

**Red Knights International Firefighters
Motorcycle Club
Newsletter - June 2019**



WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

Hi everybody, since my first Newsletter in December we welcome three new reporters to the team, Jim Garner, is our new Region 3 Reporter, Judy Teuma takes over as Region 8 (Australia) Reporter and Brian Byrnell takes over as Region 5 Reporter, WELCOME ON BOARD and thank you for stepping up to take on your new roles, I am looking forward to working on future Newsletters with you all.

With news of our President, Chris Gadway's decision not to stand for re-election this year there will be a change at the top of our organisation by the time the next Newsletter is published in December. On behalf of all members I would like to thank Chris for his tireless work attending events across the world to promote the Red Knights far and wide. THANK YOU CHRIS for all you have done for the membership during your tenure.

Please keep your articles coming, without them we do not have a newsletter and don't worry if you have sent an article after the deadline date and it is not in this Newsletter, I will make sure it goes in the next one!

I'd like to finish by thanking everybody that has contributed to the publication of this Newsletter, to the Regional Reporters and to those that have written and sent in articles. THANK YOU!

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The next Newsletter will be published in December 2019... Send your articles to me or your Regional Reporter by 30th November 2019.

COVER PHOTO

Members of Maryland 8
visiting the National Fallen
Firefighters Memorial in
Emmitsburg. MD



WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A REGIONAL REPORTER?

We are still looking to recruit
Reporters in Regions 2 and 4

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Two members' dedication to the RKMC Memorial,

Norm Beausoleil has been busy raising much needed funds for the RKMC Memorial by commissioning, selling and delivering Commemorative bottles of Jack Daniel's and has covered thousands of miles in the process, he even delivered some bottles to the UK/Ireland meeting in England in April.

The first barrel sold out very quickly but don't worry if you missed out and want a bottle, Norm has commissioned a second (and final) barrel so contact Norm at; normbeausoleil@redknightsmc.com if you would like to order yours, but don't hang about they are going fast.

Also hard at work has been **Deb Landy** who has been busy working on the Quilts for the Memorial Hall, sewing on all the 6 flags + 57 patches + 116 t-shirts that have been donated from around the world. = 6 quilts for the Memorial Hall beds. Thank you to all those that have donated and THANK YOU NORM & DEB for your dedication to the Red Knights MC.



A MESSAGE FROM NORM BEAUSOLEIL – THE JD RAFFLE

As many of you know I've been doing a fundraiser to help pay the mortgage on Memorial Hall with a "Founders Edition" of Jack Daniels Single Barrel Select Tennessee Whiskey. The first barrel has sold out and the second barrel is 1/3 sold. The reason I'm writing is that I want to let you know that bottle #1 of 500 is now up for raffle, compliments of [Roger van Kollenburg](#) and Australia 5, the drawing to be held on Saturday night of Yankee Rally and bottle #343 of 500 is also up for raffle, drawing to be on Saturday night of Convention. Here are the details:



\$1.00 for 1
\$5.00 for 7
\$10.00 for 15
\$20.00 for 40

You can buy tickets via an email request to me at: normbeausoleil@redknightsmc.com and I'll reply with payment details. Tickets will also be available at both Yankee and Convention. If you can't make either event and you'd like to take a chance on either of these very special bottles, here's your chance.

Any tickets pre-sold will be recorded in an Excel file so you need not be present to win. I'll record your ticket numbers and send you a photo of them.

Oh, did I mention, included with each bottle will be a complete set of Living Founders' Challenge Coins!

Thanks for your trust and support!

Norm B





YOUR SECRETARY, JACK JARVIS EXPLAINS WHAT A TRADE MARK LICENSE IS AND WHEN YOU SHOULD APPLY FOR ONE

Please be aware that No member, no Chapter, no organization may use the Red Knight MC logo or the words Red Knights or Red Knights MC, or RKMC, etc WITHOUT obtaining a Trademark license agreement. (TMLA,) from the international Red Knights MC.

***** IF you have a Chapter TMLA you may produce / use paper (stationary, membership cards, etc.) items for your Chapter. *****

***** If you want to have any clothing items you MUST obtain a chapter clothing TMLA and these items are for your Chapter only *****

If you wish to sell any item with the registered trademark images or initials you MUST obtain a TMLA for that specific item.

ANY item (including flyers) that is legally produced MUST have the registered trademark notation next to the protected image, words or initials. (R)

Please go to the website, read and follow the rules covering the use of the Red Knights name, logo and initials on the CHAPTER MERCHANDISE page.

Your attention to this very serious legal matter is appreciated.

As the International Secretary it is Jack's job to administer all TMLAs and here is an article prepared by him to explain the procedure in simple terms.

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There are three Different Trademark Licenses

(but you apply using the same form located on the International Website)

1. Chapter Business Trademark License:

The Red Knights MC name and logo are trademarked. This is a **MANDATORY TMLA** that is sent out at the inception of all new Chapters. No Chapter can receive their new Chapter packet until this has been electronically signed. All existing Chapters that do not have this will be on Restricted Service until it is signed. This is the necessary TMLA to run your Chapter. It gives a Chapter the rights to use the Red Knights name and logo for **ONLY** the paper products needed to run the Chapter (i.e. - Checks, letterhead, stationary, business cards, recruitment flyers, etc.). To answer line 3, write "Chapter Business Trademark" The Chapter Business Trademark license application may only be signed by the Chapter President or the Chapter Quartermaster (per SOG 4:03).

2. Chapter Item Trademark License;

This TMLA is for **EACH ITEM** a Chapter wants to create, outside of clothing. Patches, coins, banners, mugs, etc. and the list is endless on what can be created by a Chapter. **EACH** item created **MUST** have its own application filled out with the description of that item even if the design is the same. You must give a good description of the item and attach a sample of artwork along with the application. The ® is a **REQUIREMENT** for **ALL** products that contain the words "Red Knights", "RKMC", "RKIFMC", "RKMF", or our logo.

3. Clothing Trademark License;

This TMLA is for **EACH DESIGN** a Chapter wants to place on clothing. This is our only “blanket” TMLA as this covers **ALL clothing** for a single design. Clothing items included are; shirts, (tee, sweat, hooded, polo, golf, work, dress, turtle neck), tank tops, sweat pants, sport shorts, hats (all styles), pullovers, jackets, wind shirts. Each new design must have its own application with artwork attached. You must give a good description of the item and attach a sample of artwork along with the application. The ® is a **REQUIREMENT** for **ALL** products that contain the words “Red Knights”, “RKMC”, “RKIFMC”, “RKMF”, or our logo.

If there are any questions as to whether you need a TMLA for an item or not, please call the International Secretary because you probably need one and it is a federal trademark violation if you create a product without permission. We are trademarked in 33 countries and have spent a lot of time and effort to protect our name from being used improperly by those inside and outside our organization. With the new electronic TMLA system, it is a quick and easy way to make sure you and your Chapter are covered.

