

Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club

WINTER 2010



THANK YOU to everyone for your support in the past and hopefully the future will bring our organization to new and wonderful heights. This is worth saying over and over again, Thanks to all of the past presidents, board members, and leaders of this extraordinary club, I hope to encourage all Red Knights to become active with your chapter, the state organization and the International Board. Together we can foster growth, be part of healthy change, and make this the best organization possible.

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Reminder to all Chapter Presidents
International Membership Dues



Membership dues payable to the International run from January 1st till December 31st of each year. A grace period for payment is granted from January 1st till February 15th. After that date dues are subject to a \$50.00 late payment fee.

2010 Dues Rates:

There are nine classifications of membership:

1. Charter Member – An active member that has joined a chapter within one year of the chapter being chartered. See Section 4:08
2. Active Member – Is available to anyone who has been a member of the fire service, See Section 4:04
3. Associate Member – A person who has never been in the fire service. See section 4:05
4. Social member – The spouse, boyfriend (1) Girlfriend (1) offspring's of an Active or Associate member or member-at-Large. See Section 4:06
5. Special Honorary Member – Granted to a person of a recognized religion for the position of chapter chaplain. See Section 4:07
6. Member-at-Large – Person's who qualify for Active membership but are to far removed from any established chapter to join. See Section 's 2:01 & 2:01A
7. Life membership – See Section 2:01
8. Compassionate Honorary Member – See Section 2:01 (8)
9. Junior membership – See Section 5, Article 5:03 S.O.G's

Dues for new members joining a chapter shall be \$16.00 per member in their first year of membership and will be pro-rated at the rate of 25% reduction in the third quarter and 50% reduction in the fourth quarter.

Active or Associate Member \$13.00 each
Social or Honorary Member \$7.00 each
Compassionate Honorary Member no charge
Junior Member no charge
New member any classification \$16.00

Dues for chapters are to be sent in U.S. funds to the International treasurer: Please be sure to include a current membership roster which has the members Name, Address, Zip or postal code, Phone number including area code, and Email address if they have one. And lastly their membership status Active, Associate, Social, Honorary, Junior, Life or Compassionate Honorary.

Also be aware that it costs a little more than domestic mail to send a letter to me in Canada so check with your post office to ensure that there is enough postage on the envelope so that it is not returned to use for lack of postage.

Central Region



Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota

Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Wisconsin

Eastern Region



Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts

Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, New Jersey,

New York

Eastern Canada Region



Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick,

Quebec, Ontario

Southern Region



Alabama, Arkansas, Dist of Columbia, Florida, Georgia,
Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina,
South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia

Western Region



Alberta, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Hawaii,
Idaho, Kansas, Manitoba, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada,
New Mexico, North Dakota, Northwest Territories,
Oklahoma, Oregon, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, Utah,
Washington, Wyoming, Yukon

NEW CHAPTERS SINCE AUGUST

CHAPTER NUMBER	LOACTION	STATE/PROV	COUNTRY	REGION	DATE
Kentucky 5	Louisville	KY	USA	Southern	1/14/2009
Tennessee 5	Nashville	TN	USA	Southern	2/4/2009
Vermont 5	Wells River	VT	USA	Eastern	2/23/2009
North Carolina 3	Shallotte	NC	USA	Southern	2/24/2009
Pennsylvania 34	Berwick	ON	Canada	Eastern Canada	3/13/2009
Massachsuetts	Gloucester	ON	Canada	Eastern Canada	3/13/2009
Ontario 18	Kitchener-Waterloo	ON	Canada	Eastern Canada	4/8/2009
Alabama 12	Killen	AL	USA	Southern	4/20/2009
Illinois 17	Litchfield	IL	USA	Central	4/21/2009
WV 7	Charles Town	WV	USA	Central	4/29/2009
Texas 11	Texarkana	TX	USA	Southern	21-May-09
Nebraska 3	Gering	NE	USA	Western	21-May-09
Massachsuetts	Boston	MA	USA	Eastern	21-May-09
Ohio 14	Beaver	OH	USA	Central	25-May-09
Virginia 15	Charlottesville	VA	USA	Southern	27-May-09
Switzerland 1	Zuerich	SW	Switzerland	Oversea	09-Jun-09
Illinois 18	Johnston City	IL	USA	Central	09-Jun-09
Australia 1	Craigieburn	AU	Australia	Oversea	11-Jun-09
Germany 2	Wolfenbuettel	GR	Germany	Oversea	10-Jul-09
Pennsylvania 35	Lebanon	PA	USA	Central	10-Aug-09
Texas 12	Silsbee	TX	USA	Southern	18-Sep-09
Ontario 19	Rideau Lakes	ON	USA	Eastern Canada	21-Sep-09
Texas 13	Dallas	TX	USA	Southern	13-Oct-09
Florida 15	Sebring	FL	USA	Southern	13-Oct-09
Indiana 10	Noblesville	IN	USA	Central	14-Nov-09
Illinois 19	Chillicothe	IL	USA	Central	26-Nov-09
South Dakota 1	Pierre	SD	USA	Western	07-Dec-09
Oklahoma 4	Woodward	OK	USA	Western	08-Dec-09
Texas 14	Blossom	TX	USA	Southern	14-Dec-09
Belgium 1	Theux	BE	Beligum	Oversea	19-Dec-09

