

Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club

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Red Knights Convention 2016 webpage:

<http://www.rkmccconvention2016.com/>

Sorry for the delay in the Fall 2015 Newsletter Edition. Thank you to all who contributed! Thank you Steve Willimson for taking care of the European portion of this newsletter! If you emailed something and its not included here, I deeply apologize. We may have lost some items in the changeover. It was certainly not intentional.

We want to make sure news in YOUR area news is included. To that end, we are looking for a reporter for each region. So, if your region does not have a reporter, why not you?

Chapter Presidents: Please remember not all of your members get or read emails. Please distribute the newsletter in a way that all members have a chance to read it.

I am always open to suggestions so please feel free to contact me anytime. Thank you for all you do to make this a great organization!

Stephanie Fowle, Newsletter Editor

Red Knights International Annual Business Meeting

August 15, 2015

Meeting called to Order at: 8:30 AM by President Gadway

Roll Call of Officers and Chapters:

68 chapters are registered to vote and there are 66 chapters present.

Reports of Officers:

President:	Chris Gadway
Vice Pres:	Jack Jarvis
Secretary:	Bill Snodgrass
Treasurer:	Scott Ryan
Region 1 Director:	Norm Beausoleil
Region 2 Director:	Leo Patry
Region 3 Director:	Tim Reinard
Region 4 Director:	Joey Powell
Region 5 Director:	Gil Rekken
Region 6 Director:	Joe Connors
Region 7 Director:	Tom Delboi

Presidents Opening remarks:

Moment of Silence

Rules for Meeting:

- Introduced Sergeant at Arms
- Must check in/out with Sergeant at Arms
- 3 minutes speaking on issue
- Voting, raising hand with wrist band

Officers Reports:

Motion 2015-013 to accept Office Reports as published was made by John McCullah (OK 7) and seconded by Jim Delaney (NY 23). Motion passed

Committee Reports:

- Audit: (Scott Ryan)
- Convention Reports: 2016, 2017, 2018
- Nominations: (Tom Caisse) cost \$1300.00 for elections
- By-Laws: (Tom Caisse/Dave Emery)
- Membership: (Bill Snodgrass) 9952 members and 348 chapters in good standing.
- Memorial: (Don Parker) \$2070.00 spend
- Memorial Fund Donations: (Scott Ryan) \$4300.00 received
- Insurance: (Bill Snodgrass)

Old Business:

Delinquent Chapters (Scott Ryan) The following chapters are delinquent: NH 8, NY 34, KYB 6, GA 13, VA 7, VA 9, NV 2, NY 13, NY 51, GA 21, NV 1

New Business:

- Motion 2015-014 for RKIFMC makes a donation of \$150.00 to the AMA Legislative Legal Fund was made by Matt Mattera (NJ 31) and seconded by Ken Stoveken (NJ 22). Motion passed
- Motion 2015-015 for RKIFMC make a donation of \$150.00 to the 2014 convention host charity of choice was made by Allen Aurich (TX 4) and seconded by Howard Roun (NJ 33). Motion passed
- Motion 2015-016 to recall the following charters: NH 8, NY 34, KY 6, GA 13, VA 7, VA 9, NV 2, NY 13, NY 51, GA 21, NV 1, was made by Scott Ryan and seconded by Dave French (PA 18). Motion passed.



Rules for voting on new By-Law changes, a 2/3 vote was needed to pass motions made regarding by-law charges. The number of voting chapters would be called before each vote was given by President Gadway and Tom Caisse (MA 4).

Motion 2015-017 was made to accept By-Law section 2:01 VI as published in the International Handout booklet by Tom Caisse and seconded by Matt Mattera (NJ 31). Motion passed by a majority show of hands.

Motion 2015-018 was made to accept By-Law section 5:06 as published in the International Handout booklet by Tom Caisse and seconded by Pierre Halleux (BE 1). Motion passed by a majority show of hands.

Motion 2015-019 was made to accept By-Law section 5:09A VI as published in the International Handout booklet by Tom Caisse and seconded by Julie Carlson (NY 38). Motion passed by a majority show of hands.