If you do not have the full version of a PDF creating program, using a free program called Nitro PDF Reader (<http://www.nitroreader.com/>) will allow you to fill in all the information on the Trademark License Form and follow the directions on the form to save the filled-in file or e-mail the filled-in file. Saving, emailing and printing of a fill-in file will not work using Adobe Acrobat Reader.



A COUPLE OF REMINDERS FROM THE TREASURER:-

Quarterly roster updates are needed by June 30th. Keep in mind the roster updates need to come from your Chapter (ch#@redknightsmc.com) email address and can be as simple as “no update” if there have been no changes since the last roster you sent in.

- There is a difference between Active Members (Active and Retired Firefighting personnel) and active members (other classification of membership that actively takes part in Chapter events) when it comes to bringing on new Associate members. You cannot have more than 10% of your Active Members as Associates, this means you need to set aside your Social, Junior, Honorary members and only include your Active and Charter members. It is not 10% of the members who show up for meetings and rides.
- Speaking of Honorary members, please note that this category is reserved for civic and church leaders – in other words the mayor of a city or your local priest. Honorary membership is not something you give to someone you really like and want to honor them with a patch.
- Paying dues by paypal, the easiest way is to select the Chapter or MAL name button (put your chapter name in the box), and change the quantity to match what you are paying x \$1. Alternatively, you can send money to friends directly from your own paypal account to treasurer@redknightsmc.com
- We are aware of and working on the issues with the Regalia page on our website. Again, you can paypal the money directly to treasurer@redknightsmc.com while we work on getting everything back to normal.
- As always, if you are unsure how much dues are supposed to be, send me a roster with the new names on it, and their start date and I will let you know the total.

Thank you, Scott



REGION 2 DIRECTOR, LEO PATRY GIVES US THE LOW DOWN ON REGION 2

Region 2 covers the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland /Labrador. The great distance that the region covers makes it almost impossible to visit with every chapter in the region to do so as much as I would like.

A point that I have shared with the chapters and would once more like to bring up is the importance of notifying the International when a chapter member passes.

This needs to be done ASAP so that International has the time to make arrangements to show respect for the member and the family. As soon as a chapter is aware of the members passing they need to go to the International Web site and on the home page on the left side click on the [Press Here](#) button in the obituaries box. This brings up the form to notify International of the passing. This should also be followed up with an email to the Regional Director with the notification.

Region 2 is very fortunate in that it has two Regional Associations one in Ontario and the other in Atlantic Canada which are working hard to draw the chapters and members in their regions together with news and events for their members.

On March 4, 2019 The Region acquired a new chapter in Jarvis Ontario and that will be known as Ontario 4. The Chapter also joined the Ontario Association.

The makeup of Region 2 with a total of 41 Chapters is as follows.

Currently there are 5 Chapters in New Brunswick, 2 chapters in Newfoundland, 6 chapters in Nova Scotia, 22 chapters in Ontario, 3 chapters in Prince Edward Island and 3 chapters in Quebec. We also have 10 Members at Large in the Region.

The period between fall and spring gets a little quiet for the chapters in Region 2 due to Mother Nature not providing us with weather conducive to Motorcycle riding. But many chapters and members do try and meet on regular bases for off season activities such as Bowling, Pool, Card nights etc.

The Ontario Association, which is made up of 20 of the 22 chapters in the Province, had another successful showing at the International Bike Super Show in Mississauga, which is the largest Bike show in Canada. The Red Knights information booth, which is set up for the three days of the show and is staffed by Red Knight volunteers from the various chapters, has been responsible for the first contact with many firefighters and has led to the forming of several of the chapters in the province. Members of the Ontario Association also set up a booth at the Sarnia Firefighters exhibition.

This year's Ontario Association Rally and Annual Business meeting is in Owen Sound Ontario on July 18 – 21, 2019 hosted by Ontario 3, Registration information is located at <http://www.rkmcassociation6.com/conventions.html>

The Atlantic Association has also endeavoured to provide the same type of information to its chapters and members.

The Atlantic Association Annual Rally will be held in Charlottetown P.E.I July 19-21 2019. Registration information can be obtained from the Association president David Gallant at ddgallant@xplornet.ca and Hotel information can be found at <https://roddvacations.com/hotels/rodd-royalty/>

David and the executive of the Atlantic Association have been working hard to get all the Atlantic Chapters involved with the Association, encouraging the chapters to share their ride schedules and events so that all the Red Knights in the Atlantic region can have an opportunity to visit other chapters and take part in their rides and events.

I would also like to encourage all the members reading this to consider registering for the International Convention being held in Lincoln New Hampshire. Colin Nelson and his committee have put four years of work into putting together an event that has something for everyone and is set in the beautiful state of New Hampshire the link to the convention information is:

<https://2019redknightsnhconvention.org/>

Help-A-Knight Program

Let's face it, we have all been travelling and thought, "I don't know anyone around here. Where is the best place to eat, stay, or get my bike fixed?" It's no fun being in a strange place and not knowing where to get help when you need it. 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. Help comes in many forms, it may be just for information, or a more practical reason like providing a fellow Red Knight with a bed for the night or a



place to pitch a tent in your yard, it may only be a request to leave a bike at a fellow Red Knight's house. Whatever the reason for the assistance you can be sure that when given, it is much appreciated by the recipient.

The **Red Knights Help-a-Knight Directory** is available on the International Website by going to **Members, Downloadable Files** and accessing **Help-A-Knight Directory** in the **International and Manual Forms** section. If after requesting assistance from the Help-A-Knight system you have

feedback or suggestions that might enhance the program there is a Help-A-Knight report form for you to complete and return to the Help-A-Knight Coordinator. This will help us determine how well the system works and what improvements are needed for the future.

Let us know if you use the H-A-K program and what stories you have about meeting up with your Red Knight brothers and sisters. We would love to hear your stories and share them with other Red Knights. Post them to the Red Knights - All Chapters & MAL Facebook page and your local region and state association pages too.

Please join the Help-A-Knight scheme and encourage others to do so, you never know when you might need it. If you would like more information, please contact the Help-A-Knight coordinator at: helpaknight@redknightsmc.com

Chivalry - Honor, Duty and Fellowship



Already in the Middle Ages Knights belonged to an elite group of people whose highest good was their honor and whose tasks primarily were serving. It didn't matter whether they were direct subordinates to a feudal lord, a king, or were Knights were without riches, they always served the public by offering them protection and going to war for them. It was also the task of the knights and lords of the castle to take in displaced persons and to provide them with food and shelter in their castles until they were able to take care of themselves. All this belonged to the oath which young knights swore by their sword to their kings or emperors.

Firefighters live by these principles today as well, as soon as they put on their fire gear and go into the field. According to the motto "Loyal to our duty" they realize their obligation and put their lives and health at risk to help others. The German motto of the firefighters, "In the honor of God, to defend their neighbor" provides exactly this chivalrous behavior at its center and comes very close to the oath of the medieval knights.