2010 Convention Planning continues

Members are already sending in their registrations and the NY State Association is working hard to make this an extremely successful year. Most of the main ingredients are done, with rides being planned, extra possible attractions and just a plain good time in the vacation land of Buffalo/Niagara Falls NY. There is an added incentive to register early, the possibility of getting a room for 3 days “free”. These have to be in by March 15,2010 to be eligible. Convention registrations are available on the Red Knights web page and sent to the address on it.

Any questions please feel free to e-mail me at easternusa@redknightsmc.com and I will try the best I can to answer them.

John A Rucinski Jr
Eastern Regional Director
Co-Chairman 2010 Convention

Perry Carter Award Nominations

It is now time for chapters to start sending nominations for the annual “Perry Carter Award”. This award is done according to the guidelines set in the International Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG’s) Section 13:01 on page 38.

All nominations must be sent to your State Representative, then in turn to the Regional Director, who will forward it to the Eastern Regional Director, the chairman of the committee.

All nominations should be sent to the proper officers by April 1,2010 . Voting by the committee will be done at the next International Board meeting and the Chapter President of the winner will be notified shortly after.

John A Rucinski Jr,
Eastern Regional Director

On Friday, November 20, 2009, I was advised that the RKMC will be granted an artifact from the World Trade Center. As we work thru the process, we will need to provide information and be asked to verify certain facts. This exchange will help them expedite our selections and improve our satisfaction with the choices.

This process may take several months overall. We will need to make arrangements for pick up, find a place to store it and decide on how to display it at our Memorial. And last, how to pay for the foundation and display.

As the International Board, we feel that this a great honor. As Tom Cooke, the Central Regional Director, stated, "This is one of the proudest moments in the Red Knights for all of us. I am sure that the member's names that are on our wall will feel the same way and they will be with good company. No one could ask for any thing better than this.

This will be a permanent reminder to all Red Knight members of the 343 brave New York firefighters what they did and the lives that they saved.

Bill Snodgrass

Greetings,

After much planning and effort a September 11th Commemorative Coin has been struck to coincide with the 10 year anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center.

This coin is a fundraising project undertaken by FDNY Battalion Chief John Salka and a committee of other firefighters and their friends to fund and support several charitable organizations including the W5 Firefighters World Trade Center Fund, The New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation and the FDNY Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

Go to our website (www.september11anniversaryfund.com) for more information on the charitable funds and to get a look at the beautiful new coin.

The coin costs \$20 and every penny will be dispersed to the listed funds. This is an opportunity for every firefighter in America to honor and remember the FDNY Brothers lost on 9/11 and to support the great work that the folks at the Burn Center Foundation, VFW and the W5 Firefighters WTC Fund are doing. Take a look at the attached ad and post it where every firefighter will have a chance to see it. Thanks!

John J. Salka, Jr.

Battalion Chief, FDNY

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October 1, 2009

Good day fellow Red Knights,

My name is Bob Laford, and I am president of Massachusetts Chapter 2. I am writing you today member-to-member to talk about *our* Red Knight Memorial in Boylston, Massachusetts.

Living in Massachusetts I am lucky that I and my chapter members are able to visit the memorial and enjoy its significance to us as an organization and to me personally as an individual Red Knight. That memorial is in place for each of us, the Red Knights who have already passed on before us, and the Red Knights that will come after us.

Leading up to the 25th Anniversary celebration in 2007, founding members of our organization, members of Mass-1, developed the idea of this memorial on the grounds adjacent to the Boylston Fire Station. That location is significant for us because that is where the RKMC was founded and our journey began. The planning team for the memorial worked hard on design, site preparation, and fundraising to prepare the memorial for the Anniversary Convention that was to be held in nearby Worcester in August 2007.



As the convention date grew nearer it became clear that the fundraising to complete the memorial on time was going to fall short. The Red Knight's International Board stepped up and floated a loan so that the memorial could be completed on time for the celebration.

The dedication of our memorial in memory of those Red Knights passed was a very special day and consecrated this space for each of us.

In subsequent years many chapters and individuals have stepped up and contributed donations to the memorial fund to help pay off the loan. In 2007 \$4,100.00

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was donated, in 2008 the figure was \$2,240.00, and for 2009 the donations have slipped to \$585.00. Unfortunately as we move away from the 2007 dedication the memorial moves away from our memory as well, currently leaving a balance of \$14, 900 on the loan.



