



## Red Knights Motorcycle Club Massachusetts — Home of the Founders

Fall 2017

The Spring 2018 meeting is being hosted by RK Mass-2 on April 28, 2018. The meeting will be at the Petersham Legion quarters in the basement of the Petersham Town Hall.  
Mass-4 will host the Fall 2018 State Meeting in Ware, MA.

### *From the desk of the Massachusetts Red Knights State Representative*

Greetings all Massachusetts Red Knights!

This is the thirteenth edition of the Massachusetts State Red Knights Newsletter. Thank you Bob Laford for all you do for the MA Red Knights!!!

Your Assistant State Rep; MA-15 Bob Binnall and I, shall continue to strive to keep Massachusetts on top of all the Red Knight state organizations.

Relative to that, the position of Assistant MA State Rep. came up for election at our 2017 fall meeting and whereas no one sent in a letter of intent for the position, MA-15 Bob Binnall was voted in for another term.

The MA State Red Knights continue to be the benchmark for state Red Knight organizations.

We have been called “the ideal state organization within the Red Knights” by more than one International President and three Region-1 Directors, so we must be doing something right.

A seven day cruise to Bermuda NEXT September!!! If you are interested and need information please feel free to contact my wife Sandi. [sjcolby@yahoo.com](mailto:sjcolby@yahoo.com)

At the convention this year the MA State Red Knights / MA-15 Bob Binnall won the vote and will be hosting the 2019 Yankee Rally. You WILL be asked to help support this effort so please keep that in mind. If **everyone** does a little no **one** will be overwhelmed.

I decided to retire from The Plympton Fire Department this September. I joined the department in September of 1974 and feel that after 43 years of service it was time to step away. I have received many Facebook well wishes from many of you and for that I thank you. It is very strange not to have a scanner in my truck or a pager on my belt, but I guess I will get used to it.

I am going to miss many aspects of the fire service, but I pledge my continued support to you people as YOUR Massachusetts State Representative for as long as you will have me or I am able to continue. Whichever comes first.

On a personal note: Sandi and I were involved in a very serious crash that totaled my truck. No fault of ours, and aside from Sandi looking like she was worked over with a baseball bat and me with sore “parts” we came through it quite well. If we had been on the bike we would not be here. The purpose of this dialog? You NEVER know when a crash is upon you. Stay alert at all times!!!

Be safe out there brothers and sisters. Fall is upon us and the bikes will soon be in hibernation, so ride while you can.

Regards to all,  
MA-3 George Colby



Congratulations to Peter Stone who was recognized with an Outstanding Contribution Award the awards dinner Saturday evening at the convention. Other awards included Lifetime membership to our good friend Gil Rekken, from Manitoba was for his more than 25 years service to the RKMC International Board (Gil chose not to run for re-election). Thank you Gil! Colin Nelson of NH-9 was a very deserving recipient of the Perry Carter Award.



Congratulations to our State Rep on his FD retirement after 43 years of service!

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## 2017 International Elections

2017 Voting for the International Executive Board Officers starts only had one contested ballot. Region 3 was the only required vote, as no other positions were contested.

International President Chris Gadway, International Treasurer Scott Ryan, and Region-1 Rep Matt Mattera were each unopposed and elected by acclamation.

Congratulations to all the officers of the International Board, and thank you to them for their service to us as members.

Even though we did not need to cast chapter ballots, your official chapter emails are used frequently by the International and by our State Rep and Assistant State Rep. Please check your chapter email often as this is the "official" communications route from the International. One easy way to keep up-to-date is to have the email forwarded to one or two officers' personal email accounts. Then the Chapter Email messages are seen soon after being sent. If you have any questions about your chapter email, contact our State Rep.

Congratulations to Bob Binnall on his re-election as our Assistant State Rep. at the Fall State Meeting

## Do you want to serve the RKIMC?

The Red Knights International is looking for a new Quartermaster to serve our organization.

If you are interested or looking for more information, contact International President Chris Gadway.

The appointment would be effective January 1, 2018

## Fall State Meeting

Massachusetts Fall State Meeting was held on Saturday, October 21, 2017, and was hosted by RK MA Chapter 4 at the West Brookfield Fire Department. Thank you to Mass-4 for their efforts and hospitality. Seven chapters and 35 members were present.

MA-4 Tom Caisse (International Nominating Committee Chairman) stated here are several international positions being voted on in the spring that will necessitate MA chapter votes. The only voting MA chapters will be involved in will be for Vice President and Secretary.

Timeline for 2018 International Elections are: • Incumbents Intent need to notify of intent to run by Feb. 19, 2018, • Nominations Close May 20, 2018, • Voting begins June 19, 2018, • Voting is Closed 30 Days later July 19, 2018 and Vote Results Announced at RK Convention August 18.

The 2018 Yankee Rally is being hosted by NY chapters 12 & 29 June 1, 2 & 3 2018 in the same location as the first rally which is Clifton Park, NY.

The 2019 Yankee Rally location was brought to a vote at this year's rally and MA won the vote of the membership. MA-15 Bob Binnall is spearheading the rally. He needs help from chapters setting up rides, doing registrations, and just being present to direct people. Some chapters have already stepped up to help. A Host Hotel is currently being reviewed.