The Red Knights, as the name implies, invoke these chivalrous virtues too. While we no longer fight with shield and sword for the weak among us, we can and should take a stand and address and point out injustice when we see them. To stand up for the weak can also mean to organize charitable events in which money is collected or simply that you take someone on a trip, the latter can't afford by themselves or cope with alone.

Even within the Red Knights and especially within the Chapter, we should behave according to this sworn chivalry. The cohesion, the "being a big family" and the standing for the neighbor has a special meaning here. It's important to put one's own interests in the background and to work for the community. The community should be able to catch the individual in distress. Especially in case of disagreements should the interests of the chapter and the community be the priority, without compromising or restricting the personal integrity of the members. Together, we search for solutions that can be built on and bring the chapter and the individual forward. After all, we spend our time together because we have the same hobbies, similar thinking and, above all, represent the same ideals.



YOUR MEMORIAL MOMENTS IN PICTURES



GROUP RIDING

HAND SIGNALS FOR GROUP RIDING

When riding in a group it is often difficult to communicate with other riders in the group. The only effective way to get your message to your riding buddies is by using recognised hand signals, so here are some hand signals that group riders should be aware of.



Thanks to Bones, GA20's Road Captain for this article.

WHAT RIDING SYSTEM DO YOU USE WHEN RIDING IN A GROUP?

Many Advanced Riding Groups use the **'Second man drop off'** system to ensure the whole group gets to the intended destination safely. Using this system, you do not need to keep up with the riders in front, reducing risk of riders riding beyond their riding capabilities and having an accident, and of you being caught exceeding the speed limit.

The Leader and Back Marker always remain the same. The rider behind the Leader (Second Man) marks each junction, for the benefit of those behind. When the Back Marker reaches the junction you are marking, you fall-in IN FRONT of the Back Marker.



A few important things to consider:

- It is your responsibility to stop where it is both safe for you and visible to the riders needing your directions.
- If the Second Man misses a junction that you think needs marking - please mark it yourself- otherwise, the rest will miss the turn and get lost.
- When you are marking a turn, please do NOT abandon your position until relieved by the Back Marker - the riders behind you might be dealing with an incident.
- Make sure you have the leader's mobile number.

The Drop Off System

The whole idea behind the system of riding the drop off system is to provide a series of movable markers for all the riders in the group to follow, irrespective of any gaps which have occurred in the ride, so that riders don't have to "keep up" with the rider in front.

It acknowledges the fact that the ride can get strung out over a long distance, due to a variety of reasons - e.g. Road works, traffic lights, give way junctions, roundabouts etc. Also, not all riders will have access to a map, and might be on unfamiliar roads.

It allows the riders to ride at their own pace without worrying about keeping up, getting lost, or which way to go.

How it works.

The Drop off system will be explained to all riders by the Ride Leader in a briefing at the start of the ride, where riders should get to know their colleagues. The group will have a designated 'Ride Leader' and a 'Back Marker'. The positions of these two riders will not change throughout the ride. They will be introduced to all the riders in that group and be easily identified by a day-glow jacket or other identifier if possible.

When the Ride Leader makes a direction change at a junction or roundabout the new direction of travel should be marked by the rider directly behind the ride leader, (The Marker). To do this, the Marker should pull in at the side of the road, in a safe place where he/she will be visible to the rest of the riders, so the direction can be indicated to the following riders. The Ride Leader may decide that he will indicate where he wants the Markers to position themselves to mark the way to ensure that all changes of direction are marked and none are missed by the following riders.

Whether it is decided that the Lead Rider will indicate where he wants a Marker or that the Marker will decide where to mark him/herself it is most important that the marker stops in a position where :-

- It is safe to do so.
- They do not put themselves at any risk.
- The rest of the ride can see them clearly as they approach the direction change.

The Marker

Should maintain that position until he/she can re-join the rear of the section in front of the approaching Back Marker. The Back Marker will always try to give sufficient space for this to happen otherwise the Marker should allow the Back Marker to pass, then overtake when a suitable opportunity presents itself, thus re-establishing the correct running order.

Where it is decided that the number two rider will decide where to mark a change in direction for itself, it could happen that number two rider forgets to mark a direction change - in which case the next rider (Number three) should take it upon himself to drop off and mark the direction change to prevent the chain from breaking.

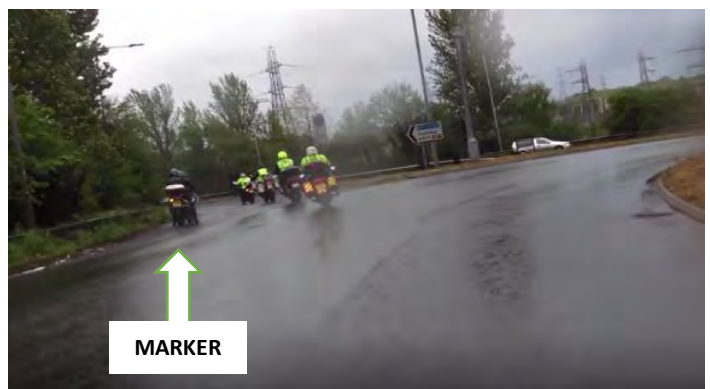
Note - It is always better to mark all direction changes rather than assume that the route is so obvious it is not worth doing.

Remember - As number two rider, you might think the ride direction is apparent - but you don't know when the riders behind might get split up, and one of them might not be familiar with the junction in question.

If it is impossible to mark a direction change because of the danger to the Marker or other road users it is better that the direction change goes unmarked. Sometimes the Marker can park up safely a short distance away and return to the direction change on foot to direct followers.

The Drop Off System allows for the riders to ride at their own pace and still remain part of the riding group. Speed limits should be observed at all times.

However, in this imperfect world, the group may sometimes become very 'strung out', causing anxiety to some riders, and the Leader may then decide to stop, in a safe place, to allow the group to re-form before continuing.



Two photographs showing the position of MARKERS at left turns.. (taken during the 2019 UK/Ireland Meeting Group Ride)

Region 1

(Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey and New York)

MEET YOUR REGION 1 REPORTER – JIM VOSS

There is a new reporter for Region 1 covering the New England states. Jim Voss is a Charter member of NH Chapter 5 out of Epping NH. Commenting on the picture with his wife Diane, Jim says, “If Social members were allowed Charter status, then my wife would be a Charter member too. She loves to ride as much as I do and helped create this chapter in 2005.” Jim is currently the Secretary for the Chapter, and also serves as the membership chair. Kind of the ‘pack-rat’ for club information, Jim was the Vice President for 4 years and is a call firefighter / EMT with the Kingston, NH Fire and Rescue. Jim retired from GE Aviation in 2013 after 44 years and retired from the Army National Guard as Colonel, Medical Service Corps in 2005. He keeps pretty darn busy as Adjutant



for a local American Legion, Committee Chair for a local Veteran’ Club and substitute teacher at the local high school. Jim is extremely excited to be working with Colin Nelson and NH9 on the 2019 Convention and wants “...to show the world how beautiful New Hampshire is”

PAYING RESPECTS TO VETERANS

Members of NH Chapter 2 and NH Chapter 5 scrambled in the wee hours of the morning to Manchester Airport to greet an airline full of World War II and Korean veterans returning from a day long catering and salute for their service in Washington DC. NH 2 President Dave Blatchford (centre) said, “This is just something we need to do”.