Motion 2015-020 was made to accept By-Law section 3:04 as published in the International Handout booklet by David Emery and seconded by Tom Caisse (MA 4). Motion failed by a vote of 25 for and 41 against.

Motion 2015-021 was made to accept By-Law section 3:05 as published in the International Handout booklet by Tom Caisse and seconded by Julie Carlson (NY 38). Motion passed 47 for and 18 against.

Motion 2015-022 was made to accept on the call for the question on Motion 2015-021. Motion was called for by President Gadway and seconded by Jason Butschky (NJ 19). Motion passed by a majority show of hands.

Motion 2015-023 was made to accept By-Law section 4:02 as published in the International Handout booklet by Tom Caisse and seconded by Monty Wimm (WI 5). Motion passed 56 for and 9 against.

Motion 2015-024 was made to accept By-Law section 2:01 II as published in the International Handout booklet by David Emery and seconded by Dan Robertson (CT 2). Motion failed 24 for and 41 against.

Motion 2015-025 was made to accept on the call for the question on Motion 2015-024. Motion was called for by Butch Chapman (TX 1) and seconded by Amy Gilliland (NY 24). Motion passed by a majority show of hands.

Motion 2015-026 was made to accept By-Law section 3:14 as published in the International Handout booklet by Tom Caisse and seconded by Dan Robertson (CT 2). Motion failed 4 for and 61 against.

Motion 2015-027 was made to accept By-Law section 4:05 as published in the International Handout booklet by Tom Caisse and seconded by Howard Roun (NJ 33). Motion failed by a majority show of hands.

Voting on location for 2019, 2020 Convention

Voting on location for 2019 Convention: presentation by Leo for NB 1 (Saint John) and NH 1 (Lincoln) by Peters. 2019 was awarded to NH.

Voting on Location for 2020 Convention: presentation from NB 1 (Leo), presentation from European Association by Tom and Pierre. 2020 awarded to the European Association.

Election of Officers: (Tom Cassie)

Advised that was only one challenge to the slate of officers and the elected Region 5 Director is Gil Rekken. Tom Caisse casted one vote for the other slate of officer, vote accepted by Int. Secretary.

For 2015-2017, President is Chris Gadway, Treasurer is Scott Ryan, Region 1 Director is Matt Mattera, Region 3 Director is Tim Reinard, Region 5 Director is Gil Rekken and Region 7 Director is Pierre Halleux.



Good of the Order:

Dickie Cutbrith advised that all Chapter banners wanting to be hung be given to him after the meeting.

Report on the 2015 KORT was given.

Eddie B, thank Board members for their work.

Dickie requested anyone not wanting convention booklet, bring to front for WI Association. Host room is open 1-4, pick up banners.

Report on 2017 convention was given by Julie Carlson (NY 38).

Closing Remarks from President:

Thanked everyone for taking part in the ABM and advised that this meeting is only held once a year. If you have anything that you or your chapter wants to bring to the International Board, please contact your Regional Director as he is there to work on your behalf.

Motion 2015-028 was made by Alan Billing to adjourn the ABM, seconded by All.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:38 PM.

Submitted By:

Bill Snodgrass

Int. Secretary



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RKIFMC Board Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, August 12, 2015

http://redknightsmc.com/Site/downloads/MeetingMinutes/MM_081215.pdf

RKIFMC Board Meeting Minutes - October 18 to October 20, 2015

http://redknightsmc.com/Site/downloads/MeetingMinutes/MM_101815.pdf

Find more Board minutes at:

<http://redknightsmc.com/meetingminutes.htm>

Red Knights Obituaries

*We will miss the friends we lost this year.
Please take a moment to remember our Red
Knight family members.*



David Hamilton
December 29, 2015

Joe McLellan - December 23, 2015
Edward Thomas, Jr - November 26, 2015
Dave Conrad
Jimmy Jones - November 7, 2015
David P. Wickham - November 1, 2015
Corry Vanderlee - October 28, 2015
Frank White - October 16, 2015
Cliff Wilson - October 8, 2015
John Angil - September 28, 2015
Brian M. Gallagher - August 28, 2015
Dale Boismenue - April 19, 2015
David Swift - April 3, 2015
Lucille Tiffany - March 31, 2015
Charles Shinsky - March 15, 2015



