RED KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER 2

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 6, 2026 • 1:00 p.m.

Slattery's

106 Lunenburg St, Fitchburg, MA 01420





CATERED BUFFET DINNER & YANKEE GIFT SWAP

Join us for our catered buffet dinner and annual Yankee Gift Swap!
Bring a wrapped gift valued at $15–$20 if you would like to participate.

DINNER — $35 PER PERSON

This year's Christmas Dinner is a buffet, unless you choose the Gluten-Free option.
Both the buffet and Gluten-Free option are $35 per person.
A cheese and cracker plate will be available as members arrive and socialize.

BUFFET MENU

Tossed crisp greens with seasonal fresh vegetables • Penne Marinara • Italian Meatballs • Baked Atlantic Haddock • Roasted-on-the-bone Turkey Breast • Sage stuffing and homemade gravy • Whipped Red Bliss potatoes • Fresh vegetable • Crusty rolls and butter • Dessert cake

Coffee and soft drinks included.

For information on Gluten-Free options, contact **Bob.**
Adult beverages available at the bar at each member's own cost.

SUPPORT SHERRY'S HOUSE

We will again collect donations for **Sherry's House in Worcester.** Please consider donating gift cards for Walmart, Target, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, CVS, gas, phone, VISA, or American Express. Learn more at **www.whyme.org.** Donations will be delivered to Sherry's House to support children and families this holiday season. Thank you for your generosity!

RSVP & PAYMENT REQUIRED

RSVPs and pre-paid dinners must be received by Sunday, November 22, 2026, so we can give final numbers to the caterer.
Contact Bob Laford with meal payment as soon as possible.
Make checks payable to RK-Mass 2 and mail to:
PO Box 221, Petersham, MA 01366

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Mass Chapter 2 — Fall 2026

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From the desk of the President

Fraternal Greetings MA2,

Here we are at the end of another great riding season. Many of my weekends were full of motorcycle racing with my son while still finding time for my beloved Red Knights, enjoying weekend rides, midweek hooky rides, and of course ice cream.

2026 was a great year for our chapter as we had members that attended many of the regional rallies around the country and even some international travel for some of our members. We are especially proud of those members who attended the International Convention in Australia.

I want to thank the members for their continued support, not only for myself but for always supporting one another. Whether it's work parties to help clean up Memorial Hall, cutting and splitting wood with Peggy or something as simple as calling and checking in on folks during the routine days.

Throughout the season, Chapter MA2 continued to enjoy the open road and everything that comes with it. We explored new roads, visited great places, enjoyed meals together, attended events, and made plenty of memories along the way. More than the miles we put on our bikes, it was the people beside us that made each ride worthwhile. The friendships, jokes, stories, and shared experiences are what make this club more than just a motorcycle club, they make it a family.

As we celebrate good times, we must also pause to remember four members of our Red Knights family whom we lost this year: Cliff Eldridge, John Collins, Jerry Baldini and Betty Blodgett. Each of them was a valued part of our club, and their presence, friendship, and memories will remain with us. Cliff was a Charter member, and I am happy to say that I was fortunate enough to share some great memories and miles with him during our years at Americade in the Bay Front Cottages.

On behalf of Chapter MA2, I want to thank everyone who helped make this riding season such a great one. Thank you for the rides, the laughs, the fellowship, and for always being there for one another. As we put another riding season in the books, let's look forward to the next one with the same spirit of friendship and brotherhood that makes the Red Knights special. Ride safe, look out for each other, and keep the shiny side up. Here's to the memories we made, the members we remember, and many more miles together. Ride safe, and God bless.

I'm looking forward to another great year with many more miles and smiles as a chapter!

Fraternally,
President Jeff Hamberg
RKMC MA2

We have received Heaven-1 Rockers in memory of Cliff Eldridge and have ordered some for Jerry Baldini. If you would like to receive one, please contact Bob L.

Mass-2 Christmas Party

- Sunday, December 6,
- 1:00 p.m.
- Slattery's

106 Lunenburg St., Fitchburg
Come join us for a catered buffet dinner.

Buffet includes: Tossed Crisp Greens, accompanied by seasonal fresh vegetables, Penne Marinara, Italian Meatballs, Baked Atlantic Haddock, Roasted on the bone Turkey Breast, sage stuffing and homemade gravy, Whipped Red Bliss Potato, Fresh Vegetable, Crusty Rolls & butter and Dessert Cake

We are again doing a Yankee Swap this year and will be collecting gift cards for Sherry's House. Please see the attached flyer for details and RSVP information.