NH5 RECOGNISES LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT AS THEIR HEADQUARTERS

In recognition of the Epping New Hampshire Fire Department hosting the Red Knights New Hampshire Chapter 5 since their Charter date in 2005, NH5 officers presented Chief Don De Angelis with a shadowbox displaying the Red Knights International patch and rockers surrounded by members Fire Department patches. Departments represented are Epping, Fremont, Kingston, Sandown, Atkinson, Newton, Brentwood, Auburn, and Hampstead. Chief De Angelis, said he was proud to have Chapter 5 call Epping Fire their home. Making the presentation to the Epping Fire staff are Chapter 5 officers 'Blue' Kelloway, VP; Jim Voss, Secretary; Doug Butland, President and Rich Provencal, Quartermaster.



PREPARATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE ARE UNDERWAY

Colin Nelson of New Hampshire Chapter 9 (laptop open) leads the agenda for the meeting of NH chapters planning the 2019 Red Knights International Convention to be held at Loon Mountain in the White Mountains of NH. NH Chapters I, IV, V, IX and several NH MALs were in attendance for one of the first meetings. Discussions included the use of Loon Mountain resort as the base, registrations, lodging, meals, vendor controls, motorcycle rentals, scenic rides planning, and so much more; just tons of logistics. Follow on meetings have been held and plans are going well. Planning to be one of the best.



THE 2019 YANKEE RALLY HONORS THE 11 FOUNDING FATHERS



2019 Yankee Rally attendees and Founding Fathers at the Red Knights Memorial (Photo by Ken May)

The 2019 Yankee Rally was held in Marlboro, Massachusetts, May 31-June 2, 2019, which is 11 miles from “Where it all Began” in Boylston, Massachusetts.

There were 279 attendees from 10 states, 2 Canadian Provinces and Australia.

The Rally’s focus was recognition and honoring the 11 Founding Fathers who started the Red Knights in 1982.

Aside from the many self-guided rides to local attractions, there were two police escorted rides.

Friday’s “backroads ride” was 80 miles long, included 74 bikes and ended at the New England Motorcycle Museum in Connecticut.

Saturday’s “backroads ride” was 50 miles long and included 110 bikes. It featured a stop at the “Worcester 6” memorial, located at the Worcester, Massachusetts Fire Department, to pay respects to the “Line of Duty Deaths” of their Firefighters (one of whom was Massachusetts Chapter 4 member Tim Jackson) who died in a warehouse fire in 1999. A donation of \$2,245.00, donated prior to the ride by the participants, was presented for the memorial fund of Ava Roy, the daughter of fallen Firefighter and single parent Christopher Roy, who died in an arson fire in December 2018. The ride ended at the Red Knights Memorial in Boylston, Massachusetts where homage was paid to the Founding Fathers.

The final evening's banquet featured the attendance of all surviving founding fathers with the exception of Jack Pierce whose whereabouts is unknown.

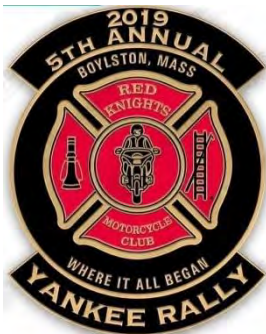
Family members representing two of our three Heaven One Founding Fathers were present.

This event was only the fourth occasion, in nearly thirty years, where all surviving Founding Fathers (with the exception of Jack Pierce) were together.



Founding Fathers and Heaven 1 Fathers Representatives (photo by Ken May)

Special presentations, consisting of numbered challenge coins in custom display cases, were bestowed upon the Founding Fathers and the family members of the Heaven One Founding Fathers. The challenge coins, numbered 1-11, represented the original 11 men who started the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club back in 1982.



2019 Yankee Rally Challenge Coin



Presentation Box for Founding Fathers Open



Presentation box for Founding Fathers closed

The 2019 Yankee Rally Committee made it a point to include our Heaven One Founding Fathers Dave Hamilton, Colin Mackey and Bob Goulet by having a table for three set with dinnerware and name placards. It was a surreal moment for the committee when the family of Dave Hamilton purchased a Coors Light and placed it next to his setting at the table.



Founding Fathers Heaven 1 table with Dave Hamilton's favourite beverage

It was a great pleasure and privilege for the 2019 Yankee Rally committee to honor OUR Founding Fathers. Without the original 11 there would not be the world's largest firefighters motorcycle club.

MA-15 Bob Binnall Committee Chairman

MA-15 Alex Binnall

MA-2 & 13 Deb Mickle

MA-3 Sandi Colby

MA-3 George Colby



Founding Fathers Banner



Founding Fathers' Patch

The following is posted on the 2019 Yankee Rally Facebook page.

I am writing this for Ed because it is difficult for him to figure this computer stuff out.

All I can say is Ed was very touched by the Yankee Rally. He has not stopped talking about it and is enjoying showing off his special coin box and patch. You all made us so proud as you paraded through our town of Northboro with over 100 bikes! Ed was so excited to show you off! When Ed started this club many years ago with his 10 fellow firefighter/ friends I really didn't know what to think. Now I can see that what he did was right and you are all very special to him. A big thank you to the people who ran this rally and a big thank you to all of you for honoring the Founders! It was a weekend we will never forget!

Gail McMenemy Wright and Edward Wright

Region 2

(Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario)

I am sorry there are no articles for Region 2.... If you would be interested in becoming the Regional Reporter for this region please contact the editor at editor@redknightsmc.com for information on what is involved.

Region 3

(Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Wisconsin)

Region 3 has a new Reporter, Jim `Maverick` Garner the President of the newly formed IN4 Chapter has stepped up to join the team of Reporters. Jim volunteered to fill this position after it has been vacant for some time, so if your chapter is within the Region 3 area (see above) and you would like your fellow Red Knights to know what you are up to, send your articles, large or small to either Jim or myself. (Our contact details are on page 1)

Hello Red Knights,

Very short bio:

First of all let me introduce myself, I am Jim Garner but go by Maverick. I am your Region 3 Reporter and I am a firefighter/ Paramedic for the last 32 years and I am the President of Indiana Chapter 4. I am married to my best friend and have 4 great kids ages 11-30.

We have a few things going on here in Region 3 first off is the 1st Annual Region 3 Bootleggers Rally 2019 which is coming up really soon and it is down to under 50 days away, the dates of the Rally are August 30- Sept 1 in Charleston, West Virginia. The Rally is presented to you by Red Knights WV Chapter 15.

This year's Pennsylvania State Picnic will be hosted by Pa. Chapter 38. It will be held Friday July 26 - 28 and the located is right off of I-80 in the DuBois area. There is a Facebook page with more information and registration information. Red Knights MC PA 38 2019 State Picnic

Also we have a shout out to Indiana Chapter XI they did a great job supporting to **Hoosier burn camp for kids**. They rode their annual escorted 85 mile ride to the camp on Wednesday May 29th for the open house day for families, friends, police and fire departments to show their support of this great organization.