Greg Darnell
March 22, 2015

Alan F Stanton - January 25, 2015
Mary Scalzo - January 25, 2015
Mark Wentovich - January 22, 2015
Tracy A. Risko - January 8, 2015
Walt (Sonny) Boryszewski - January 4,
2015

Red Knights Births Announcements

*Some of the newborns of our Club members. To
have a child listed on redknightsmc.com/ contact
the Communication Chair and include your chapter
name and number or MAL State or Country.*



Jim and Amy Gilliland - PA24
Maleyah Noelle Gilliland
Born 11-2-2015 at 6:05 pm

Scott & Kristen Nemet - NH2
Dylan Thomas Nemet
Born August 18, 2015 at 7:52 am

Frank & Caro Ogermann - Germany 6
Twins Finley Louves and Fiona Lucia,
Born March 2, 2015

Red Knights Marriages

*Do you have pictures to share with us? Please let
us share in your joy and let the entire Club know
of your joining together by contacting the
Communication Chair.*

Marriage of MAL member

Heather Wolf to David Matusik

Marriage of New Hampshire 2

John Powers and Heather Lemay

Marriage of RKMC NC 7 President

Michael Giroux and

NC 7 Social Member Hannah DeAngelo

Congratulations

Current Board Officers

International President: Chris Gadway (MD4)

Vice President: Jack Jarvis (NC6)

Executive Secretary and International Chaplain: Bill "Popeye" Snodgrass (OH5)

Treasurer: Scott Ryan (P.E.I. 1)

Region 1 Director: Matt Mattera (NJ31) region1@redknightsmc.com

Contact person for Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey and New York

Region 2 Director: Leo Patry (Ontario7) region2@redknightsmc.com

Contact person for Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario

Region 3 Director: Tim Reinard (WV 6) region3@redknightsmc.com

Contact person for Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Wisconsin

Region 4 Director: Joey Powell (NC 12) region4@redknightsmc.com

Contact person for Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Dist of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia

Region 5 Director: Gil Rekken (MB1) region5@redknightsmc.com

Contact person for Alaska, Alberta, , British Columbia, Idaho, Iowa, Manitoba, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Northwest Territory, Oregon, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, Washington, Wyoming and Yukon

Region 6 Director: Joe Connors (TX 1) region6@redknightsmc.com

Contact person for Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah

Region 7 Director: Pierre Halleux (Belgium 1) region7@redknightsmc.com

Contact person for all European Chapters



2016 Yankee Rally

New Jersey Chapter 31 is in full swing planning the 2016 Red Knights Yankee Rally. The Yankee Rally is the Northeastern Region Convention. But all Red Knights are welcome to attend. We would like to see you there!

The 2016 Yankee Rally will be held May 20-22, 2016 at the Bolero Resort & Conference Center, 3320 Atlantic Avenue, Wildwood, NJ. Reservations at the Bolero Resort are open. As a matter of fact, the hotel is already ½ booked! You can call them at 609-522-6929. There are several room choices and the Bolero will be happy to guide you to the best room for you. Make sure when you call to let them know that you are with the Red Knights Yankee Rally.



We are expecting a large turnout and want to make this a weekend to remember! Remember Wildwood is a summer resort with activities and fun things to do for the whole family; world class boardwalk, amusements and entertainment.

And don't forget about nearby Historic Cape May and all the wonderful tours, food and shopping. There are lots of fun things to do in Wildwood and Cape May, NJ! Check out their Chamber of Commerce websites at <http://www.gwcoc.com/> and <http://www.capemaychamber.com/> respectively. There is so much to do, you may want to arrive earlier than May 20 or stay a few extra days.



Some of the fun events we are working on (but not all confirmed) are: an escorted ride on the boardwalk and another to the Willow Creek Winery. Friday, we hope to have a bonfire on the beach. Participate in the biker games on Saturday or enjoy them as a spectator.