International VP, Spike Ostiguy, speaking as a life member of MA-4 stated that he challenged MA-4 members to have each donate \$20 to the Red Knights Memorial Foundation. They are at 80% compliance. He now challenges each Massachusetts Red Knight to individually donate \$20. He would like to see MA become the first state to be at 100% donations and then to challenge the other states. All donations are now tax deductible and may be made via PayPal by credit card.

New RK Flyers are available thanks to Joe Hopkins, MA-4; please take some today. George Colby will have the balance of them, so please see him for additional ones. The question was raised if we should consider selling the brochures to all RK. This discussion will be at the Spring State Meeting.

The Red Knights Cape Cod Dutch Treat weekend came back to life thanks to MA Chapter 8 and President Bryan LaRoche. It was a resounding success and everyone there is looking forward to next year.

The spring 2018 state meeting will be hosted by Mass-2 in Petersham and the fall state meeting will be hosted by Mass-4 in Ware.

Congratulations to Bob Binnall on his re-election as Assistant State Rep, and thank you to him and his long-suffering wife, Alex, for their dedication and hard work for the club.



**Turn in your motorcycle riding jacket for a Life Vest & join other Mass Red Knights for a**

**RED KNIGHT CRUISE TO BERMUDA**

Mark your calendar for September 7 to the 14th, 2018 (Friday to Friday) and be ready to board the Norwegian Dawn at Black Falcon Warf in Boston for a seven day cruise to Bermuda.

This 7-Day Bermuda, Round-trip from Boston aboard the extensively refurbished, Norwegian Dawn offers three days in port.

Sandi Colby has been doing the leg work and more information will be coming out as it is firmed up. But for every seven rooms booked there will be a reduction in the cost of the rooms. Prices starts at \$835 per person for double occupancy rooms depending on the accommodations you choose.

Enjoy pristine, pastel islands surrounded by historical sites and friendly people. Savor the year-round balmy breezes, clear waters colored by incredible coral reefs and lovely pink sands.

Keep an eye on your email for more details to start planning your 2018 ocean adventure.



## 2017 YANKEE RALLY

On a beautiful spring weekend (June, 1-4, 2017) a group of Red Knights from Region 1 and beyond gathered in Rutland, Vermont for the 3rd Annual Yankee Rally which was hosted by the Vermont State Association. As you can imagine, the shenanigans and fun that ensued cannot be adequately put into words!

There were 354 Red Knights in attendance which made this the largest Yankee Rally to date! They hailed from near and far:

- FL (2 members)
- ONT (2 Members)
- MD (3 members)
- MAL (6members)
- ME (10 members)
- NH (10 members)
- PA (10 members)
- CT (22 members)
- MA (44 members)
- VT (63 members)
- NJ (63 members)
- NY (114 members)

On Friday, Mike Chamberlain (President, VTII) lead a group ride to Barre, VT. Riders visited the Rock of Ages Granite Quarry and enjoyed lunch at Wilkins Harley Davidson. Many reported that it was a great ride although rain attempted to dampen the fun.

Saturday brought biker games as well as many small self-guided group rides including to the beautiful Quechee Gorge. Evening brought a delicious BBQ dinner and a talk given by 2017 NACAR Hall of Fame Nominee Ken Squire who spent many years as an announcer for NASCAR. The final highlight of the evening, that some may have missed, were the karaoke performances of Amanda "Smooches" Roun and Bob Binnall just to name a couple of performers. Also of note, the 2018 Yankee Rally takes place in Clifton Park, NY and will be hosted by NY 29 & 12. The Yankee Rally will return to "Where It All Began" in 2019 as MA15 hosts the 5th Yankee Rally in Boylston, MA

As always, Sunday morning was full of sad goodbyes as people departed for home, Americade, or other destinations unknown. Solace was found as many began to look forward to August when once again Red Knights will gather in mass for our International Convention in Syracuse, NY.



## Yankee Rally A gathering of Region 1 Red Knights

The 4th Annual Yankee Rally will be back in Clifton Park, NY on June 1-3, 2018. The host hotel is the Best Western Clifton Park.

Room rates are \$99 per night (plus tax) when you tell them you are with the Red Knights. (518-371-1811)

- Friday night there will be a gathering under the tent
- Saturday there will be a Group Ride and a Pig Roast (included in registration fee)
- Sunday will be a Farewell Breakfast (included in registration fee)

A registration packet is included with this mailing.



2015 was the first Yankee Rally, held in Clifton Park. It was well attended and a lot of fun. Come join us for Clifton Park -Version 2 to see what is in store for Yankee Rally #4!



## Americade 2017

From the Yankee Rally to Americade, the Red Knights kicked off the riding season in style from one high-profile grand event to another. Many Red Knights made their way from Rutland, VT to Lake George as one rally ended and the next one began.

Americade has been a staple of many RKMC members since our histories parallel each other from 1982 forward. You do not have to look far along the Beach Road, the vendors, Canada Street, or the many miles of great roads in the Adirondacks to see a red crest and a familiar face and a wave as you pass by another Red Knight.