Road Captain for Indiana XI Pat Booth headed to the Hoosier Burn camp prior to the ride with the supplies purchased through boot drives which included food and camp items worth over thousands. Great job to all of the members of chapter XI!

Indiana Chapter 3 President Max Gamble and a few of chapter 3 members came up overnight to ride into the camp with Carmel, Indiana fire department to show support.



Another chapter also requires a shout out to WV Chapter 8 who just finished their **3rd Annual ride for Sidnee,**

Sidnee is a 9 year old (WV 8 local girl) who has had many medical issues from birth. She is the strongest person I have ever met. Always greeting you with a smile even on her worst days. Her spine is curving so rapidly that they have had no luck in slowing the curvature down. It's quickly crushing her internal organs, her lungs being the biggest victim. Mike and Amanda Taylor adopted her and her sister when they were very young knowing the extensive care that Sidnee would need. Their selflessness has extended Sidnee's life a number of years. At this time Sidnee is not doing well at all. The last weekend in April has been the "Sidnee Run" for the last 3 years and will continue on even after Sidnee is no longer with us to bless us with her adorable smile. All the proceeds from the last three runs have went to Sidnees family for various financial needs. In 2019 we were able to raise \$3,000 even. With the total of the last three years total right around \$10,000.





RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Director Region 3

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“LOYAL TO OUR DUTY”

As my last 2 ½ months in office start I reflect back on the past 6 years as the Director of **Region 3**. **The old expression “Time Flies when you are having fun” sure does apply here. The time has gone quickly and I have made some great friends. And I do mean great friends. I joined this organization because as a former firefighter, I know the thought process we go through. Is it safe, will this help someone and will my actions serve the community. I would rather ride with someone that I know will have my back and be safe then a lot of motorcycle riders I have met in my lifetime.**

I have had an opportunity to participate in the development and planning for the future of the RKIFMC. Whether it be in Board Meetings and having discussions on the right thing to do, deciding if owning a house will benefit our membership, looking at By-Laws and SOGs to ensure Chapters have autonomy and yet the whole membership benefits or attending the funeral of a Red Knight to honour and pay respect, I have enjoyed all of the time and feel **privileged to have been allowed to serve. I didn't always enjoy** the calls from Chapters in trouble and looking for advice or using me for a sounding board. But the chance to possibly help was presented and I hope that when I listened or offered alternatives the Chapter ended up where they wanted to be. I have enjoyed when the chapter had **the “A Ha” moment and figured out it was their Chapter and their call** as members of the Chapter to correct an issue. And I have been sad **when the Chapter didn't have the desire to continue. But each time, it has been the Chapter's call. I couldn't make the decision for them.**

What will I miss? Certainly not the friendships as they will continue. Certainly not the right to wear colours that I am proud of. Certainly not the conventions because I intend on continuing to attend. I will miss the Board meetings and the varied opinions and discussions. I think that we were all able to separate personal feeling from the running of the business and it made us all better. And hopefully my small part helped improve an already great organization.

Thank you for the privilege and honour of serving the RKIFMC and for putting your trust in me.

August is election time and we have 2 candidates that have come forth and would like to share with you their candidacy platforms and a little information.

First Candidate is Trey Anderson.

Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club® International Board of Directors
Nominee Profile Region 3 Director

- 1) Personal Profile a) Name: Trey Anderson b) A.K.A. / Nick Name: Gov'nor c)
- 2) City, State / Province, Country: Letart, WV
- 3) Red Knights Information a) Current Home Chapter: WV8
 - a) Positions Held at Chapter, State/ Provincial, International Level: WV State Association President / WV8 President
 - b) Years (total) In RKIFMC: 7 Years d) Other (optional): 3) Fire Service Affiliation a) Name of Department(s): New Haven & Community Volunteer Fire Department
 - c) Number of Years in Department(s): 10 Years
 - d) Positions Held: Lieutenant (Current Position)
- 4) Platform For Election, Primary reason(s) for running:

As the Region 3 Director, I would like to serve our membership to the best of my ability. I would like to see Region 3's communications improve, not only from chapter to chapter, but also from state to state. In doing so, we can grow together as a region. Growing together as a family, we can conceive great things such as new state associations, a regional newsletter, increasing participation in The Bootlegger Rally and so much more! Member retention is something I would like to work on with the chapters across the region. I want to know why someone who has invested into the club would decide to walk away. If elected as your Region 3 Director, I will be available not only to each chapter and state association, but also to every member in our region for all needs and concerns. This will be a great opportunity to bring new and great things from our region to the International Board. Vision for future of RKIMC: The formation of state associations has proven to play an important role in bringing us together as one. After the formation of the West Virginia State Association of Red Knights, we saw the chapters in the state (WV) powerfully fuse together. We went from strangers to avid communicators, both on a professional and personal level. Looking ahead, I would like to improve communication across our region through the use of email communication, increased activity and presence in our already established Facebook page and by gathering information and news from all chapters to highlight in a regional newsletter.

Regional rallies are phenomenal. The inaugural Region 3 Bootlegger Rally hopes to bring more Red Knights from across the region to participate in fellowship and networking. This new rally will be a part of existing rallies (Yankee, Dixie, Western, and The European Rally) where we can grow in numbers and strengthen our brotherhood. I want to show Red Knights from all over the world how great Region 3 truly is. I have served as the President of WV8 since we chartered in 2012. I have also served as the Vice President and now President of the WV State Association of Red Knights since we chartered in 2015. If elected as your Region 3 Director, I will serve each and every member in our region with honour and integrity.

Trey also wanted to add;

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am currently running for the honorary position of Region 3 Director. As with any organization it is key to have continual and open communication among members. Being connected is an important piece in member involvement, growth and expansion of our already vibrant brother/sisterhood.

If elected, my goal is to bring more communication methods to our region that will not only inform but will offer a way for members to connect. Today's society operates in a fast pace. We expect information instantaneously. Technology offers us the ability to communicate in real time and allows us to connect the distance between us. I have the ability to grow and establish excellent communication methods through digital newsletters, blogs, social media outlets (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, etc.) and text. This will enable us to keep all members together in knowledge of events and activities, even though we may be miles apart.

I also have a passion for personal connection and being present. As the Region 3 Director I look forward to meeting all of our members. Being present and listening to members is crucial to making sure needs are heard, ideas are vetted and members feel a sense of engagement in all decisions. It will also allow me to take your ideas and suggestions to our International Board and allow us, as a region, to be at the forefront of success. I want other regions to look at us as a best practice in how to be a vibrant and engaged group.

I want to see Region 3 move to the next level of fellowship, camaraderie and making a difference. We all have the ability to make this happen. Allow me to help lead us there. I am requesting your vote for Region 3 Director and your vote of confidence that I can *make things happen*.

