



- Sunday, December 5, 2021
- 1:00 p.m.
- The Boiler Bar and Grille  
245 Tully Rd, Orange, MA 01364

Come join us for a our catered dinner and our annual Yankee Gift Swap.

Bring a wrapped gift with a value of no more than \$15-20 for the gift swap, if you would like to participate.

You get to choose ONE from the three options below.  
All three meal choices are \$35 per person.

- **Beef Tenderloin**
- **Baked Stuffed Haddock**
- **Chicken Parmesan**

Each meal includes salad, rolls, roasted potatoes and A CHOICE of glazed carrots or or green beans. (Please include your choice with your RSVP).

(Appetizers will be on hand prior to the meal and Strawberry Shortcake for dessert)

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

Please consider purchasing and donating gift cards for **Wal-Mart, Target, K-Mart, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, CVS**, etc. or **Gas Cards, Phone Cards, VISA and American Express**. Visit [www.whyme.org](http://www.whyme.org) for more information about Sherry's House. We will be bringing all of those collected to Sherry's House in Worcester to assist them in their mission for the kids this holiday season. Visit [www.whyme.org](http://www.whyme.org) for more info.

As always, thank you for your generosity — the children and families at the home thank you as well.

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Contact Bob Laford with your choice & meal payment as soon as you can.  
*Checks made out to RK-Mass 2 can be sent to PO Box 221, Petersham, MA 01366*



# Red Knights

Mass Chapter 2 — Fall 2021

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*Loyal to Our Duty*

From the desk of the Chapter President

Hello Red Knights,

I just want to start off by saying thank you for voting me in as your President for another term. I'm happy to be here and leading our chapter into the future, whatever that holds for us, Your officers Vice President Rick Oliver, Treasurer Bob Laford, Secretary Jim Skehan, Sergeant-at-arms Ian Hurley, Road Captain Jeff Hamberg and Assistant Road Captain Larry Robinson are all here for you and I'm sure it will be a great adventure. With all of you as chapter members we have made this the best chapter around and I hope to continue that and continue to keep you all informed and up to date with Red Knight events. I hope to continue to see a lot of you coming out for rides as well as spreading the good word about our awesome chapter to new potential members.

As we close out this year and look towards our next riding season, I'm looking forward to more of you coming forward and giving us your ideas for rides and events and bringing us all back to together again, without worrying about Covid and without hesitation to go for a ride with everyone else. We have been pulled apart by the covid virus and hopefully with the vaccine and being diligent to the guidelines set forth we can enjoy more group rides and gatherings again.

We have a few more items on our schedule to close out the season, Polar bear ride was our last ride followed by brunch at the King Phillip restaurant, with a good turnout. We have our breakfast club starting up again and have selected hosts for this gathering through April of 2022, our annual Christmas party and Yankee swap will be held at a different venue this year and should be a lot of fun. Things are picking up and I hope to see more and more of you coming out.

Your officers have been doing a great job of organizing our events and following the International guidelines as they are set forth. We will have a contingent of Red Knights from this chapter heading to PA next year for the International convention. It is time to make a few changes and updates to some of the by-laws that have been set by the International, and MA-2 is starting the ball rolling with some proposals we think need to be updated. If you haven't been to any of the international conventions think about putting this one on your calendar of events, Pennsylvania isn't that far and the venue looks like a good time. Information is available on the international web site.

In closing I want to wish you all continued good health and good times with family and friends.

Stay safe my friends and love your family.

President Kevin Martin

Red Knights Mass-2

## Mass-2 Christmas Party

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- Boiler Bar and Grille  
Tully Road, Orange

Come join us for a catered dinner and "controlled" socializing.

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

A special thank you goes out to VP Rick Oliver for his leg work on this year's party planning....*hope to see you all there!*

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## Yankee Rally June 1-5, 2022

Consider joining us in Plattsburgh, NY for the "Take 2 in 2022" Yankee Rally!

The host hotel is already full, but reservations can be made at nearby Microtel Inn and Suites at 518-324-3800. (Stay on the line for the front desk). NY-50 is working to secure a third hotel.