This year the Red Knights even manned an RKMC information tent in Tour Expo, the vendor village in Lake George.

By happenstance, word got around about the proprietor of the Hague Market and how he was shot during a robbery at his store this spring. To show our support, many a rider in red made it a point to plan a ride and stop at the store for a sandwich, cold drink, and to let the owner know that we have his back. When over 90 Red Knights pulled into his store during our Red Knight ride during the week, to say it was an emotional stop is an understatement. We all know the size of the hearts that beat inside RKMC members and



firefighters in general. Even Americade Founder Bill Dutcher reached out to Red Knight leadership to express his thanks when he heard of the kindness and support given to the local merchant by the Red Knights.

Thursday afternoon was the annual open house held at the Lake George FD where many of our chapters had their wares on sale for others to peruse and purchase. Our NY hosts provided us with another good meal to keep up our strength, and many of those at the FD adjourned to people and bike watch along Canada Street afterwards.

Saturday was the annual Americade parade, and in year's past, Red Knights were a prominent participant in the parade's route.

Make your plans for 2018. It is always a great time!





In the time since Convention, I've had a couple of Chapter Presidents reach out to ask questions about the Annual Business Meeting, as well as the purchase of the house and property in Boylston, MA.

Since there are 107 Chapters in Region 1 alone, I suspect more of you have questions. I encourage you to ask. Without asking questions and finding out the facts, many members are left to speculate and make assumptions. That usually results in unnecessary misery. I say unnecessary, because usually after they receive the full facts, they have a different opinion. Not always, but usually.

With just over 10,000 members (that's right, we broke the 10,000 member mark since Convention!), it is very difficult to make everyone happy. But, we do our best to try and make the vast majority stay happy.

I've said many times, I'm here to help you in any way I can. With that said, if you have a question, please feel free to email or call me. I'll be happy to talk with you.

Communication is key and the International Executive Board is trying to do everything we can to ensure it flows up and down. I look forward to hearing from you. Red Knights Forever!

Fraternally,  
Matthew J. Mattera  
(609)846-3648  
Region 1 Director  
Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club —  
International Executive Board

### Mass Red Knights return to the Cape!

It had been 5 years since the Mass Red Knights had planned for a weekend at the Cape. Thanks to Mass-8, we had a mid September weekend with good weather and time in the dunes and around the Cape.

There were reps from chapters 2, 3, 5, 8, 12, and 15 with members from as far west as Agawam and Pittsfield. We were housed again at the Town Crier in Eastham.

During the weekend we enjoyed a fish fry at the local Elks Club, a guided ride along secondary roads to Provincetown, dinner at Marconi's BBQ, and then the entire entourage ended up at the McGrath's home for s'mores and socializing around a camp fire.

Everyone remarked that we had a great time, and it cannot be another five years before we head to the Cape again — next time with a bigger turn out!



### Out on the playground

*From the July '17 issue of RoadRunner magazine*

After a recent fun day of riding, we sat down together over a beer and debated which area in the world has the best motorcycle roads. This is often a passionate topic that elicits many different opinions. Since we ride all over the world, it was interesting to discuss the merits of various riding areas.

There are the Alps and Dolomites in Europe, which includes famous Stelvio Pass, topping out at 9,045 feet between Bormio in Italy and South Tyrol. With its 72 switchbacks, Stelvio is the highest paved pass in the Eastern Alps and provides riders with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains. Central Europe is a veritable playground for motorcycle riders. It's an inspiring experience to ride these roads, but you share them with many other motorists as well as bicyclists.

Here at home in the US., the Pacific Coast offers miles of challenging and scenic routes. The Pacific Coast Highway is the perfect path to connect the best of the West, though it's a mental struggle between riding and at the same time wanting to stop and take in the stunning ocean views. And, of course, California has so many canyon roads that are exciting to ride, but watch for sand in the curves!

Another US. contender is in Arizona—the Coronado Trail (US. 191), with its endlessly fun curves and amazing views on a 90-mile stretch between Alpine and Morenci. One of the best things about this road is that you usually have it almost all to yourself, as there is little traffic. There are dozens of iconic motorcycle destinations in almost every state—Montana, Colorado, Idaho, Arkansas, Ohio, and New York, to name just a few. In fact, many areas all across our beautiful country stand out because of the surrounding scenery, rhythm of the curves, lack of traffic, and/or inviting points of interest.

The Appalachian mountain chain, stretching from New York's Catskills to northern Georgia and Alabama, has innumerable splendid backroads, which we are still exploring. There are well-known mountain roads like the Blue Ridge Parkway, the Tail of the Dragon to the Back of the Dragon, and the Snake, but those are only the tip of the iceberg.

Considering the size of the riding area, the low volume of backroad traffic, and the good to excellent condition of the road surfaces, we concluded that the Appalachians offer the biggest playground for motorcyclists. The Southern Appalachians, which boast many of the highest peaks in the chain, have some of the best motorcycle roads found anywhere. The network of thousands of miles of curvy roads just goes on and on. There seem to be few wrong turns in these lush green mountains—at least that was our consensus. You should come see this playground for yourself!