We <u>must</u> have RSVPs and <u>pre-paid</u> Christmas Party dinners by Sunday, November 22 to give to the caterer.

Contact Treasurer
Bob Laford with your RSVP and payment as soon as you can.

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

Visit www.whyme.org for more information about Sherry's House. We will be bringing all of those gift cards 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

Thanks to your generosity we donated $200 to the On-Site Academy and will purchase $200 in toys for the Marine Corps League's Toys for Kids, from the 50/50 proceeds we collected throughout the year.

Jerry Baldini
1946-2026



Our condolences to Rosie Baldini and her family on the passing of our long-time member and friend, Jerry.

Jerry first joined Mass-2 in 1996.

Jerry worked for the Fitchburg DPW and had a special dedication to service for hometown. Jerry also served with the U.S. Army.

He loved riding his Goldwing and spent fond years with us at the cabins at Americade. Jerry was the first in our chapter to trike out his Wing and keep riding with us on three wheels. In recent years, Jerry's health did not allow him to continue riding, but he is riding again with our other members who have joined Heaven-1.

We will miss his big smile and his hearty laugh.

Rest in peace, Jerry, we'll take it from here.

At the Request of the Baldini family, our Honor Guard stood for Jerry at his services.





Thank you to RKMA-1 for inviting us to their summer cookout.



It was a perfect summer's day and we got to visit with many old friends including a number of the Founding Fathers.





During the Red Knights MC - Mass 1 summer cookout, Red Knight Founding Father Bob Bourassa and MA-1 President Peter Stone called up MA-2 member Charlie Clarkson for the unveiling of the dedication plaque for the RKMC Memorial Hall's access ramp.

Charlie and his late wife Joyce were members from near the start of the Red Knights. Charlie served as the first Chairman of the Board for the international, and he was the first State Representative, serving in that role for over 15 years in Massachusetts.

Charlie and Joyce could be seen crisscrossing the state and throughout New England and beyond meeting with chapters and those who wished to start chapters of their own. This two-wheeled duo was active for many miles, even as Joyce suffered from MS and needed some assistance on and off the bike.

Charlie came forward in recent years with an idea for adding an access ramp to the rear of the building, and worked with the house committee, Founding Fathers, and MA-1 to see its initial installation. Charlie was recognized for his efforts and with a tip-of-the-hat to Joyce, as well, at the ramp's dedication.

MA-2 has always been proud of Charlie (and Joyce) and send our thanks and congratulations for all he has done for the Red Knights!



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Earlier this year we donated to the Athol-Orange Rotary, who were raising funds to purchase and stock a used fire engine to donate to a small Mexican community. When I was picking up an order at Lyman Signs, the truck was being lettered! It was delivered in September!



On the road with our friends…



Do you remember some “high heat” at the beginning of July? The NWS had issued an Extreme Heat Warning. Daytime temps were mid to upper 90’s for us. So we went our for our annual Bug Ride and some ice cream at Rota Springs in Sterling. The parking lot was full but the lines at the windows moved fast. Boy did that ice cream taste good! Fred and Lisa LeBlanc even met up with us!



Thank you to the Red Knight tree crews who spent some time in Westminster helping to clean up Peg’s front yard!



Our E-Board enjoyed a 200+ mile day on a perfect summer Friday for a ride, lunch, and an Officer’s Meeting. When they arrived at lunch at Long Trail in Vermont, there were RKMC riders from NJ13 enjoying lunch on their vacation as well! You never know where you will meet a Red Knight, or where they will be from!



It was lunch at the Dinosaur BBQ in Troy for a group of our members during an August weekend that had perfect weather!



We had 21 members and friends come out to the Tully Lake Recreational Area in Royalston for our summer cookout and business meeting. We all had a great afternoon, and plenty of food! (Of course). The afternoon was made even better because there was limited cell service we could not do too much on our phones! Our business meeting had a few donations, and minutes were shared via email after the meeting.



The last weekend in August, a number of us headed west to Lanesborough to watch Matthew Hamberg tough it out on “The Mohawk” Hare Scramble. It was a blast – and Matthew placed in the top half of his class!