Tracy Road was closed during Americade 2021 but should be complete before the Yankee Rally! The area is known for the majestic mountains which form a circular dome, reaching about 1 mile high, and the many lakes, great northern Adirondack Roads and the island route down through Lake Champlain in nearby Vermont!

Make it an extended riding vacation and head down to Lake George for the 2022 Americade after the Rally's farewell Sunday breakfast.

### **D**o you have roadside assistance while on your bike?

Heather Barclay learned how valuable that tow insurance is when her rear tire picked up construction debris and had to be towed for a new tire during Americade. (Kudos to Sportline PowerSports in Queensbury for quick work on the tire change!)

There are a number of agencies and organizations where you can get roadside assistance coverage. The AMA (American Motorcycle Association) offers FREE roadside assistance if you become a member and set your membership for automatic renewal.

Some marquis clubs (HOG, Honda, etc.) offer forms of roadside assistance for their members.

Also, AAA now offers a **motorcycle towing option** to their well-known roadside assistance program. This is the program that helped Heather get her bike into service for the new tire... when dad Jim Barclay pulled out his AAA/Motorcycle card.

## Winter Gathering

We are returning to a Pot-Luck format for our Winter Gathering.

- Saturday, February 12
- Riverbend at Millers Woods — Rec Hall  
739 Daniel Shays Hwy,  
Athol
- Starting at Noon

Bring some food to share, and something to wet your whistle. We will have the 2022 Ride Schedule ready for your review and look ahead to what memories will be made in the new year.!

**P.S. JUST A REMINDER  
THAT DUES ARE DUE TO  
THE TREASURER BY  
DECEMBER 1.**

**THANKS FOR YOUR  
COOPERATION.**

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Two of our chapter officers added an additional 600 miles to their bikes over a weekend in

October, participating in the RK Fat Bastards Foliage Ride from Roscoe to Deerpark NY. This annual ride is hosted by RK NY 26 from Long Island and had members represented from NY, NJ and Mass. Temps started in the 30's but made their way to the 50's during the day.

## On the road with our friends...

Vermont-2 was not able to hold their annual Paul's Ride in 2021, but since we had it on our ride schedule we still went out for a spin... Great blue skies with temps that broke 90 degrees. A stop at the Maple Valley Scoops in Hadley was a must (where it was free ice cream day if you showed up on a motorcycle!)



Members on the ride, and some that were not able to join us, stepped up and made donations so that a donation (of \$200) to Vermont-2 was still made to assist them in their gas card program.

NY 50 was at the Memorial House for a July weekend and had an open invitation for fellow RKMC family to stop by. MA-2 had 9 or 10 stop by, and around 30 total made it a great afternoon! And the NY50 folks laid out a great spread for a shared dinner as well.



The last day of July and the first of August were picture-perfect summer days, so of course we grabbed one for a ride! Had 13 of us turn out for an ice cream ride to The Ice Cream Machine in Charlestown, NH.

It was actually in the 50's for the Jaffrey FD's annual Fire Prevention Breakfast! A nice ride, great breakfast and the start of some good New England foliage to see.



## 2022 CHAPTER RIDE PLANNING

Get your ride ideas in to an officer for 2022! The officers will be meeting as cold weather sets in to plan for our next riding season!

*Excerpts from Eric Trow's Staying Safe column in the September Rider magazine.*

Sometimes, I'm satisfied by just heading out and meandering in the hopes of discovering something new. Personally, I have ridden hundreds of miles for pizza or a slice of pie. I also have a fondness for old diners.

I've created day rides and weeklong rides around nothing more than heading to a place that sounded interesting.

I am contemplating a ride to Funk, Nebraska, just to see if there is an uptown Funk. At my age, a stop in Pee Pee, Ohio, is a must. And I'm told that wherever I decide to go, I should be sure not to pass Gas, Kansas.

Is it strange that I want to ride to Success, Missouri, for no other reason than to say that I've made it?

[Then there are those places] with no apparent merit whatsoever: Dull (Ohio), Boring (Oregon), Normal (Illinois), Nothing and Why (both in Arizona) and Why Not (North Carolina).

Travel to exotic foreign lands [might be just a day trip away]. Rome (New York), London (Kentucky), Naples (Florida), Munich (North Dakota), Shanghai (West Virginia), Millan (Ohio) and Versailles (Kentucky) - but it's pronounced ver-SAYLES.