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*That column stirred up some great memories for me, reminding me of places I have traveled and the sites I have seen. All because I ride, and many because I am a Red Knight. Maybe this brought back some memories for you of miles traveled in the past. Or maybe it got you thinking that there are some roads you want to travel still. Take out the map and start plotting your next adventure. Maybe it is somewhere close to home, in the next state, somewhere else in the U.S. or Canada. Or maybe, it's a trip to ride in a far off land. Make the plans, kick up some dirt, and go for a ride!*

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION —

Members of Mass 1, 2, 3, 4, 13, and 15 were part of the 570 members and nearly 90 chapters that participated in the 2017 convention in Syracuse.



Our hosts did a great job in entertaining us; from the hospitality room, self-guided rides and attractions, white water rafting, a group ride to Cooperstown, and much, much more. Red Knights from around the world, including U.S., Canada, England, Australia, Austria, Switzerland, Netherlands, Belgium and Germany, strolled and rolled into town throughout the convention week. Every time new arrivals walked into the Holiday Inn lobby they were greeted with hugs and cheers.

We were treated to a Friday night BBQ catered by the Dinosaur Barbeque, a great Italian flavored banquet on Saturday evening, and a going-away buffet for our Sunday breakfast. Syracuse is full of great restaurants too, and many were found to be colored red during the convention.

For Saturday's business meeting there were 88 voting delegates present. That is the largest number ever! (And there were a few more chapters present that did not attend the meeting). The Red Knights currently have 9,984 members in 437 chapters and with 368 MALs. We did lose 17 chapters this year through inactivity and another 6 chapters were formed by MALs. There was spirited discussion over a number of related bylaw changes that were all submitted by a member. The attendees decided to send most of those proposals to the Bylaw Committee for further review.



To open the ceremony members from each of the nine countries represented stood with their country's flag as each National Anthem was played. There was also an emotional photo presentation of all the members who have joined the Heaven-1 chapter over the past two years.

Sunday was met with more hugs as we said goodbye. It was a great few days with friends, and we look to a new piece of Red Knight history starting with the purchase of land to protect our memorial and our future as an organization.

Start planning today, because the 2018 convention is less than ten months away!



Members from Austria enjoyed being on two wheels for their time in the U.S. They were one of several chapters to visit the memorial in Boylston, as well. Others that stopped at the memorial during convention week were Switzerland-1 and PA-32. (That we know of)



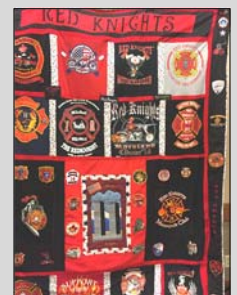
During convention week two milestones for the RKMC passed. Our 35th anniversary of our founding and the 10th anniversary of the dedication of our memorial.

To commemorate, Norm Beausoleil gathered a good sampling of members to the hotel courtyard to join the founders present in a toast. Norm broke open his recently acquired top-shelf bottle of Tennessee Whiskey to toast the Red Knights.

Our Pennsylvania hosts for the 2018 convention are gathering T-shirts, Flags and Patches to make a Red Knights quilt to be auctioned off at the convention next August.

Please send any donations to:

Trudy Rutkowski  
2305 Lutz ave  
Pittsburgh Pa 15210





# CONVENTIONS 2018-2022

**2018** — Pittsburg, PA is the location of the 2018 convention on August 16-19 at the Double Tree/Green Tree on Mannsfield Avenue. Both hotel and convention registration is open. "Like" the hosts FaceBook to keep up-to-date on planning and information.

For those that wish to fly or drive 4-wheels, Eagle Rider Rentals will be available if you wish to rent a bike during convention. The Dirty Dog Cigar Shop will have a cigar lounge at the hotel, and there will also be a dinner cruise on the Ohio River.

There will be a ride to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, with a special wreath laying at the 9-11 crash site. The area is ready for RKMC riders with self-guided tours as well as a lunch ride to a nearby HD dealership.

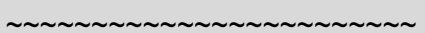


**2019** — Lincoln, NH at Loon Mountain in our own back yard will be the location for 2019. RK NH-9 are the hosts, and we all know the pristine riding, sites, and stops that will make New Hampshire a great place for the Red Knights to gather.

**2020** — Ninety miles north of Paris will be the first time that the Red Knights International Convention will be someplace other than North America! Our French planners (France-3) are making arrangements for bus tours to Normandy, other WWII sites, and Paris. There is also a great countryside waiting your arrival complete with castles — and bike rentals will be available.

**2021** — Keeping with an international flair, 2021 is being hosted by New Brunswick-1, in St. John's New Brunswick, Canada. NB and nearby Nova Scotia is some wonderfully picturesque scenery along the Bay of Fundy. Another convention that is a short distance from New England and the Northeast is sure to be a big turnout!