It was a superb summer’s day for a 150 mile western Mass ride under the leadership of our president. We even did both sides of Berkshire-East before lunch at Liston’s in Worthington!



Jaffrey FD did it again with their fantastic Fire Prevention Week Breakfast. Smokey was on hand as we ate, and the weather was cool, but it was a beautiful day for a ride!

2027 Dues

We have sent out reminders about your 2027 dues ($25). Please consider getting your dues to our Treasurer early.

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 the new year or we incur a $50 penalty).

Please have your dues in to Treasurer Bob Laford before **December 1, 2026**. Thanks.

Red Knights Mass-2 - P.O. Box 221
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RKMC Breakfast Club

Our breakfast clubs are starting up again this fall and through the winter. Come join us for some Red Knight friendship and bring some food to share. (9:00 am)

- November 21, at Peg Brouillet's in Westminster
- January 16 at Lynn & Amanda's in Petersham
- March 20 at RKMC Memorial Hall in Boylston
- April 17 at Tim and Darlene Kilhart's in Athol

"Let's Play Hooky" mid-week rides



Fifteen of us enjoyed a perfect summer's day in July with a ride (and of course ice cream) at Lilac Hedge Farm in Rutland.



Back in August we had 11 members and friends join us for a visit to Snoopy Rock (technically Dog Rock), along with a nice Italian lunch at Franceso's in Brimfield.

In late October we had seven members that came out for lunch at Lindy's Tavern in No. Smithfield, RI. It was a cool fall day with blue skies and sun, but we still saw some autumn color.

Playing Cards, Pizza! and Patches

We have a new idea to keep us connected and having fun during the winter!

Come join us for an afternoon of cards, fun and fellowship – and pizza. Plans are to have a seamstress on hand for your patch sewing needs!

We will have multiple decks of cards and some cribbage boards. We imagine, along with cribbage there will probably be some pitch and other games as well! (Open to friends beyond MA2, as well!)

January 31 at 1:00 pm at Millers Woods





A rememberence ceremony was held at the Red Knights Memorial in Boylston, on the 25th anniversary of 9-11, in honor of those lost and those that responded to the attacks on September 11, 2001

Are you in need of new saddlebags, or a tank bag, backpack, or other piece of motorcycle luggage to ease your commute or your motorcycle riding or longer trips? Viking Bags (www.vikingbags.com) is a great partner to MA2. They have donated a number of products to us over the past several years that we have used as door prizes. Please support them, if you have a need to update your motorcycle luggage needs!



Don't forget to get your year-end mileage into our VP **John Loiselle** to be included in our 2025 totals! (jmloiselle32c@gmail.com)

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.) Lyman Signs in Phillipston have copies of our digitized files of the Red Knight logo and our Minuteman Logo for embroidery and vinyl heat applications (Screens). https://lymansigns.com/

Chapter Treasurer **Bob Laford (978) 724-3270** has a number of items too: Window & Helmet Decals , Thin Red Line Decals, Chapter Patches, Red Knights Shoulder Patches w/rockers, Thermal Applications for clothing, Chapter Poker Chips, Coins, and Red Knights Back Patches & Rockers (for vests). Decals and patches are available in both traditional Red Knights logo and our Minuteman chapter design.

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!

How about a gift membership to the American Motorcycle Association (AMA) for that special rider on your list? The AMA and its Massachusetts counterpart MMA work tirelessly to support our rights and promoting motorcycling around Massachusetts and around the county. Our memberships help support their endeavors.

Membership News Briefs...



Congratulations to Social Member Kevin Renzaglia (Caitlin's husband) on his new job as lead mechanic for North American Helicopters on their first Blackhawk Fire Bird. Kevin's first deployment with the unit was in June, when they were sent to the fires in Montrose, CO to do fire drops from the copters.



Congratulations to chapter member Amanda (Scott) and her husband Dom Lauing on their recent marriage (in July).



Mr. & Mrs. Lauing are both members of the Petersham Fire Department. Amanda arrived at the ceremony via PFD's 1929 Model-A fire engine, and at the end of the ceremony the couple and their wedding party were whisked away in PFD's Engine-2, a 1999 KME (just 70 years newer!).