Sincerely,

Trey Anderson

Thomas "Trey" Anderson

President WV8

President WV State Association

150 Layne Street Letart, WV 25253

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Our Second candidate is Amy Gilliland.

- 1) Personal Profile
 - a) **Name:** Amy Gilliland
 - b) **City, State / Province, Country:** New Wilmington, Pa., USA
- 2) Red Knights Information
 - a) **Current Home Chapter:** PA24, Charter member
 - b) **Positions Held at Chapter:** President, Secretary/Treasurer
 - c) **State/ Provincial:** State Association Charter member and Secretary
 - d) **International Level:** By-Law Chairperson 2015-2016
 - e) **Years (total) In RKIFMC:** 12
- 3) Fire Service Affiliation

Total Number of Years in Department(s): 19

Positions Held: Firefighter/EMT, EMS Chief, EMS Captain, Fundraising Chairman, Department Secretary, Board of Directors, By-Law Committee

4) Platform For Election

a) Primary reason(s) for running:

1. To listen to the membership to work on the ever improving lines of communications between you the membership and your International Board.
2. To help improve all our current programs, by reviewing, suggesting and voting for persons who have the skills need and who are qualified to chair these positions.
3. Work to promote the continued growth of the Organization, by traveling and meeting with people that have questions or want to know about the Red Knights MC.
4. By me previously attending 7 Board of Directors meetings, I have general knowledge of the demands and time that is required of the position I am seeking.
5. My schedule and type of employment gives me the ability and flexibility to travels as needed to support my reasons for running.

b) Vision for future of RKIMC: Continuing growth; better communication with in the organization from the members to the International Board. Expanding the membership to place that has no Red Knights members. Bring the basics back into the club, and enjoying the family and friends the Red Knights have become.

5) Other:

I have attended 9 annual conventions, 3 Dixie Rally’s, 4 Yankee Rally and several other Red Knights® events throughout the years. I have served as the state representative at funerals, and also presented the international flag/coin.

I’ve attended meetings of chapters and worked with them to help return to good standing status with the International, by updating rosters, help with collecting/sending dues, navigating the website, email account and answering questions they may have or directing them to the right person who could help.

In October 2015, I attended the 3 day International Board of Directors meeting in Baltimore; at that time I accepted the appointed position of the International By-Law chair until April 2016 when the committee was restructured. I continued to attend the Board of Directors meeting 3 times a year till October 2017 when the motion was made by the Board of Directors to close the meetings to membership. (Total of 7 Board of Directors meetings on my own expense, 5-3 day meetings in Baltimore and 2 at conventions) which has given me knowledge of the position and its demands and time required. On a personal note: My husband and I own a hauling business that we started 20 years ago where I manage all the business aspects of the day to day running and office work: which gives me the ability and flexibility to travel as needed for the Red Knights. I devote a lot of time to what I love to do.....Motorcycling and the Red Knights®. Jim and I were the first 2 members in the United States to become Grand Tour Masters, 4 times (and never doubled a station, that’s 260 fire stations). Feel free to contact me with any questions, grumpyemt71@aol.com, on Facebook or text me at 724685-1280

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If any Region 3 Chapter would like to have something in the next newsletter please contact me@ region3reporter@redknightsmc.com

LOYAL TO OUR DUTY

`Maverick`

Region 4

(Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Dist of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia)

We are still looking for a Newsletter Reporter for Region 4.... If you would be interested in becoming the Regional Reporter for this region please contact the editor at editor@redknightsmc.com for information on what is involved.

NORTH CAROLINA 22 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PEARSON COUNTY FF CHILDREN'S BURNS UNIT

RKMC NC22 Put on a great ride today in Roxboro, NC for the FF Burn Children Fund of Pearson County. 62 bikes were registered and the Chapter was able to donate \$3468 to the fund. Special thanks to the Roxboro FD for the use of their station, Sydney Flippin Cole and Bill Cole for cooking dogs for us. All in all, this what the Red Knights is all about



Region 5

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

Washington 2 reports that they had a holiday party in January but they have been very quiet since then, they are however planning group rides this year as well as a Region Rally. Washington 2 has a website and their rides can be viewed on their website at:

www.redknightsspokane.com

Minnesota 1 chapter has been revived since last year's international with new blood at the helm and they are looking forward to growing their chapter.

During the trip they had a ride to Texas hill country and attended a concert, their President seemed to be having a good time posing for a picture with one of the bartenders.

They left Minnesota on May 10th and returned on May 16th they stayed in Pflugervill Texas but did most of their riding west of there in the hill country.



They rode the Twisted Sisters Route around Leakey Texas. Checked out Original Black's BBQ and Stubbs BBQ in Austin which also included an open air amphitheatre where they was a great concert, they are planning to make this an annual trip for Minnesota 1.



Alberta 12 has a busy year ahead, we are doing a ride with another local chapter in June with an Alberta 12 family BBQ planned for after the ride.

We will be sending some members to the Region 5 rally to be held in Edmonton, Alberta June 21 – 23 and on June 1st weekend Alberta 12 will be meeting with fellow riders from various Alberta Chapters, then we will be hosting a family BBQ for riders and families at the Riverdale Campground.



Red Knights International Motorcycle Club – MN 4



Fellow Knights;

What a great start to 2019 for MN4! We added 12 members (6 active & 6 social) at the end of last year and another 10 (8 active & 2 social) since the beginning of the year bringing our total membership to 133!! And we are an active group too!

We've been doing dinner rides just about every week in the New Year (yes, caging it with the white stuff on the ground), movie nights, group trips and now with riding weather weekend rides, patch rides and benefit rides. During our spring meeting a couple months ago, elections were held in which a new board was elected and it can't go without saying Thank You to Mudder for 9 years of service as President.



The riding calendar is full with some of the bigger events being our chapter benefit ride, Firefighters Fighting Cancer, and The Patriot Ride. Firefighters Fighting Cancer is in its 9th year of raising money through a ride and silent auction for a local person battling cancer. This year's event is August 18, 2019 and more info is available at <https://redknightsmn4.org/rkmn4-benefit-ride/>. The Patriot Ride, which honours military & law enforcement personnel and their families, is a big event for our chapter as we provide EMS coverage during the riding in which 6000+ motorcycles participate in. (Fun Fact: RKMN4 started this ride 14 years ago and then it grew so much that it was handed off to the Patriot Guard to manage.) This year's Patriot Ride is June 22, 2019 and more info at www.thepatriotride.org. We welcome any and all Red Knights to join us and we're not afraid to join others as well!

In fact, we have groups planning on attending Western in Alberta (20) and International in New Hampshire (12). We also help other groups in supporting their causes including the MN EMS Honour Guard and MN Fallen Firefighters.

Joel "Hambone" Nelson, President MN4

Region 6

(Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah)

I'm sorry that I haven't received any articles from Region 6, if you would like your activities to get a mention in the Newsletter you can send them to me at editor@redknightsmc.com or to your Regional Reporter, Chuck Matthews at region6reporter@redknightsmc.com

Region 7

(European Chapters)

TURBO'S BIRTHDAY AND RETIREMENT CELEBRATIONS

Germany IX's President, Turbo had two reasons to celebrate recently, his last duty and retirement from the Castrop-Rauxel Fire Brigade and his 60th Birthday.