Along with this outstanding balance owed, there are still maintenance costs for the upkeep of the memorial. The members of Mass-1 care for the memorial, but there are costs that are associated with this care, and as we have members who pass away their names are added to the memorial each year.

To help with this piece of the memorial, the International Board set up funds in escrow to assist with continued care. In 2008 the Board also designed and began marketing a memorial patch to sell that reads "Red Knights

Heaven-1." Along with the annual 50/50 raffle run at the International Conventions these patch sales are earmarked for the memorial's continued care.

We currently have 320 chapters and over 8,500 members (350 MALs). You can see that we could band together and easily retire this Red Knight debt both as individual and as chapters. For example, if each chapter were to run a fundraiser in its area and make a donation of \$100 that would pay off the loan and place a substantial amount of funds into the maintenance account to care for our memorial – and that does not even take into account any personal donations from individual members.



I am writing you today to ask that you join me and my chapter in making a commitment not to forget the memorial. You and I and our chapters and Members-at-Large can make a difference and take care of this financial burden. If you as an individual or as a chapter can make a donation to the memorial fund, please send your donation to International Treasurer Leo Patry at 6000 Battersea Rd. R.R. # 2, Battersea, Ontario Canada, K0H 1H0.

Thank you for your time and your consideration in this matter.

Fraternally,

Robert Laford, President
On behalf of the RKMC Mass-2 Executive Board

WIN A \$10,000.00 VACATION AND HELP THE RKMC MEMORIAL

The Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club has been awarded an artifact (piece of steel beam) from the World Trade Centers (WTC) to be added to the RKMC Memorial in Boylston, Massachusetts. A design committee has being formed to help with the design and placement of this artifact in our memorial park.

The Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club is announcing a raffle to help pay for the design of the WTC artifact. The raffle will have a prize of a \$10,000 Dream Vacation.

The winner chooses the location and the time for the vacation. The winner will have up to one year from the time of the drawing to use the vacation. A total of 1000 tickets will be sold at \$20.00 per ticket. The drawing will be at the 2010 RKMC annual convention in August. In the case the tickets are sold before then, the drawing will be held earlier. If the winner's Dream Vacation is less than \$10,000, the difference will be paid to the winner as spending money.

We are asking that each chapter purchase three tickets. If a chapter wins, they could turn around and hold their own raffle to raise funds for their chapter.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please submit a check made payable to RKIFMC, Inc along with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to:

Red Knights, c/o Bill Snodgrass, 1677 Jackson Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43223-2551.

To view the memorial, go to www.redknightsmc.com and click on the link for Memorial.

Thank you and Good Luck, lets see someone from Ohio win this Dream Vacation.

Bill Snodgrass
Int. Secretary
614-271-8577

Red Knight Help-A-Knight Program

Have you ever been traveling and thought, "Gee I don't know anyone around here. Where is the best place to eat, stay, or get my bike worked on?" That's what the Help-A-Knight program is for – to maintain a database of Red Knights who are willing to accept telephone calls and help fellow Red Knights. Some of the help may be for information, or other options you may help on is if a RK member can stay overnight, pitch a tent in your yard, or leave their bike at your house.

The Red Knights Help-a-Knight program available on line at www.redknightsmc.com
(Click on Membership and then Help A Knight)
(You need Adobe Acrobat to read the file).

We continually update the version that is available on the web page. Below is the registration form to add or update your information in the H-A-K program. Please look over your state listing and let our editor know if there are people listed who are no longer members of your chapters.

Let us know if you use the H-A-K program on the road, and what stories you have about meeting up with your Red Knight brothers and sisters while on the road. Thank you.

RKMC Help-A-Knight Registration Form

Please Print Information and Check All Statements That Apply

☐ This is a New
registration

☐ This is a
Change to my
information

Fall 2009

Name _____ Chapter _____

Street _____

City _____ St./Prov. _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____

To Help-A-Knight I will:
(circle appropriate numbers)

1. Take calls for information about my area. No Collect Calls.
2. Allow a Red Knight to stay overnight in my home
3. Allow a Red Knight to put up a tent on my property
4. Allow a Red Knight to leave a bike on my property
5. Bring my SAE tools to a Help-A-Knight who has broken down
6. Pick up a Red Knight's bike with my pick-up truck or trailer
7. Bring my Metric tools to Help-A-Knight who has broken down
8. Someone in my home speaks French

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RKMC members who have passed on in 2009.