Our Sergeant-at-Arms, Ian Hurley was off to Scottland with his pipe band for the World Pipe Band Championships back in August. While there, Ian's band made it through several rounds of competition, ultimately making it to tenth place in their class. That is TOP TEN IN THE WORLD! Congratulations to you and your bandmates, Ian!

Congratulations to Chirs Conrad on his "demotion" back to just Police Chief! Chris has been doing double-duty of Police and Fire Chief for Ashburnham for many months, until a new Fire Chief was sworn in recently!



Bob L. and Tim K. appeared in the Route 66 special edition of Rider Magazine that came out in October. The photo was from their convention trip in 2025.

Our condolences to Charlie Clarkson on the recent passing of his brother.



Five members of MA2 made it to the Bootlegger Rally in SW Pennsylvania, at the Seven Springs resort over Labor Day weekend. There were some wonderful roads – in PA, MD, and WV – to ride.

We had many friends to share our time with, and the hosts had planned a covered bridge self-guided ride. That was popular and we gave out 23 of our challenge ride patches while we were there!

One night we had a thunderstorm go through, but just to the north of us it was a severe storm with trees and powerlines and poles down with a number of communities under a state of emergency! When we awoke on Friday morning our tranquil parking lot was full of utility trucks and the lobby was full of emergency power crews from South Carolina getting ready for their 16-hour shift. When we left Sunday morning, they were getting briefed about their duties for their day number 3 restoring power.



The chapter helped sponsor Matthew Hamberg's MSF Rider Course, and he completed the two-day program back in July. Here are some comments that Matt shared with us:

I just completed my MSF course, and I just wanted to write to share about my experience of it. On day one it was overviewing the controls and demonstrating the use of them, then we went into some basic skills such as, where the friction zone is and how to use it, then it was working on some starts/takeoffs, after that it was shifting up to 2nd and then coming to a smooth and controlled stop and how to do a cone weave. Finally, they talked about where to break in corners, counter steering and seeing through the corner, and saying that where you look is where the bike is going to want to go.

On day two we practiced some more advanced maneuvers such as emergency braking, tight U-turns, turning from a stop riding over obstacles, how to emergency brake in a turn and safely swerve out of a turn into an emergency brake, and how to swerve in an emergency.

They had an amazing system in place of how they showed how to do the obstacles. At first one of the coaches did it, then they showed a "static demo' where the instructor sat on the bike with all the students around him watching as he demonstrated what movements to make, then the next step was every student sat on their own bike and demonstrating the movements. Then finally we executed the movement/maneuver. The final actual test which they called "A celebration of knowledge" was a basic aptitude test consisting of five parts. Part one was a cone weave to a left-hand U-turn to a full stop. Part two was a right-hand turn from a complete stop to a left-hand U-turn to a full stop. Part three was a right-hand swerve to a full stop. Part four was an emergency stop, where you had to accelerate up to 15 miles an hour, and then at a set of cones stop as fast as possible. Part five was a basic flat track where you had to demonstrate counter steering, looking up, and through corners, where to brake in corners, and then come to a full stop.

My overall favorite part of the class was being able to break my skills down to the foundation and really work on honing them in and making them even better.



In celebration of the success of our Covered Bridge Ride Challenge, we arranged for Kim Varney Chandler, researcher with New Hampshire Humanities, and authory of "Covered Bridges of New Hampshire" to come talk to us about covered bridges! It was a **GREAT** presentation. She even spoke on specific fires that had destroyed some of NH's bridges, and some local photos of bridges that once stood in the Athol area.

By early October we had given out all 200 of our Covered Bridge patches!

We have had submissions from Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, and Virginia. We also received submissions from New Brunswick, Canada

International Convention — *Thank you to those attending and those on Social Media for sharing information with us about the RKMC in Australia!*

Attendance was lower than conventions in recent memory, that gave everyone the chance to visit more with old friends and make new ones more easily.

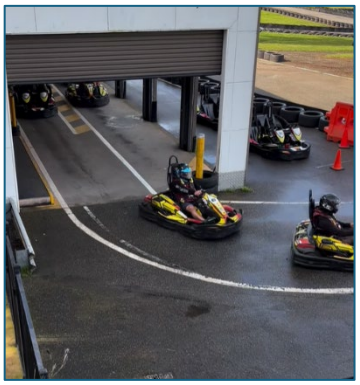
We watched via social media as our friends across North American were boarding flights and headed for a long flight down to the convention in Melbourne! There were a lot of events and activities planned for the entertainment of the Red Knights.