Turbo's send-off was in his words "great and very moving" and he was very grateful to his Fire-Brigade colleagues who allowed him the opportunity to say goodbye. There was also a great demonstration of the brotherhood of the Red Knights when many knights showed up to wish Turbo good wishes for his birthday and retirement. It was a huge surprise when members of Turbo's own Chapter, Germany IX and members from Germany VI arrived to wish him well, their presence was not expected but was greatly appreciated.

Further celebrations are planned in July to celebrate Germany IX's 5th Anniversary and Turbo's 60th birthday and retirement. It promises to be a great weekend.

5 TH ANNIVERSARY GERMANY IX

TURBO'S 60. Birthday & RETIREMENT

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WE WANT YOU FOR A PARTY

Programm
SAMBA SHOW BRASIL
UNITED RUHR PIPES & DRUMS
LIVE ACT GRAF HOTTE COVER ROCK , SÄNGER FÜR SOZIALES
STAND UP COMEDY ALFONSO , BARBER ANGELS CHARITY

BELGIAN AND FRENCH RED KNIGHTS HELP WITH FUND RAISING EVENT FOR CANCER RESEARCH

As with very year the Red Knights were at the meeting of Télévie again for the 2019 charity event on the 22nd April and this year the Prime Minister of Belgium joined this special ride.



Since 1989 the television channel RTL-TVI has organised Télévie, a charitable operation organized in French-speaking Belgium and the Grand Duchy of



Luxembourg. The money raised by the event is for the benefit of the F.R.S.-FNRS. (Scientific Research Fund) to be used to help scientific research in its fight against cancer and leukaemia in children and adults.

For this 2019 event a motorcycle rally composed of approximately 4000 two-wheelers was planned and was marshalled by 40 Red Knights from Belgium 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 and France 6 chapters with the support of 10 Green Knights and 20 friends from the Asphalt Eaters Motorcycle Club.

The amount of donations this year broke previous year's records with a fantastic €13.315.462,48 being raised, which will be greatly appreciated by the F.R.S – FNRS.



For the Red Knights to play such an important part in the Télévie event is true recognition of the professionalism of those involved and every year the event ends with a live televised closing party and concert..

UK / IRELAND MEETING 2019

The 2019 UK/Ireland meeting was hosted by England 2 in Sheffield between 26th & 28th April where more than 70 guests gathered to party for the weekend.



Friday evening was spent socialising in the hotel bar, until the early

hours for some, and Saturday began at 9am with England 2's Ride Captain giving the riders a ride briefing before the group of 50 vehicles set off in steady rain.

The ride soon found itself riding in the fantastic scenic roads of the Derbyshire countryside, visiting the Derwent Dams where the RAF practiced dropping the bouncing bombs in WWII, this was made famous in the film 'The Dam Busters'.

After a short break for photographs the group rode on to the Chatsworth House Stately Home for lunch.



With the rain still falling the ride returned to the hotel for the traditional Saturday night party and it was a pleasure to welcome guests from across England, Ireland, Wales, Belgium, Switzerland and USA, including a surprise hastily organised visit of past International President Dave Emery and his wife Shirley, and Mike Chamberlin and Chris Walls McKay.



One aim of the meeting was to raise money for the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity Burns Unit and with many great prizes to be won in the charity Tombola, those present dug deep in to their pockets to buy tickets and a grand total of £1,050 was raised for the Charity.

During the evening Belgium 2's President, Koen 'Buba' Vanthuyne presented England 2 member, Mick Wragg with his 5 year membership pin.



TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF SWITZERLAND 1

On the first weekend of May, nearly fifty Red Knights and guests met for the traditional annual party of our Chapter in Andelfingen. After celebrating our tenth birthday in April, this was our tenth annual meeting. In addition to the Swiss chapters CH2, CH3 and CH4, representatives of Germany 1, Austria 4 and France 2 also delivered their congratulations on our anniversary. Even from Italy 1 a member travelled the long distance from Florence to congratulate us. From outside the Red Knights we were allowed to receive and host delegations of Punisher Switzerland and the Blue Knights CH1 and CH3. Our guests were also extremely generous. Over Fr. 500 were donated which as always go to the department for



burn injuries at the Children's Hospital Zurich.



Despite a bit of bad weather, we were once again allowed to enjoy a nice ride and have a nice evening with a BBQ and raclette and all in the spirit of our statute, experience and cultivate camaraderie among firefighters

and friends. We are looking forward to welcoming many of you back to Andelfingen on May 2nd, 2020.

FRANCE 1 KEEP BUSY IN THE COMMUNITY

RBMA and ODP "together, further"

On the weekend of Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19, 2019 the Association the Rollers of Beautiful Mechanical Andrésy (RBMA) and the Work of the Pupils of the Firefighters (ODP) offered an outing for the benefit of orphans of firefighters to share their passion for old machines, some unforgettable moments were shared during a weekend at Colleville sur Mer on the Normandy coast.

The Red Knights France 1 took charge of supervising the procession and securing the route. It was an unforgettable weekend for all who took part and many thanks go to the RBMA for their kindness and hospitality.



Operation Carlesimo on May 25, 2019 from Orly to Rambouillet.

On Saturday, May 25, 2019, the Red Knights took part in Operation Carlesimo "Harley Day for the Sick Children" at Orly Airport in Rambouillet. During the event they took the opportunity to collect donations from Carrefour stores' partner sites.



Road Safety Training

Road accidents kill more firefighters than firefighting in France! Faced with this, dozens of members of the second fire and rescue group of the BSPP (Brigade firefighters of Paris) participated in awareness training for motorcyclists on Wednesday, May 15 at the Rungis examination centre, during the National Road Safety Week.

Also in attendance was an insurance company who offered advice on safety equipment it was noted that even when firefighters are already well equipped it is unusual for them to have airbag vests because they are not very aesthetic and are expensive.

GERMANY 16 CELEBRATED THEIR FOUNDATION-PARTY

On the 24th and 25th of May Germany 16 finally celebrated their Foundation-Party in the beautiful landscape of northern Germany.

It was a great honour for them to welcome many Red Knights and other Clubs from all over Germany to our party.



We were visited by the Chapters Germany 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 18, 19, 21, several MAL, Blue Knights LEMC, Guardian Bulldogs LEMC and some Clubs from our area. Over all there were about 120 happy bikers present to enjoy the weekend. The weather was

fine and so they could start the party on Friday afternoon. On Saturday 50 motorcycles took part in a donation ride. During the evening there was a tombola to raise further donations which will be donated to a very worthwhile local organization which take care of parents with children suffering from cancer.

As a special guest a bag-piper was welcomed to the evening party and delighted us with his Highland-Music. He was followed by a group from a local volunteer fire department performing the YMCA-Song with fancy dresses, it was a lot of fun.