**2022** — Southwest Pennsylvania will be the host for 2022 in Johnstown, PA. Full of history, Johnstown Red Knights in PA-22 are planning to incorporate history into your visit, including the Great Johnstown Flood, the region's steel industry, 9-11 memories, and a celebration of the Red Knights' 40th anniversary. Initial plans include an Ice Cream Social, a nearby Firefighter's Convention and parade, and the many staples that make our conventions a blast!



Start your planning today and mark your calendar and your maps. It won't be long before we hit the road to gather the clan once again!

## 2018 Convention Hotel

The DoubleTree/GreenTree  
500 Mansfield Ave,  
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

412-922-8400

Hotel and Convention registration is open,  
Hotel booking code is "RED",  
\$125/Night

*Find the convention on Facebook!*

Roads are good, be they big roads or little roads, paved or dirt. I like ten-lane Interstates slicing through huge megalopolises; cut-bank logging roads in national forests; twisty little two-laners climbing through the mountains; arrow-straight asphalt across the great plains; gravelly byways slithering over hill into dale; long U.S.-marked highways running from city to city, state to state, coast to coast; short country roads used only by the occasional pickup-driving rancher or farmer. I'm a road riders; I need roads to ride.

*Clement Salvadori  
(Rider Magazine)  
from 101 Road Tales*

## What is your chapter planning for roads in 2018?

Drop a note to George or Bob and let their email updates be about something you are doing with your chapter.

Red Knights are always looking for a reason to ride, and supporting other Red Knight chapters is always a great idea!

Many members of the Red Knights frequently stand with the Patriot Guard. This below note was posted to all PGR members. We tip our hat in gratitude to all those men and women who have served and to the members of the Patriot Guard who “stand for those who stood for us.”



Just received the following email from the PGR National President :

Good afternoon,

I got a call yesterday from Gen. Carter Ham, CEO of the Association of the United States Army.

He called to inform me the Patriot Guard has been awarded their prestigious "National Service Award". The award is presented each year to an organization in recognition of exemplary service and enduring support to the American Soldier and the United States Army community.

We are in pretty good company as previous recipients are the Gary Sinise Foundation and the Honor Flight Network.

We've said many times that "It's not about us," and indeed it is not. It's about the heroes and the families we serve. What this award means is that the US Army community has acknowledged our commitment to them, that we cherish them and honor their service and their sacrifices to keep us free. My voice betrayed my emotion as I accepted this award on behalf of all of our brothers and sisters that stand in the flagline. It was an honor I'll not soon forget.

As always, thank you for what you do.

Bees

Rob "bees" Butler

President

Patriot Guard Riders



Earlier this year, when a Korean War soldier's remains were identified and repatriated, Wes Laford, (Bob Laford's 82 year-old dad), a Korean War-era Vet joined other Red Knights and PGR members to stand a flag line at the soldier's services in Holyoke.

Saturday, August 26 was as about a perfect day for the Massachusetts State Picnic that we could have asked for!

The sun was shining, there were 39 bikes on the Templeton Fish and Game Club property, ready to ride, and there were over 70 Red Knights and friends with big smiles enjoying the day.

There were seven Mass chapters and others from CT, VT, and NY represented at our inaugural state picnic. We fed 69 people, but knew there were others that rode in to say hello, but could not stay.

Thank you to this year's host, Mass-2 and to the cooks from the TF&G that were flipping burgers and making sure we were fed. Did you see the dessert table? A group of MA-2 ladies outdid themselves with the home-baked sweets that were awaiting us when we returned from the ride.

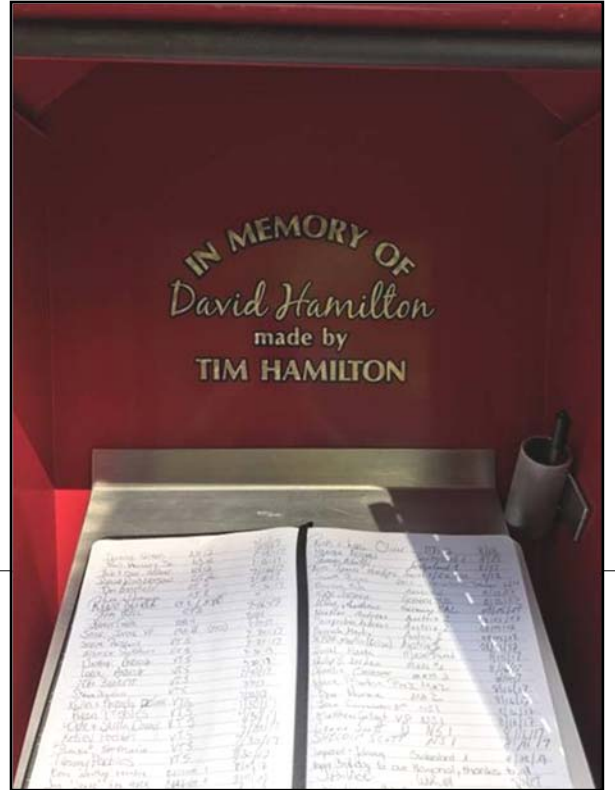
The ride was about 30 miles, around northern Worcester county. We even got to practice our dual-sport riding skills on one of the roads — but adding that “character” into our day just adds another memory!