We are also planning some "On Your Own" ride options. You can complete the 12 stations in under 2 hours or check out some of the great sites in southern New Jersey. Join the "Official 2016 Yankee Rally" event page on Facebook to stay in the know.

We Need:

- Chapter T-shirts from All Red Knight Chapters in Region 1. These will be made into a quilt. This was done last year and it was awesome. If your Chapter wants to include a t-shirt in the 2016 Yankee Rally Quilt, please mail it to: Yankee Rally Quilt, 162 Railroad Street, Mechanicville, NY 12118. Deadline for t-shirts is January 1, 2016. We will be displaying and raffling this quilt at the rally.
- Auction Items. If you can donate an item, please contact Stephanie Fowle at 609-408-3112 or babymoosfatboy@hotmail.com.
- Pictures: We would like to include everyone in our slide show. Please email pictures to yankeerally2016@gmail.com.
- Help During the Event: Want to help out during the event? That would be great! Please contact Stephanie Fowle at 609-408-3112 or babymoosfatboy@hotmail.com.

Register for the 2016 Yankee Rally Today!

The Yankee Rally is a Red Knights Motorcycle Club event. To register, go to: www.rkmcnj31.com. To download the Registration Form from Dropbox, go to: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/j2zqcu8kwszedmb/Yankee%20Rally%202016%20Registration%20form.pdf?dl=0>

Thank you NY12 for taking on the huge task of hosting the 1st ever Yankee Rally! Great Job and so much FUN!



From the 2015 Yankee Rally hosted by NY 12

Atlantic Burn Camp for Children + Red Knights MC New Brunswick Chapter 1 + Residence of Kennebecasis Valley



Put this combination together and what do we have; YES a winner. This spring and summer, members of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club could be seen across the Valley selling tickets and spreading the word and good works of the Atlantic Burn Camp for Children for ages 6 to 17 who have been injured by fire or scalds. The camp is located outside of Sydney Cape Breton and has hosted children from all over Atlantic Canada FREE of charge. Monies that support the burn camp are donations from communities and people like the Red Knights MC NB 1.

2015 has been a great year for both organizations. The members of RKMC NB 1 stepped forward with a plan to secure as much monies as possible for the Burn Camp and at the same time spread the word to the public as to who we are and what the Burn Camp can offer. We decided to Raffle a TTR 50 children's dirt bike. Sponsored by Speed Sport Plus, Rothesay Avenue, Saint John. We started selling tickets at Rhoda's flea market then moved to The Atlantic Super Store. While there, we were approached by Peter Perry of Little House on the Perry who donated a Fire Truck Bed for the Auction at our annual Run for Sam (RKMC NB 1) fundraising event held on the second Saturday of August each year. Glenda Guitar, a sales lady and local artist who works at Little House on the Perry, overheard our conversation and donated a painting for our fundraiser as well. We also sold tickets in front of Princes Auto in Saint John.

At the end of our Run for Sam on August 8th 2015, we auctioned off the Bed, a Quilt made by member Karen Bedford, and a Rocken Indian made by our Quartermaster, Gord Taylor. The painting from Glenda Guitar was used as a door prize at registration. We also received a check from the New Brunswick Antique Automobile Club's 50/50 draw in Sussex and a cash donation from the Sam Kilpatrick family. Then, it was time to draw for the TTR 50. The bike was won by Gail Morton of Quispamsis who bought the ticket at the St. Martins car show accompanied by her Grandson. The bike was delivered that afternoon by Vice President Brian Hunter and member Jason Kilpatrick to a grateful Grandmother and speechless Grandson.



August 12th, Treasurer Jim Bedford and members of RKMC NB1

met with Nick Davis

and Debbie & John (Woody) Woodfine from the Burn Camp and presented the Atlantic Burn Camp with a check for **\$8,000**.



