | Petersham     |

**PICTURES PICTURES PICTURES!** Don't forget to send Bob Laford any of your pictures from this riding season to include in our **Picture Perfect Pot-luck** scheduled for Saturday, November 8th at the Oliver's in New Salem!

Below is the letter of thanks we received from Sherry's House this fall.



Since 1985, Why Me has wrapped a supportive and loving embrace around over 500 families battling childhood cancer. It has been our mission to provide these brave families with "memories everlasting" that they will cherish long after their struggle with cancer. Your donation of cash, checks and gift cards with a total value of \$415.00 is appreciated. Please let everyone who contributed to this wonderful donation know how much their generosity is appreciated.

The American journalist George Elliston once wrote, "How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it!" Today is a beautiful day because of your kind and thoughtful gift to help families currently in the fight of their lives. Just as your donation is touching and inspiring, so is the smile on the face of a child battling cancer. With your generous donation, we can make sure that precious smile continues to inspire us all.

With you by our side, we will always be a beacon of light for families battling childhood cancer. We dream of a day when childhood cancer is cured and no family has to fight. Until that day, we will continue to provide a vital backbone of support because of you.

Your kindness and generosity knows no boundaries and we are eternally grateful. We look forward to the future with you our friends, volunteers, supporters, and donors by our side.

#### **2015 Motorcycle Show dates and locations are:**

*Boston, MA - January 10-11 Salem, NH - February 14-15  
Wilmington, MA - March 14-15*

*Check out [www.kevmarv.com](http://www.kevmarv.com) for more information*

*The International Motorcycle Show in New York City  
is the weekend of December 12-14, 2014*



## 2015 RKMC International Annual Convention

**August 13-16, 2015**

San Antonio, Texas

Hosted by the Texas Red Knights Association

### REGISTRATION FORM

RIDER LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSENGER LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP/POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER/MAL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOTEL: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONVENTION FEE AND PRE-ORDERED OPTIONAL CONVENTION ITEMS

A) REGISTRATION (US FUNDS) \$65.00 PER PERSON X [\_\_\_\_\_] SUBTOTAL A (REG.) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

B) PRE-ORDERED/PAID CONVENTION T-SHIRT: Price: S – XL = \$20.00 2XL – 4XL = \$22.00

Size: S \_\_\_\_\_, M \_\_\_\_\_, L \_\_\_\_\_, XL \_\_\_\_\_, 2XL \_\_\_\_\_, 3XL \_\_\_\_\_, 4 XL \_\_\_\_\_

SUBTOTAL B (T-SHIRTS) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

C) PRE-PAID EVENTS:

**After Hour Alamo Tour** \$20.00 PER PERSON X [\_\_\_\_\_] = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Red Knights only one hour guided tour of the Alamo – Friday @ 7pm)

**Riverwalk Cocktail Cruise** \$30.00 PER PERSON X [\_\_\_\_\_] = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Drink: ☐ Margarita ☐ Beer (Kind) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Water

☐ Wine (Kind) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Soda (Kind) \_\_\_\_\_

(Includes chips, red sauce & guacamole, 3 drinks, tax and tips)

SUBTOTAL C (EVENTS) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL (A+B+C) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**



**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!** PAID REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED BY MARCH 31, 2015 WILL BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING FOR ONE FREE HOTEL NIGHT DURING THE CONVENTION AT THE HOST HOTEL, THE DRURY PLAZA, FOR THREE WINNERS.

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**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

Money order should be made payable to Texas Red Knights in US Funds. Mail check/money order and registration form to address below

**MAILING ADDRESS:** RKMC TX3, 21020 Plaza Circle, Crosby, TX 77532

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PLEASE INDICATE YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING INCLUDED EVENTS:

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| • THURSDAY EVENING BBQ              | YES/NO [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] |
| • SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET          | YES/NO [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] |
| • SUNDAY MORNING SEND OFF BREAKFAST | YES/NO [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] |

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Fill out the form, save to a file then send it as an attachment to [tx3@redknightsmc.com](mailto:tx3@redknightsmc.com)  
For more information or questions please email: [tx3@redknightsmc.com](mailto:tx3@redknightsmc.com)

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**NOTE: ONLY FIRST 400 REGISTRANTS WILL BE IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM  
FOR THE BANQUET ALL OTHERS WILL BE IN A SATELLITE LOCATION**

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**\*\*\*CONVENTION LANYARDS MUST BE WORN FOR ALL EVENTS\*\*\***

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**HOST HOTEL: DRURY PLAZA RIVERWALK HOTEL**

**105 St. Mary's**

**San Antonio, TX 78205**

**(800) 325-0720 (Room rate: \$124 deadline July 19, 2015)**

**Daily Parking Rate at Hotel: (\$10 per bike / \$21 per vehicle)**

**OFFSITE PARKING AVAILABLE @ \$25 FOR THE WEEK/WEEKEND FOR TRUCKS AND TRAILERS  
UPON REQUEST (30 MINUTES FROM HOTEL ON PRIVATE GATED PROPERTY)**