Congratulations to Don Brandt, from Pennsylvania on his election as International V.P.



A photo of Red Knights (in rain gear) on a ferry, working to complete their Grand Tour while down under! This was part of the two-day "Australia Ride" and pictures from day 2 looked sunny!

Members took to the track as they competed in the Phillip Island Grand Prix, Go-Kart style



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Flags of the countries present at the convention, posted during Saturday evening dinner.

On the way back from the Phillip Island Penguin Parade.



Til Gralla was the 2026 recipient of the Perry Carter Award. Til, a Red Knight from Germany, was involved in a crash where he received amputations. Til was nominated because of his personal example of strength and determination through his experience. He now speaks on motorcycle awareness and of motorcyclists with disabilities at events and motorcycle shows.

RKMC Statistics

- 462 Chapters (decrease of 4)
- 10,308 members (increase of 84)
- 313 MALs (increase of 33)
- 51 members transferred to Heaven-1
- $36,000 from AD&D insurance paid to 9 member families

- Mortgage at $56,756
- $4,140 donated to Memorial in past year
- Chapters in Slovenia and Wales lost their charters.

Only 57% of the eligible chapters voted in the International election. Only 31 of the 70 eligible chapters in Region 1 voted, and 7 of the 9 MA chapters cast ballots.

45 Chapters were in attendance at the convention, requiring a vote of 30 for any proposed International Bylaw changes to be approved.

1. To play just the national anthem of the host country, and to recognize countries in attendance (instead of all the national anthems). **PASSED**
2. To allow Mine Rescue personnel to be recognized as Active members (Firefighters) in the RKMC. **FAILED**
3. Change in wording of application process for a new member to allow a period of time between the application being received and the vote being called to accept as a member. **PASSED**
4. Change in wording to allow a member of a chapter whose home chapter is not that chapter, to vote on behalf of his or her secondary chapter, with permission of the chapter president. This member could only vote on behalf of one chapter. **PASSED**
5. To allow the Sergeant at Arms at the International Annual Business Meeting to monitor the election process if the Nominations Chairman is not present. **PASSED**
6. Proposal to only allow a member to vote in their Home chapter, not secondary chapters. **Point-of-Order, NO VOTE**
7. Proposal to alter nomination process and dates for International Elections. **FAILED**
8. Altering requirements of new chapters saying that five of the seven required to start a new chapter must be new members or members transferring home chapter. **PASSED**
9. Clean up of wording in State Officers bylaw. **PASSED**
10. Clean up of wording in Chapter Officers bylaw. **PASSED**
11. Added the definition of Firefighter (*Within these By-Laws, the word "Firefighter" shall mean: An individual who has met the minimum standards for their local jurisdiction and has been assigned as a suppression firefighter*). **PASSED**
12. Cleaned up wording in the section talking about amendments to the International Bylaws. **PASSED**

Mass Fall State Meeting

Four chapters met in Athol for the Fall State meeting of the Red Knights. Eighteen of the 23 members were from MA2!

Congratulations to Kevin Martin on his reelection as Massachusetts State Rep.

MA2 presented a proposal to amend the State SOGs to allow the State Representative some leeway in scheduling state meetings. This proposal, received favorably, would allow the state rep to cancel a meeting under extenuating circumstances, and also allow him or her the option to hold one meeting with just the chapter presidents, rather than two full member meetings. This SOG change will be voted on at the spring state meeting.

Rick Oliver shared a drink coaster idea with the body. This coaster, from a New Zeeland chapter had a QR code on it that linked to information about the chapter. Discussion was about the idea, and how if used statewide could link to information about the Red Knights and links to the chapters in our state.

The state rep discussed his challenges with the RMV and the Red Knight license plate program. Currently those seeking a new RK plate have not been successful.

Deb Mickle and Rick Oliver spoke on the International Convention in Australia. They both enjoyed their extra time touring the area along with the events planned by Australia at the convention. Rick had the opportunity to tour in New Zeeland as well.

Peter Stone said that he feels the "House Committee" should be reactivated for the Memorial Hall care. All were in agreement and Representative Martin will send out emails to past members and chapter presidents.