Thank you to the RKMC International as they helped the cause with one of the multi-chapter grants that is available to each region. Whose up to host 2018?





We are very proud of the work Tim Hamilton did in fabricating the box itself. Paul Tucker, of Sign Logic in Hudson, Mass provided the art work. Now all visitors can sign our welcome book.  
Peter Stone, MA-1 President



Thank you to everyone that made participated in the Mass-2 JD barrel raffle. We presented Sherry's House with a check for \$3,025 from the Red Knights! And yes, the winner drawn at our State Picnic was a Red Knight.

**CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE TO THE INTERNATIONAL BY 12/31**

After December you are not allowed to purchase regalia, vote, or function as a sanctioned chapter if your dues are in arrears. Correspondence including your current roster that is on file will be emailed from the International Treasurer to your "official" chapter email account. Please work with your chapter members for dues collection and have your 2018 dues submitted to the International by the end of the calendar year. After January 31 there is also a \$50 penalty.

From International Treasurer Scott Ryan:

Chapter Presidents & Treasurers, Soon you will be collecting dues for 2018 – reminder they are due December 31 or you will be on restricted services beginning January 1.

For those who were not aware, at the Annual Business Meeting this past August, the membership voted to increase the annual dues by \$4 for all members (other than Junior Members).

Active and Associate renewals will be \$17

Social and Honorary will be \$11

New Members will be \$20

Regarding New Members, please let me know as soon as possible when you accept a new member. Several chapters, members, and families have been embarrassed recently when I have had to advise them that someone was not officially a member because they were not on my roster. Even if you can't get your payment in the mail immediately, let me know the members name, address, membership type, etc. and I will get them on the official roster.

Within the next month I will be sending each chapter the roster as I have it, I will be sending it to the chapter's redknightsmc.com e-mail address.

# RED KNIGHTS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

## PLEDGE CARD

I, \_\_\_\_\_

DO HEREBY PLEDGE TO DONATE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE RED KNIGHTS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, PRIOR TO DECEMBER 10, 2017

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Pledge forms and donations can be sent to:

Red Knights Memorial Foundation

c/o Scott Ryan, RKM Foundation Sec/Treas.

45 Trailview Drive, Charlottetown, PE C1E 2J6 Canada



(Founder) Dave Hamilton's wife was the first to enter the house after the RKMC took possession of the property.



RKMC Founders with a champagne toast in the RKMC kitchen.

Past International President and current International President



The Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club has recently founded a separate corporation specifically for the care and protection of the Red Knights Memorial Site located in Boylston, Mass. This corporation, *The Red Knights Memorial Foundation*, is a 501C3 non-profit foundation recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Secretary of State's Office.

At the 2017 convention it was announced to the members that the RKMC has acquired the property adjacent to the Memorial's location. The Town of Boylston and the Red Knights are now in the process of planning for the separation of a piece of this Red Knight owned property so that the town may take possession of the rear portion of the lot to develop additional parking for the Boylston Town House. In kind, the town will sign over the parcel of land, owned by the town, where the Red Knights Memorial now sits.

This business/land transaction and the creation of the Foundation will ensure that the Red Knights Memorial is protected in place, and will be on land owned by the Red Knights.

During the convention in Syracuse pledge cards were handed out asking the membership of the Red Knights to become a part of the foundation and the protection of the Memorial for future generations. Pledged donations received prior to December 10, 2017, will be considered "Charter Donations" for the Red Knights Memorial Foundation.

All donations, of any amount are welcome and encouraged. Donations of \$100 will be considered "White Level," \$500 will be considered "Gold Level," and \$1000 or more will be considered "Red Level." Individuals and chapters making these specific donation amounts will be recognized on a plaque in the building on the property purchased by the Red Knights.

Plans under consideration for use of the building on the property include the potential for meeting rooms and display of Red Knight Memorabilia, among other RKMC sanctioned uses.

By the end of the RKMC Convention on Sunday, August 20, 2017, over \$27,000 in pledges had been made by those Red Knights in attendance. Please consider becoming a part of this effort to protect the Red Knights Memorial into the future.

You can donate on-line (electronically) to the Red Knight Memorial Foundation as well. Visit the International Webpage and follow the "DONATE" link



# 4th Annual Yankee Rally Registration Packet

**\*\*PLEASE PRINT OUT THIS PACKET AND MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR YOUR TOTAL COST\*\***

Registration forms and fee should be mailed via USPS to:

RKMC Yankee 2018

c/o Lisa Funk

PO Box 2, Copake, NY 12516

Questions? Contact: [rkmcyankee2018@gmail.com](mailto:rkmcyankee2018@gmail.com)

**Make checks/money order payable to: RKMC Yankee 2018**

Registration will start on July 1, 2017 and will be closed on March 1, 2018.