As President of Red Knights New Brunswick 1, I ask that all Red Knights Chapters in Atlantic Canada join us in assisting the Atlantic Burn Camp in fundraising for this worthy cause. Next year 2016, let's all get together and ride to the Burn Camp for the flag rising and present our donations together.

David Gallant, President, RKMC NB 1

REGION 7



There have been some changes in the European, Region 7. First, we see Thomas `TomTom` Delboi step down from his role as our Regional Director and hand over to Pierre Halleux.

All European members would like to thank TomTom for all his hard work during his time as our Director and wish him well in his new role as Chairman of the International Communications Committee.

After taking up his new post, Pierre tendered his resignation as President of the Red Knights European Association. All European members would like to congratulate him on his election as the new Region 7 Director. Pierre is certain to receive the full support of all Region 7 members.

We must also thank Pierre for all the hard work he has carried out as our President. We know he will work equally as hard as our Regional Director.



*Far Left:
Pierre Halleux
being sworn
in as the new
Region 7
Director*

European Website and More

The European Association website has undergone an overhaul and is now easier to use than the previous one. Well done to all those who were involved in the work to bring the new website to us. The link is: www.redknightsmc.eu



Since the 2014 European Meeting we have had five new chapters formed in Europe and all are welcomed into the Red Knights family.

Congratulations go to Harris Puisais (President, France 1) on his election as the European Association Vice President and to Tom Van der Kley (MAL) on his election as European Treasurer.

RKMC European Association Meeting 11TH to 13TH September 2015

US Ambassador attends the European Meeting Witten by Thomas Delboi

This year from 11th to 13th September the annual European Meeting (Region 7 Meeting) was held in Sumiswald (Switzerland). It is also tradition at the European Meeting to remember the 343 fallen firefighters from the 9/11 attack. So, the Red Knights decided to invite Suzi LeVine for a 9/11 remembrance ceremony on 11th of September. Suzi is the US Ambassador for Switzerland and Lichtenstein and when she received the invitation from the Red Knights, she decided to change her agenda to attend the ceremony. It was also her wish to travel the last mile to the convention venue on a Red Knights bike. So, the Red Knights prepared a bike escort for her and she was able to ride with a joint state police and Red Knights escort to the convention where the Red Knights lined up outside to welcome her. The first speech at the ceremony was made by Red Knights founding father Norm Beausoleil, who was one of six American Red Knights who travelled over the pond to attend the European Meeting. The second speech was made by Ambassador LeVine and she said that she would like to travel more often on a motorbike, but because there are no armoured motorbikes out there for her it is not allowed. Nut escorted with Red Knights she felt safe. The third speech was made by European Chaplain Rainer "Padre" Lipp from Germany 1. At the end of the ceremony, the Red Knights Prayer song was played. It was a very respectful ceremony.

The Ambassador's visit was a big honour for the Red Knights and it is also a sign that the Red Knights are recognized as a serious organisation. A couple of days later I received a hand written card from Ambassador LeVine, with the golden Seal of the US Department of State ,which can be seen here.

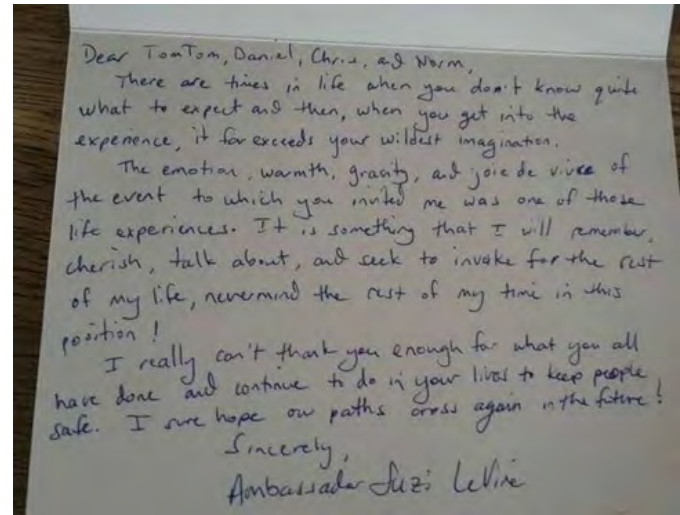


US Ambassador Continued:

She wrote;

"There are times in life when you don't know quite what to expect, and then, when you get into the experience, it far exceeds your wildest imagination. The emotion, warmth, gracity, and joie de vivre of the event to which you invited me was one of those life experiences. It is something that I will remember, cherish, talk about, and seek to invoke for the rest of my life, never mind the rest of my time in this position. I really can't thank you enough for what you all have done and continue to do in your lives to keep people safe. I sure hope our paths cross again in the future!