Richard Bee OH 1 2009 (1/4/2009)

Bob Fieles PA 33 2009 (1/12/2009)

Tommy McTee GA 4 2009 (2/12/2009)

Rick Maguire ON 13 2009 (4/9/2009)

Anthony Maddox AL 3 2009 (6/11/2009)

Scott Knauss PA 18 2009 (6/20/2009)

Bob Chalmers AB 1LODD 2009 (7/6/2009)

Bob Peterson MN 4 2009 (7/17/2009)

Charles Eley OH 10 2009 (8/12/2009)

Stephen Smith NY 25 2009 (9/2009)

Darrel Johnston AB 4 2009 (9/20/2009)

Bob Uhl MD 3 2009 (10/2009)

Paula Jarvis NC 6 2009 (10/14/2009)

Ryan Martin FL 15 2009 (10/29/2009)

Paula Jarvis was 59 years old. She joined RKMC recently. She spent 21 years as a dialysis technician and was an organ donor; she has helped at least half a dozen others with her organs.

Donations to the Red Knights Memorial Fund

January 1 2009, January 15 2010

2009

Ohio 1, Massachusetts 2, Pennsylvania 11 Maryland 6 Maryland 2
New York 9 New Hampshire 4, Ontario 12, New Jersey 13 Ohio 5
Ontario 7 Massachusetts 3 New York 12 John & Pauletta Rucinski
Germany 2 Connecticut 7 New York 25 Switzerland 1 Ontario 9
Ontario 13 Florida 14 North Carolina 12

Members at Large

Matthew Troy – NY Mark Wentovich – HI Charles Ingraham –NJ Joe DeMilia-NY
John Foxley-ILL Thomas Zullo-NJ Edward Farquhar-NY Larry Rieber-MN
Richard Jackson-GA Michael Kerr-IA Paul Stauber-CO Patrick Reynolds-KY
Bob Price-NY Mark Wentovich-HI Barry Smith – PA Richard Lay - NM

RED KNIGHTS VERMONT CHAPTER IV

From a presidents stand point, last year was a building year for us as a chapter, and this year we bonded more as a group, awesome. As a group, we rode 8175 miles. We also had a few rides of 6 or less bikes, which were not logged. As a newly formed chapter, we are off to a great start!

Ride Hard, Ride Safe,

Michael Coyle,
President RKMC
Vermont IV.

We have just created a Web Page that has Pictures and Video of the 2009 Daytona BiketoberFest held in Daytona, Florida.

Pictures and Video Include :

Full Throttle Bike Contest, Rats Hole Bike Contest, Fall Cycle Scene, Daytona SpeedWay Bike Races, Hooters Bikini Contest, Motor Cycle Art and much more...

Click on the Link Below and We Hope You Enjoy!!

<http://www.MaxTherapyTV.com/2009daytonabiketoberfest>

Despite fog, misting rain and 40degree temperatures, 700 bikes lined the streets of Texarkana, USA on Sunday morning, December 13th for the 27th annual **Toys for Tots** Motorcycle Run and among those riding were members of Chapter TX-11 of the Red Knights International 1 Motorcycle Club.

The ride netted more than 3,000 toys and \$1,700 to go to underprivileged



Indiana Ride for Kids

11 July 2010

Pinhook Park

2801 Riverside Dr

South Bend, In 46616

Registration 8:00am to 9:45am EDT

Ride starts promptly at 10:00am EDT

Join us for an escorted charity motorcycle ride through the beautiful Northern Indiana Countryside and support the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

www.pbtfus.org

After the ride stay for a light lunch and the Celebration of Life and meet the Stars(young brain tumor survivors) who will join us for the ride.

Bobby Newman

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www.IndianaRideforKids.org

It was my wish to visit the convention 2010, I was happy to see all of you first time. Our chapters vice-president Daniel "Wauzi" Waldspurger told me a lot of funny and interesting stories about the past conventions.

But sometimes things can change: My wife and me waiting for our second child, it will be born at end of July 2010. As such I was not able to make my visit. Understandably I am happy and excited about our new child. I trust that I will be able to make a visit in 2011



Lots of greetings from Switzerland

Tom
RKMC

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Happy New Year fellow Red Knights,
I wanted to take a moment to share with you the new Red Knights decal that Massachusetts Chapter2 has available to you as a Member-at-Large.

For 2010 we are offering a “**Red Knight Thin Red Line**” decal. This is available in both a window decal and a helmet-sized decal.

We are also still marketing the **RKMC “MAL”** window and helmet decals. These decals have the RKMC logo with “MAL” in a lower rocker.
Visit our web site at http://www.rk-mass2.org/graphics/RK_Decal.jpg.

If you have any questions, or would like to speak with someone about an order, contact Mass-2 Vice-president Kevin Martin at:

978-827-4297

(kmartin812@hotmail.com).

Fraternally,

Robert Laford
President
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The Worcester Telegram is doing a series of articles on the Worcester Cold Storage fire and the loss of six of our brothers occurring 3 December 1999. Tim Jackson's widow remarks on our red Knights memorial.

<http://www.telegram.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?Category=WAREHOUSEFIRE>