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE PAID BY CHECK/MONEY ORDER. NO CASH, CREDIT OR PAYPAL & ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

**\*THIS IS A PACKAGE DEAL ONLY\***

**THIS IS A FAMILY ORIENTED EVENT! BRING THE KIDS!**

**Dates:   Friday       June 1, 2018**  
**Saturday     June 2, 2018**  
**Sunday       June 3, 2018**

## **BEST WESTERN CLIFTON PARK**

617 Plank Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065; Tel: 518-371-1811

**\* When reserving your room you must tell them you are with the Red Knights Motorcycle Club Yankee Rally to get our group rate = \$99+/night\***

**There are camp sites available please contact:  
Bob Hollner 518-470-9065 for more information.**

## **Lunch will be available on site for a minimal cost:**

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips and Soft Beverages will be served (NOT included in registration fee)

Friday night there will be a gathering under the tent

Saturday there will be a Group Ride and a Pig Roast (included in registration fee)

Sunday will be a Farewell Breakfast (included in registration fee)

**This event is FAMILY FRIENDLY!**

There is a separate registration form for children age 12 and under (see page 3).

# *Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Yankee Rally 2018

### Hosted by New York Chapters 12 & 29

Registration will start on July 1, 2017 and will be closed on March 1, 2018.

**ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE PAID BY CHECK/MONEY ORDER & ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.  
NO CASH, CREDIT OR PAYPAL!**

**CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO: RKMC Yankee 2018**

**Dates: Friday June 1, 2018 through Sunday June 3, 2018**

**Location: Best Western Clifton Park, 617 Plank Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065**

Registration cost per adult: \$50.00      Number of Adults Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$50.00 = TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Cost per child: \$25.00      Number of Children Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Child: 12 years and under)

**Rally Tee Shirt (ONE Included in registration) please choose size for each attendee listed below:**

|                   |       |        |       |        |         |          |
|-------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|---------|----------|
| <b>Driver:</b>    | SMALL | MEDIUM | LARGE | XLARGE | XXLARGE | XXXLARGE |
| <b>Passenger:</b> | SMALL | MEDIUM | LARGE | XLARGE | XXLARGE | XXXLARGE |

**Additional Adult Tee Shirt (\$20, Please choose size):**

|        |        |        |        |         |          |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| SMALL  | MEDIUM | LARGE  | XLARGE | XXLARGE | XXXLARGE |
| X \$20 | X \$20 | X \$20 | X \$20 | X \$20  | X \$22   |
|        |        |        |        |         | \$       |

**Additional Youth Shirts (\$10, Please choose size):**

|        |        |           |          |          |               |
|--------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| XS 2-4 | SM 6-8 | MED 10-12 | LG 14-15 | XL 18-20 | Special Size: |
| X \$10 | X \$10 | X \$10    | X \$10   | X \$10   | X \$10        |
|        |        |           |          |          | \$            |

**\*\*see page 3\*\***

One shirt is included for each child registered

**ONE Challenge Coin will be included in ADULT registration fee.  
 Additional Challenge coin(s)-PRE ORDER ONLY!- \$10/each.**

Total Additional Challenge coins ordering:

**X \$10 each coin**

**\$**



# Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Yankee Rally 2018

### Hosted by New York Chapters 12 & 29

4th Annual Yankee Rally Glass - PRE ORDER ONLY! - Not included in Registration - Price of glass includes free refills of beer on Saturday!

Total Yankee Rally Glass(es) ordering:

|      |                   |    |
|------|-------------------|----|
| Qty: | X \$15 each glass | \$ |
|------|-------------------|----|

Yankee Rally Pin - PRE ORDER ONLY!- Not included in Registration:

Total Yankee Rally Pin(s) ordering:

|      |                 |    |
|------|-----------------|----|
| Qty: | X \$10 each pin | \$ |
|------|-----------------|----|

A Pig Roast (included in Registration fee) will be on Saturday. Will you attend?

|     |    |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|

A Farewell Breakfast (included in Registration Fee) will be on Sunday. Will you attend?

|     |    |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|

Total Registration Costs: \$

|  |
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|  |
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CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO: RKMC Yankee 2018

Driver Information - Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State Chapter/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger Information - Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State Chapter/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive information on future Yankee Rally Events? YES NO

#### CHILD REGISTRATION FORM

**\*\*A child is anyone age of 12 and under\*\***

Rally Tee Shirt (ONE Included in registration) Please choose size (YOUTH SIZES) for each attendee listed below.

We have sizes available in 6 months and up:

|                   |        |        |           |          |          |               |
|-------------------|--------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| Child Name: _____ | XS 2-4 | SM 6-8 | Med 10-12 | Lg 14-15 | XL 18-20 | Special Size: |
| Child Name: _____ | XS 2-4 | SM 6-8 | Med 10-12 | Lg 14-15 | XL 18-20 | Special Size: |
| Child Name: _____ | XS 2-4 | SM 6-8 | Med 10-12 | Lg 14-15 | XL 18-20 | Special Size: |
| Child Name: _____ | XS 2-4 | SM 6-8 | Med 10-12 | Lg 14-15 | XL 18-20 | Special Size: |

In case of emergency on-site number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

A Pig Roast (included in Registration fee) will be on Saturday. Will the children attend? Yes No

A Farewell Breakfast (included in Registration Fee) will be on Sunday. Will the children attend? Yes No