Sincerely Ambassador Suzi LeVine".



Ambassador Suzi LeVine arrives in style



European Red Knights pay their respects to their fallen Brothers and Sisters

Following a group ride on Saturday, where over 150 motorcycles took part there were several presentations made in the evening and the new European Board was sworn in by Chris Gadway. Rolf Muhlemann and Monika Koestil, both from Switzerland 1, were jointly awarded the European Red Knight of the year award. And you can see them here on the right receiving their awards from Region 7 Director, Pierre Halleux.



Red Knights MC, European Association Meeting 2015

Red Knights International Annual Convention **Comes to Europe in 2020**

It was announced at this year's Convention in Texas that the Annual Convention 2020 will take place in Europe and I am sure that all our visitors will have a great time taking in the fantastic sights that Europe has to offer.

Congratulations Thomas` TomTom` Delboi - Life Member

Following his years of dedicated service to the Red Knights TomTom was honoured by being presented with Red Knights LIFE Membership at this year's International Convention in Texas.



TomTom's Life Membership Presentation and Certificate



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Ireland 1
Cork City
28 September 2015

Ireland / UK Meeting 2016

Hello All,

The fourth Annual Ireland /UK meeting will be held from 15 - 17th. April 2016.
The venue for the 2016 event is "The Glendalough Hotel", Co. Wicklow, Ireland.
A rate of €125 per person sharing, has been secured for Red Knights attending the meeting.
This rate includes two nights B&B and one evening meal.
Should you wish to attend the meeting, the following are the contact details for the hotel;
The Glendalough Hotel,
Glendalough,
Co. Wicklow, Ireland.

Tel: 0404 45135/45391 Fax: 0404 45142

Email: info@glendaloughhotel.ie

Web: <http://www.glendaloughhotel.com/>

Sínead (Shin-ade) is the member of staff who is dealing with our booking.

The GPS Coordinates are:

N 53.01139

W 006.32578

The distance from the hotel to the various ports are as follows:

Dun Laoghaire Port to Glendalough 42 km / 26 miles

Dublin Port to Glendalough 52 km / 32 miles

Dublin Airport to Glendalough 75 km / 47 miles

Rosslare Harbour to Glendalough 121 km / 75 miles

Cork to Glendalough 252 km / 157 miles

If attending or require any further information contact: ireland1@redknightsmc.com

Further details will be posted on the Ireland 1 website as they become available.

www.redknightsireland.com

All Red Knights are most welcome

Regards,

Anthony

Anthony O'Donoghue

President Ireland 1

www.redknightsireland1



Red Knights IrelandOne

Wedding Celebrations for European Red Knights

Two of our European Chapters: Germany 6, Dinslaken and Switzerland 2, Thun, have celebrated the marriages of members since the Spring Newsletter and we send our best wishes to Jens and Marie Maltusch (Germany 6) and Thomas and Ramona (Rampi) Maurer (Switzerland 2) on their marriages.



Jens and Marie do it in style on `his` and `hers` Harleys



Thomas and Ramona are still dedicated to firefighting, even on their wedding day

Irelands 1's President, Anthony O'Donoghue Hailed a Hero!

The President of Ireland 1 is being hailed a hero after helping to save the life of a young English girl from a near drowning tragedy in Lanzarote.