Mass-1 will host the 2027 Spring meeting on Saturday, May 1, at the Boylston Townhouse.

Future Conventions:

- 2027 -- A Caribbean cruise hosted by Ontario-1
- 2028 – St. John's, New Brunswick 8/15-8/20
- 2029 – Cherokee, NC hosted by NC 13 & 26 8/15-20 at the Indian Casino Resort
- **Voted** - 2030 will be Finger Lakes, hosted by NY30 -- Rochester NY- RIT Inn and Conference Center

The 2027 Convention is being hosted by Ontario 1 and the itinerary is a cruise out of Miami on the Royal Caribbean "Wonder of the Seas". The ship boasts 2,867 rooms and holds 5,734 guests.

Two of ONT-1 members run a travel agency (Expedia Cruises).

It is a Five-day cruise:

- 8/23/27 - Miami,
- 8/24 - CocoCay Bahamas, at Royal Caribbean's private island with a water park and zip line (and beaches).
- 8/25 Nassau Bahamas - where they also have a private area for an up charge.
- 8/26 cruise day.
- 8/27 back to Miami, FL.

The ship has a casino that operates anytime they are cruising. They also have adult-only sections of the ship.

Cost is $1,649-$1,997 per person (Canadian Dollar) dependent on room. Currently that is $1,300-$1,600 USD per person. Fees are all inclusive on the ship and their private island, including drinks. These prices do not include airfare.

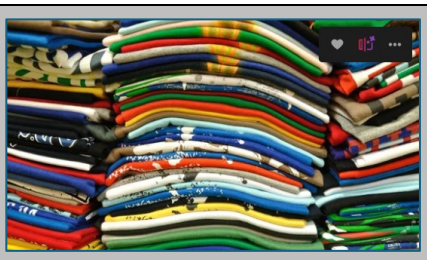
Reservation and Deposit for the Cruise are due by November 25, 2026.

This was shared with us online. A group of 16 Firefighters from Australia rode from LA to NYC to visit Ground Zero.



Along the way they stopped at this covered bridge in Virginia, and although they did not do our Challenge Ride with 6 bridges, they wanted to share their one bridge with us! How cool is that!

Our clothing vendor **Lyman Signs** was purging a bunch of stock T-shirt blanks and gave us a great deal. We have purchased a bunch of T-shirts and Polo Shirts in a variety of colors and sizes.



They have the minuteman logo on the front and the standard Red Knight logo on the back. **Sizes M-XXL, while they last, T's @ $10, Polo's @ $15 and Long Sleeve T's @ $15**. They would make great Christmas gifts!

We had the box of them at the annual meeting, and will bring them to other winter events. Of course, you can always contact Emily at Lyman's and order specific clothing for yourself, as well!

ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING

Thank you to all that attended our chapter's annual business meeting and also enjoyed our guest speaker. Congratulations to John Loiselle, Bob Laford and Tim Kilhart on the re-election as VP, Treasurer and Road Captain, respectively.

Annual Reports were distributed at the October meeting. If you were not able to attend our annual meeting but would like a copy of the reports, contact Treasurer Laford.

We approved donations to the International Memorial, in memory of Jerry Baldini and to Wreaths Across America. We will again be participating in the decoration of Veteran's graves at the Massachusetts Veteran's Cemetery in Winchendon, this December, as part of the Wreaths Across America program.

We will also be participating in the Marine Corps League's Toys for Kids on Sunday, November 29, at the Orange Walmart. VP Loiselle will be setting up a schedule to work in the tent.

It was voted that our 50/50 donation for 2026 will be split between the On-Site Academy and the Toys for Kids program. (We will be spending that money on toys at Walmart when we are manning the tent).



We had a display on hand with photos and comments from the many participants from our Covered Bridge Challenge.

At our annual business meeting we took a preliminary vote to approve a change in our Chapter SOGs. The final vote for this change will be at our next business meeting, which will be our **Winter Meeting on February 13, 2027.** (Details about the February meeting are elsewhere in this newsletter, and this notice fulfills our requirement that all members be notified about this vote "with adequate notice.")