My message to you? Get out and ride. Find your excuse and motivation to put more miles on your bike [next] year — and it might bring you to the Bitter End. That's in Tennessee.

**Where to friends? Let your board know of any places and routes, quirky or not, that you want to ride with your Red Knights family in 2022.**

## 2022 Dues

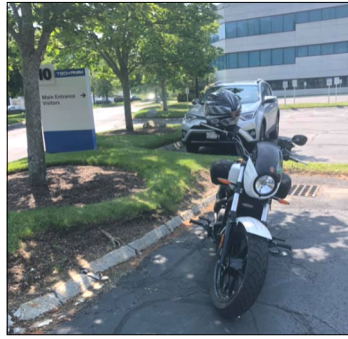
We have sent out reminders about your 2022 dues (\$25). Please consider getting your dues to our Treasurer early.

As with any organization there are expenses that we incur and your dues help us cover those costs. A portion of your dues also goes to the International for our charter dues. (We must have all International dues paid by the new year or we incur a \$50 penalty).

Please have your dues in to Treasurer Bob Laford before **December 1, 2021**. Thanks.

Red Knights Mass-2  
P.O. Box 221  
Petersham, MA 01366

We know a few members rode their bikes to work on International Ride to Work Day.



### Red Knights logo replaced at Memorial Park.

Thank you to MA-1 President Peter Stone for all his work seeing this project through to fruition.



... and a few others who needn't go to work went out for a picnic ride.



### "Let's Play Hooky" mid-week rides

*Our weekday impromptu rides continue to be popular with 6 to 10 members (and sometimes Red Knights from other chapters, as well!)*



A stop at "The Wall That Heals" (A replica of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial) during its visit to Townsend in June.



We had a great turnout for our Labor Day Weekend cookout in Orange. Plenty of food and fun! Thank you to the Hamberg's for being our hosts.



July was a ride with lunch at the Red Baron Café at the Southbridge Airport.

In August it was a ride into Connecticut and a stop at Cycle Gear, and lunch at Rein's Deli in Vernon — and *that* stop won approval from our resident butcher!





Don't forget to get your year-end mileage into our VP Rick Oliver to be included in our 2021 totals!

(rickoliver3@yahoo.com)

### RK Ideas for Christmas!

Red Knights' apparel and *stuff* are always a great gift for the rider on your Christmas list!

For RKMC embroidered clothing (shirts, coats, hats, etc.) Lyman Signs in Phillipston purchased all of Orange Graphix equipment and has copies of our digitized files of the Minuteman Logo for embroidery. Contact Joe Guarnera at joegua@comcast.net or his home phone at 978-455-1022 for the standard RKMC logo embroidery. Chapter Treasurer **Bob Laford (978) 724-3270** has a number of items too: Window & Helmet Decals, Thin Red Line Decals, Chapter Patches, Red Knights Shoulder Patches w/rockers, Thermal Applications for clothing, Chapter Challenge Coins and Red Knights Back Patches & Rockers (for vests). Decals and patches are available in both traditional Red Knights logo and our Minuteman chapter design.

On the International Web Page you can buy merchandise from other chapters ranging from doo-rags to collar brass and license plate frames and everything in between!



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

### **What is a GRAND TOUR?**

*Even though the Grand Tour program has been around since the beginning of the Red Knights, some newer members may not know the details of the challenge. Below is taken from the Red Knight International's webpage.*

When the club was young, the easiest way to tell others about it was by word of mouth. This meant that the members had to get out to visit other firefighters, and one of the best ways to do that was to visit Fire Stations.

The idea grew into a program of rewarding members who made a certain number of visits with a certificate and a pin. Proof of these visits was needed and so the idea of Grand Tour was born. After visiting Fire Stations (*and taking photos that needed to be developed and mailed into the RKMC*) beginning with the letters G R A N D T O U R members were given a pin.

Over the years, other rides were added, RED KNIGHT and FIRE HOUSE rides and for members from remote areas, a ride to visit TWELVE STATIONS beginning with any letter of the alphabet. For those who want the ultimate, you can choose the ALPHABET tour which includes all the letters in the alphabet. WOW!