# *Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club*

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Yankee Rally 2018**

**Hosted by New York Chapters 12 & 29**

## **HOST HOTEL:**

Best Western Clifton Park

617 Plank Road

Clifton Park, NY 12065

Tel: 518-371-1811

## **Other Area Hotels:**

Courtyard by Marriott Clifton Park  
627 Plank Road, Clifton Park, NY, 12065  
888-734-8507 or 518-579-6100

Hampton Inn Clifton Park  
620 Plank Rd, Clifton Park, NY, 12065  
888-724-6413 or 518-373-2345

Hilton Garden Inn Clifton Park  
30 Clifton Country Rd, Clifton Park, NY, 12065  
888-675-8872 or 518-371-7777

Homewood Suites by Hilton Clifton Park  
42 Clifton Country Road, Clifton Park, NY, 12065  
888-734-8507 or 518-371-2000

LaQuinta Inn & Suites Clifton Park  
1749 Route 9, Clifton Park, NY, 12065 United States  
518-579-6500

Red Roof Inn Clifton Park  
41 Old Route 146, Clifton Park, NY, 12065  
888-673-2059 or 518-373-0222

**Any questions, please contact: [rkmcyankee2018@gmail.com](mailto:rkmcyankee2018@gmail.com)**





## 2018 Red Knights Convention Registration Pittsburgh, PA

*(Green Tree Area – Just minutes from Downtown Pittsburgh)*

Pennsylvania Chapter 8 and surrounding Chapters, along with Region 3 Director Tim Reinard wish to welcome you to join us in the Pittsburgh Area during the 2018 Convention, August 16<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>.

We do have additional activities available in and around town for the complete week, if you come in before the “Official Registration” on Thursday, so come and relax a few extra days with us...(Rooms available also for August 13, 14, 15)

### Schedule of Events

- 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Self Guided Sight Seeing with Suggestions & Addresses
  - Rocker Rides you may do while you are here (we have over 200 stations in our County alone)
    - Red Knight, Fire House, Grand Tour and Twelve Station – Self Guided with Addresses
  - Scavenger Hunt – Winner receives a Free Night at the Host Hotel *(only for guests booked at Host Hotel)*
- 15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Evening– Meet the International Board & Region Directors on the Gateway Clipper Dinner Cruise – and meet more Red Knight Members!
  - (\$35 Cruise & Food – beverages not included)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Thursday
  - Official Registration & Meet & Greet
  - Chapter Vendors
  - Pool Party with Entertainment at the Hotel
- 17<sup>th</sup> Friday
  - Registration Continued
  - Flight 93 Memorial Ride to Shanksville with Wreath Laying by PA Chapter 13 Honor Guard
    - *(Limited to 1<sup>st</sup> 300 Registered Bikes - ONLY)*
  - Chapter Vendors
  - Outside Vendors from 3 to 7 In Parking Area towards the rear of the Hotel
  - Barbeque Dinner
- 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday
  - Registration Continued
  - RKIFMC Annual Business Meeting
  - Ride to Three Rivers Harley-Davidson for Food & Entertainment – NO Charge!
  - Chapter Vendors
  - Banquet at the DoubleTree Hotel with Cocktail Hour
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Farewell Breakfast



# 2018 Red Knights Convention Registration Pittsburgh, PA

(Green Tree Area – Just minutes from Downtown Pittsburgh)

## Registration Deadline July 1st

(One Registration Form per Guest please)

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registration – Includes Welcome Bag, Friday BBQ, Saturday Dinner & Sunday Farewell Breakfast \$65

Would you like to register for the Gateway Clipper Dinner Cruise - Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup>? \$35

Would you like to purchase a Convention Shirt? Size [\_\_\_\_\_] QTY [\_\_\_\_\_] ALL SIZES \$10

Would you like to purchase a Convention Challenge Coin? \$10

(You may combine totals on one check or PayPal) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to Register at no additional charge for: \_\_\_\_\_ (300 Vehicle Limit)

- Free Ride to Three Rivers Harley-Davidson with Lunch & Entertainment? **Y / N**
- Free Ride to Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA – **(Bike / Auto – Driver needs to Register only) Y / N**

Please Contact the Host Hotel – DoubleTree in Pittsburgh (Green Tree location) for your Room Reservation,  
Secured for only \$125/per night.

DoubleTree by Hilton, 500 Mansfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 (412) 922-8400 (FAX 412-922-7854)

(Use Red Knight Convention Code XXXX for the Room Rate)

Make Checks payable to - **Red Knights Motorcycle Club PA Chapter 8**– Memo “Convention”

Send Payment & Registration Form to:

Red Knights PA Chapter 8

2305 Lutz Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Or

Send Registration and use PayPal for the full amount to: [Convention@RedKnights.org](mailto:Convention@RedKnights.org)

Website [www.redknights.org](http://www.redknights.org) (PA Chapter 8 Website – navigate to 2018 Convention Tab)

And See All Information as it happens at our

FaceBook Group Page -**2018 Red Knights MC Convention – Pittsburgh**

**See “Yinz” in Pittsburgh!!!**