During the weekend we also welcomed four new members to our chapter and they were enrolled in to the chapter during a ceremony conducted by our President Stefan Wünker.



We would like to thank all our guest for making it a very successful party and for the many presents, and also thanks to all our members who worked many hours to make this special event possible.

Article written by Marko Hartbrecht, Secretary, Germany 16

SWITZERLAND 1'S DONATION TO THE ZURICH CHILDREN HOSPITAL

During our tour for the season opening at the 28th of April 2019 the Chapter Switzerland 1 was able to deliver a donation of 2'000 CHF to the ward for burn victims of the children's hospital Zurich.

At every one of our yearly meetings there's some kind of raffle (fifty-fifty-affle, lottery etc.) in favor of our charity fund (old fire-extinguisher). Furthermore, there's always a bottle of whiskey at the ready in our club saloon. Everyone can help himself there but has to make a donation of at least 5 CHF for our charity fund.



The collected money is every two years donated to the ward for burn victims of the children's hospital Zurich. With this money the hospital enables the parents of the little patients to be always at their sides during the often long hospital stays.

FRANCE 4 TAKE TOYS TO CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL



The bikers at the heart of the Red Knights chapter "France IV", mobilised on Saturday, December 22nd to give the hospitalised children some gifts.

Starting at 10 a.m. the look-alike of Santa Claus for the fourth year in a row. Their "Toy Run - Christmas Tale" new toys were collected from Carrefour Nîmes Sud and

they were to be distributed to hospitalised children and to other small associations in the Gard Region that work for disabled children.

"We started at 9:30 am in the car park with the installation of equipment from the Union départementale des Sapeurs-Pompiers du Gard (our partner) and the setting up of the various stands.

A Food Truck was brought in to serve visitors at the lunch break but above all to welcome visitors to the site. All day long, many motorcyclists and motorcycle clubs rubbed shoulders in a good mood, enjoying each other's company.

At about 2:30 p.m., the hundred or so motorcyclists left the camp for a parade through the town, surrounding the ambulance which was loaded with numerous gifts.

The procession headed towards Carémeau to distribute some of the toys collected. "Almost all motorcycles were decorated with garlands and real Christmas trees!

After gifts were handed out in the paediatric services of the Nîmes University Hospital, the happy motorcycle elves rejoiced with the satisfaction of having brought a little joy to the children and their parents.



The Red Knights Chapter "France IV" carry out numerous charitable actions for sick or handicapped children but also raise awareness of the actions and attitudes to be taken in the presence of victims, in partnership with the Union départementale des Sapeurs-Pompiers du Gard. Their next event will be on May 19, 2019 for the Fire Day 2019 at the Christian Eymard complex - 30620 Uchaud. France. This will be the third time that this event has been run.

Region 8

(Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific)

CONGRATULATIONS JUDY TEUMA



Congratulations to Judy Teuma, your Region 8, Australia Reporter on being presented with a Certificate of Merit from the Office of the Region 8 Director for her tireless work in promoting the Red Knights and her fund raising.

Great Work Judy, a well-deserved award!



WAIPU VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE HOST THE RKMC, NEW ZEALAND 1'S CHARITY RIDE

At the beginning of March the Waipu Volunteer Fire Brigade hosted the Red Knights Firefighter's Motorcycle Club, New Zealand 1's annual Burns Run for the 11th year.

Some residents will have seen the 81 motorcycles as they made their way through Waipu at about midday. The participants ride from Kaiwaka to Waipu every year to raise money for the Middlemore Burns unit and this year the ride raised an amazing \$2,000!!



The Waipu brigade served the riders steak sandwiches and chips for lunch and offered their appliance bay to the Red Knights to raise money by raffling off prizes and to allow them to officially donate the money they had raised.

The event is a great example of close cooperation between the Red Knights and the Waipu Fire Brigade in raising money for such a great cause and both groups are very proud to be a part in the event year after year.



AUSTRALIAN CHAPTERS RAISE MONEY FOR THEIR CHARITIES

It makes you proud to be a Red Knight!

An article appeared in a newspaper in Australia recently.

On the 11th February members of **Australia 6** handed over a cheque for \$3260 to the Ashleigh House for the purchase of a new Hi/Lo Bed and while they were there they took residents for a spin on their motorcycles, but that was not the only charity work they did, they had previously held their annual toy run to collect presents for families who could not afford to buy toys for their children ensuring that they could enjoy Christmas like the rest of us.. So as not to let the grass grow under their feet they will be hosting Red Knights Australia Gathering in Sale on the 8th, 9th and 10th November 2019.



In December **Australia 10** donated a Neopoff Infant T-Piece Resuscitator Machine to the Werribee Mercy Hospital Children's Ward that is worth \$1750 and followed this up in February by holding their Poker Charity Ride which raised around \$2500. Another cheque for \$1750 was sent to Werribee Mercy Hospital for them to purchase another Neopuff Machine.



Australia 15 hosted The Shannons Ride on the 2nd December 2018 with a ride and BBQ raising \$700 for the Shannons Bridge Foundation.

www.shannonsbridge.com



Australia 14 ran the Mankini Slow Ride at The Rivving the River on the 27th April 2019. Hmmmmm what a sight that was seeing our fellow Red Knights in mankinis instead of clothes. They rode down the main street of Echuca and then took a little cruise around the block raising money for the Zaidees Rainbow Foundation. The Mankini slow ride raised \$964.20 plus \$600 raised at the pub the night before.

www.zaidee.org/

Australia 5 and 20 hosted The Black Dog 1 Dayer Ride on the 17th March 2019 to raise funding for The Black Dog Foundation. 159 riders took part and raised approximately \$5000 which included money raised in an auction.

www.blackdogride.org.au



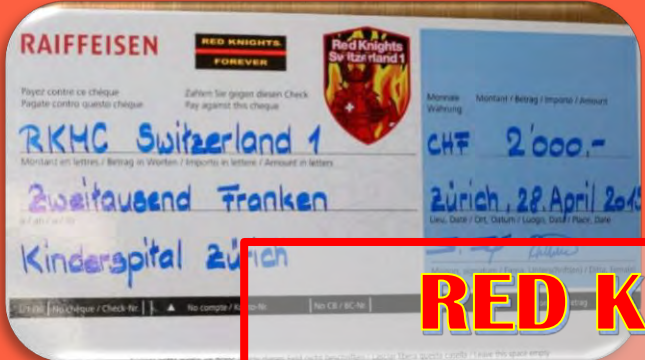
Australia 12 got their first female Active Member Lady Knight on the 10th April, Congratulations and Welcome to the Red Knights Sarah Steinegg.

Australia 1 celebrated their 10th Anniversary on the 9th May by having a 10th Anniversary Challenge Coin made.



AND finally, just letting you know Australia has a new chapter...

A group of MAL's from the Port Stephens area of NSW have come together to form our newest Chapter Australia 21. This is what the MAL program is all about. Congratulations to our newest President Ade Rolfe.



RED KNIGHTS' CHARITY DONATIONS