The challenge now offers a three inch patch, instead of a pin, with a rocker for each of the rides.

Now with digital photos making submission of proof easier, a database is kept to track who has completed the rides. When you have completed your visits simply fill out the application form and return it with your pictures to the Grand Tour Chairperson and he/she will send you your certificate and patch and rocker

Photo albums (physical and electronic) are kept displaying pictures of everyone who has completed the Grand Tour.



**POLAR BEAR RIDE!** Our Polar Bear Ride on November 7 had 11 riders and another 8 members and friends meeting us at the King Phillip in Phillipston for their Sunday Brunch.

### **Congratulations to Mass-2's first GRAND TOUR MASTER — Rick Oliver!**

Rick Oliver is the first member of Mass-2 to complete all five RKMC Grand Tour Challenges and receive his Grand Tour Master coin as recognition from the RK International.

To receive this recognition, a member must complete the five challenges by visiting 65 individual fire stations, take a photo of the rider, bike and station and spell out (1) Grand Tour, (2) Fire House, (3) Red Knight, (4) 26 letters of the alphabet, and (5) 12 additional stations. Rick did all five challenges during 2021 which meant that no station could be repeated in the five challenges to meet the master challenge. (The RKMC allows the Master challenge to go beyond one specific year, but the individual challenges must be completed within a riding season).

This year's quest for Rick began with a spring motorcycle trip to Tennessee with Bob Laford — and Rick realizing they would be traveling near a station that began with the letter "Z." With the Z in hand, the rest should be easy!

The 65 station journey came to an end recently with another road trip with Bob, this time into Ohio to find the final entry — X!

*Rick actually completed two complete alphabet Grand Tours this year without repeating a single station, so that means 91 individual fire station visits for our Vice-president in 2021!*





The earth is spinning at about 1,000 mph, and that means everything changes—all the time!

Just living through the last two years, there is no doubt

that change is constant. And Americade is one of those events in our lives that has changed and is changing.

2021 had a rescheduled Americade to September. The Bay Front Cottages are no longer our home-base, where we all gather together. 2021 saw fewer riders coming to Lake George for Americade, fewer vendors in tent city, and fewer Red Knights at the Lake George FD.

But that does not mean that we did not have fun — or that we are not looking to enjoy our Red Knight fun together at the 2022 Americade — scheduled for the first full week in June!

There were a dozen members of Mass-2 that made it to Americade and had a great time in the Adirondacks. We still met up together, rode together, broke bread together and laughed together.

A number of those traveling north found excellent lodging at the Country Inn and Suites near the Great Escape along Route 9 in Queensbury. With their outdoor patio (with grills available), and both indoor and outside pools, plus a lot of green space, this is another potential great place to make memories for Mass-2. Most of those who went up in 2021 have already booked reservations for 2022.

At the LGFD RKMC open house, NY12, the host chapter, had photos and talked a lot about the late Bob Hollner. Bob was the driving force for the open house over the past number of years and passed last fall. When the Founders' Ride left the station, a large photo of Bob was mounted on Bob Binnall's bike, leading the entourage.

The autumn colors were just starting to show, and riding in the Adirondacks during the early fall was great. Everyone got a chance to get out and enjoy the roads and the vistas. Some of them solo and some together.

There was a stop at the Hague Market to catch up with the proprietor, Jim, and more than one stop to grab some food at the Stoney Creek Inn and say hello to Dot and John.

With fewer people coming to Americade this year, one of the benefits was that parking along Canada Street to bike watch was easier. The vendors were also not crowded, and although you might not find everything you were looking for (because the world is short on everything right now), you could still find some pieces and parts on your list and some deals at the vendors.

Americade staff was still on hand to help out, and special events like seminars, comedians, shows and dinners were still part of the schedule. The village of Lake George event hosted a concert at the park on Canada Street.

No one knows what 2022 will be like, but consider making plans to come to Lake George and build new memories with your Red Knight family.

### Membership News Briefs...

Congratulations to Jim and Anna Skehan on the birth of their first grand child, Olivia, to Marcia and Maury on being grandparents again with the birth of Josephine to Marcia's daughter Katie, and to President Martin on the birth of granddaughter Olive Joan — there are a lot of proud grand parents in our midst!