The proposed change is in the quorum required to conduct chapter business. Article 6, Section 1 currently requires a minimum of 7 members to conduct business. The proposed change is to require that at least 2 members of the Executive Board be part of that 7-member quorum. The second sentence of that section that was voted at the annual meeting and will have a final vote in February states: **To conduct business of the chapter, a quorum of Seven (7) Active, Associate, Social, or Special Honorary members must be present. Of those seven, at least two members of the Chapter Executive Board must be part of the quorum. A lesser number may adjourn the meeting to another date.**

2027 CHAPTER RIDE PLANNING

The officers recently met to plan the 2027 ride and event calendar. As we fine-tune the calendar, please share any ideas you have for rides and events.

Our 2027 Ride Calendar will be printed and available at the Winter Meeting on February 13.

We have had a number of world travelers this year and not just the convention in Australia!



And along with the rallies that had MA2 in attendance (Atlantic, Bootlegger, Dixie, Scooter, and Yankee) there were a lot of miles around the country too!

Whether you are in the high mileage club for 2026 or not, please share your miles with VP John Loiselle because we enjoy all the miles we spend on our rides, even if it is just a few!

POLAR BEAR RIDE!



Our Polar Bear Ride is scheduled for Sunday, November 1, 11:00 am at the Westminster Dunkins. (This is also the morning after you set your clocks back an hour).

Join us for the last scheduled ride of the season!

WHO, WHO, WHO… WHO ARE YOU? — Continued from our last newsletter

We thank those that have taken the time to share with Us their "Bio's" and hope others will participate in the future!



Judy Perla has been an Associate Member of the Chapter since 1997. She took up motorcycle riding at the age of 49 and Phil and Bea Jordan and Gerry Baldini made her aware of the Red Knights.

Judy has always been an avid skier and has been a member of the Montachusett Ski Club for 30+ years, and has skied in Europe, Canada and the Rocky Mountains. She says that she would see several members of the chapter on the local slopes as members of the ski patrol during her time skiing around home.

She tells us that she loves this group and misses riding with us, since she has sold her motorcycle. She is very proud of her membership in the Red Knights and loves the members she has met. She was given her 25 year pin several years ago and is approaching her 30th year with the chapter. Judy continues to be active in the chapter even though she no longer rides.

She was a hairdresser for 59 years, was the owner of her own hair salon business in Fitchburg for 20 years and was a Joico Hair Care product advisor and trainer for over 50 years.

Her favorite bikes were her Ninja 500 and her 400 Suzuki Bandit. She remembers fondly trips into Vermont, and RKMC International Conventions in Prince Edward Island and Edmonton, Alberta.

At the annual business meeting, President Jeff Hamberg presented Judy with the President's Award, "for her continued participation and attendance even though she doesn't ride anymore. She still carries years of memories with her of this chapter and makes the effort to show up for many events including participating in the chapter's Honor Guard deployments."

We'd like to learn more about you? We know that you are a Red Knight and a member of our chapter — but what makes you tick, or rather makes your wheels spin?

Just drop an email to our treasurer to answer a few questions about yourself!

Name:

Fire Department/Public Safety history:

Joined the Red Knights in:

Still a member of the Red Knights because: (or a favorite memory about the Red Knights)

Do you have other vocations or avocations… if not a career firefighter what did you do/do you do?

Favorite bike over the years, and/or favorite bike vacation or ride:

Anything else about you that might surprise us that you would like to share?

Vermont 2 Coffee Break – It was a beautiful fall day when we headed north into Vermont to support our friends in RK Vermont-2 with their annual "Coffee Break" at the Vermont Visitor's Center at the Guilford Rest Stop.



After we enjoyed their warm beverages, snacks & sweets, and hot dogs we put on about 100 miles that include moving a large tree out of the road, and a rain shower that felt like ice as we crested one of the Vermont hills. But it was all good!

RKMA-1 has offered an open invitation to other Massachusetts Red Knights to attend their Christmas party at the Bay Path Barn in Boylston, on Saturday, December 5, at 6:00 pm.

Cost is $40 per person and reservations need to be made by November 20. More details about payment and reservation will be shared by the State Rep

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SAVE THE DATES!

You have read elsewhere about the Winter Meeting and Gear Swap on February 13, but there are a few other major event dates that will appear on your 2027 Ride Calendar:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

Playing Cards, Pizza and Patches



SATURDAY, MAY 15

Blessing of the Bikes and Ice Cream Social



SUNDAY, JULY 11

Summer Business Meeting and Ice Cream Social



SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Chicken BBQ