Anthony was in the swimming pool of his hotel in Matagorda when he heard the father of the 11-year-old Newcastle girl calling for help. The panic-stricken father had spotted his daughter lying face down in the water and brought her to the side of the pool. Anthony, who retired from Cork City Fire Service last November, sped to the scene and began to clear her airway. He and the pool life-guard worked on the girl for two to three minutes, managing to resuscitate her before she was rushed to hospital by ambulance, she thankfully made a full recovery from her ordeal and returned to the same hotel as Anthony to enjoy the remainder of her holiday.

Modest Anthony, on the right in the photo with the new Region 7 Director Pierre Halleux said: "I was just lucky to be there at the time and to be able to assist with CPR. It was a pure fluke." Anthony was on holidays with his family when he was called in to action.



Germany 2

Our chapter, Germany 2, celebrated with 6th chapter party with 100 visitors in July. Like last year, we collected donations for charitable purposes. €500.00 were donated for "Paulinchen". Paulinchen is an initiative for young burn survivors. The handover of the donation took place at the Lower Saxony Academy for Fire and Disaster Control. The same evening we held an information event about the RKMC for firefighters.



Representing the Paulinchen Board, Detlef Damaske received the donation from the President of Germany 2 Michael Pfoertner. Detlef Damaske is a big collector for Paulinchen and was very surprised and happy about the

donation. Following the presentation, there were several hours spent together at the barbecue where those present joined in song and informative conversation. At the information evening we brought many firefighters together and some of them will now find a new chapter in Celle.

Our next chapter party will be in July 2016, with donation collection for Paulinchen again. You will find the invitation here. Of course everybody will be welcome.



Happy Birthday: Germany 3 is 5 Years Old This Year

Congratulations to Germany 3 who is 5 years old this year! They celebrated with another enjoyable and successful Sommerparty. Steffen (Villa) and Melanie are already planning for their Sommerparty 2016 so if you want more info take a look on their website www.red-knights-germany3.de



Germany 10

It has been a busy year for the members of Germany 10. They were involved with the organising of the Red Knights MC Stand at Hannover's International Fire Exhibition, INTERSCHUTZ 2015 where much needed funds were raised for their chosen charity; Paulinchen e.V. which is a charity for children burned in fire. This charity and the Ronald McDonald Kinderhaus Cottbus charity both benefitted from the work done by the chapter.



When not raising money they took time to embark on a motorcycle tour of Austria and Croatia. Members of Germany 10 President, Uwe Dahlitz handed over to Blue Knights Germany XXXI, one of their charity checks. President, Uwe Dahlitz also completed his second Grand Tour Master in two years.

From 8th to 13th of June 2015 the Red Knights promoted their Club at the Interschutz in Hannover, Germany. Interschutz is world largest fire exhibition with 1.500 exhibitors from 51 different countries. During the event, 157.000 people visit the Interschutz. The Red Knights exhibition was organized and planned by Uwe Dahlitz (President Germany 10) and Michael Pförtner (President Germany 2) with three goals in mind:

- Promote the RKIFMC. Most firefighters from Germany / Europe / Worldwide never heard about the Red Knights.
- Network with Fire authority's and associations.
- Recruit new chapters and MALs.



The Interschutz Was a Great Success for the Red Knights!

To follow Red Knight's tradition we worked on a charity project during Interschutz. There is a very popular local foundation to support children with burn injuries and their families that was present at the Interschutz also. On the last day on the Interschutz we were able to give them 1,424.31 Euro (= 1,617 USD). We invited many journalists to



the presentation of the money to Paulinchen. Many were very interested and most of them reported about the Red Knights. A number of people expressed an interest in



becoming a Red Knight member and eight people completed the MAL application on site, paid their dues and received the welcome packet with membership card. One of these new MALs is from Brazil and he is already starting to promote the Red Knights in his area. Hopefully he will charter a new chapter there soon.

Germany XI and Austria 2

Stefanie with Martin (Austria 2 President)

During a motorcycle trip through Switzerland, Austria and Germany, Germany 11's Secretary ,Stefanie Behling (Dotty) and President Christoph Behling (Chris) visited Red Knights Austria 2 in the beautiful province of Styria. A problem occurred on the route to Austria 2, but their President, Martin, helped to sort things out. Upon arrival, the accommodations that Stefanie and Chris had organized by the Lake could not have been worse. The pictures on the internet made everything look so romantic and beautiful but it turned out to be an absolute disaster. After immediate contact with the President of Austria 2, a wonderful accommodation in Lieboch was organized at lightning speed by him. In Lieboch, Stefanie and Chris received a warm welcome from Austria 2, spent a nice afternoon with them, and Stefanie and Chris were made members of Austria 2.



Party time at Joe's New Orleans

The 2nd day was spent sightseeing in Graz. In the photographs you can see Stefanie in Graz and at the clock tower on the Hill in Graz.

After breakfast, the 3rd day began with a ride on the bike, along with the President of Austria 2 to Graz. There they were joined by other members of Austria 2 who showed them around this beautiful city. This was followed by a great night with many of their members in the local Joe's New Orleans bar. They also visited the country fire service day in Gamlitz where they spent time telling people about the Red Knights and distributing flyers for Austria 2's upcoming charity ride in October 2015. The crowning moment of the day was meeting with other members of Austria 2 in their clubhouse where they spent their final evening.

Now unfortunately, the 5th day was the day of departure for Germany XI. Their visit ended with a surprise breakfast with members from Austria 2 and heartfelt friendships forged during the visit.

Conclusion: In the true spirit of the Red Knights, Austria 2 took a lot of time and effort to make sure their guests from Germany XI had a great time. Each took the time to meet the guests from Germany XI personally and to make them feel welcome. Stefanie said that the members from Austria 2 are all very good chapters and exemplify what the Red Knights mean and stand for. Four really unforgettable days, with the result that Stefanie and Chris from Germany XI are now also members of this great and exemplary chapter; Austria 2.

*Article written by Stefanie Behling (Dotty) Secretary Germany XI,
(translated by Steve Williamson)*



Michael Pförtner (President Germany 2) and Uwe Dahlitz (President Germany 10) receive Presidents Award for Dedicated Service



Michael and Uwe were presented with their awards at this year's European Meeting by our International President Chris "Zippy" Gadway for their hard work in organizing the Interschutz Red Knights Exhibition.

Switzerland 1

The Fire Department of Faido Ticino had their 90th Birthday last year. For this event they created a very nice calendar for 2015 and due to their friendship with the Red Knights Switzerland 1 Chapter, they decided that the profit of that calendar would go to Switzerland 1's charity project "Burn Station of the Children's Hospital" in Zürich.

On June 21st we had a meeting with the Chief Doctor of the hospital and donated a check for 7000 Swiss Francs (about US\$ 7500). After a short visit to the ward and a picture outside, all participants met at our clubhouse for a nice BBQ. We want to thank the Faido Fire brigade who made this possible and our Member Mauro for initiating the contact.



Members of Switzerland 1 handing over the check and with hospital staff

Belgium 2

This year we had our ride to promote safe and responsible driving on Sunday, June 21. Same as last year, it was in favour of our chosen charity "Foundation Alexine Clarysse".

In spite of the bad weather we welcomed 170 bikers. During registration they could enjoy coffee and cheese or bacon sandwich. Riders had the choice to drive one or both parts of the ride and the start and finish for both courses was at the fire station at Oostkamp. Both rides took riders along 80 km of West-Flemish roads. At the halfway point the riders got free french fries with mayonnaise or ketchup, two drinks and could buy a BBQ-sausage for a reasonable price. At the end of the day there was a performance from the band "Biteun". This band, partly firemen, gave a sensational end to this wonderful day.

On Saturday, September 26, a barbeque was given to thank the people who helped at the ride. We gave a check for 1,250 euro to the "Foundation Alexine Clarysse".



Members of Belgium 2 handing over the check for 1,250 euros.



Finally Europe says THANK YOU to our US members who came to visit us

L to R: Rick Oliver, Ed Brouilet, Peggy Brouilet, US Ambassador Suzi LeVine, Bob Laford, Norm Beausoleil and Chris Gadway

We hope you had a great time and we look forward to seeing you again in the future!