Condolences to Ellie Courtemanche and Ian Hurley on the passing of Ellie's mom, to Bob and Diona Laford and Linda and Ernie Lee on the passing of Bob and Linda's dad, and to Lisa and Fred Leblanc on the passing of both Lisa's brother Mark and Fred's brother Jim within just a few weeks of each other.

Welcome Lonny Ricketts, from Wendell FD. Lonny was voted in as our newest member in July. AND congratulations to him and his bride Julie on their August nuptials!

Congratulations to Chris Rutola on completing his Paramedic certification.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rick Oliver, the 2021 recipient of the **Perry Carter Red Knight of the Year Award** that was announced at the International Board meeting in August. Rick is only the 17th Red Knight to receive this special recognition!

Congratulations to all our recent retirees: Joe Cardone, Deb Mickle, Kevin Martin and Val Smith.



**Breakfast Clubs** are starting up again. Come join your Red Knights family for a pot-luck brunch and help pass the cold-weather months with us! Bring your smile, some stories to tell, and of course some food to share!

November 20 at Bob and Diona's in Petersham.

January 15 at Rick and Lori's in New Salem.

March 19 at Faith and Jeff's in Orange.

April 16 at Ed and Peg's in Westminster.

*All at 9:00 am (No Breakfast Club in December or February).*



## Mass Fall State Meeting

It was a great day for an outdoor state meeting in New Salem. 43 Red Knights from around the state converged on Rick and Lori's house for the fall meeting.

They were greeted with really big (and tasty) donuts from Market Basket, and left after their fill of hot dogs, burgers, and a lot of food (including Mary Barclay's Apple Crisp) that was really good! Thank you to all that helped out... and the 20 MA-2 people that were on hand.

Since details of the meeting were in the state newsletter, we will not bore you by repeating it!



## International Happenings and Information

Because the 2021 Convention fell victim, for another year, to the pandemic and the closed border with Canada, the International had to hold their annual board meeting virtually, and much of the business with member participation, like Bylaw votes, had to be postponed until 2022.

The annual (virtual) business meeting was held on Saturday, August 21. Reports from the E-board members are available on-line.

Treasurer Scott Ryan reported that many expected expenses for the club were down, given the continuing restrictions. One "up" is the participation in the RKMC Grand Tour, as that can be done singularly or in small groups, Scott reported. The mortgage balance on the Boylston property is about \$230,000. Financial details are also available on the International's webpage.

### Future conventions have been decided by member input:

- 2024 to be hosted by Germany 18
- 2025 to be hosted by the Illinois State Association
- 2026 to be hosted by **Australia 5**

Region 1 and Region 7 had contested elections. Eric Jock (NY50) was elected in Region 1 (and we thank Matt Mattera for his years of service and friendship), and Tom Van De Kley was elected in Europe, as Pierre Halleux did not run for re-election.

Running unopposed were President Joey Powell (NC 12), Treasurer Scott Ryan (PEI), and Regional Directors for Region 3 & 5.

**The 2022 Convention** is being hosted by PA22 in Johnstown, PA. That chapter presented a report including basic information about multiple hotels with 500 rooms available and shuttle services to the host hotel when the host hotel is full.

Johnstown is a walkable community, and there will also be shuttles to the arena where the Saturday banquet will be held. (The movie Slapshot was filmed in this arena and there is a display about the movie).

Four separate rides will be scheduled to the Flight 93 Memorial in nearby Shanksville, PA. An "early bird" ride for those showing up prior to Thursday will also offer stops at the Shanksville FD, the first responding FD to the 9-11 crash and to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel.

Separate rides will be offered to the (1) Quecreek Mine rescue site, when nine miners were trapped underground for over 77 hours, from July 24 to 28, 2002. All nine miners were rescued; and (2) to the Johnstown Flood site, where over 2,200 people died when the Southfork Dam failed, flooding the valley downstream. This was the largest civilian loss of life disaster in the U.S. prior to 9-11.

Staples of the convention including Hospitality Room, Welcome BBQ, and Farewell Breakfast are also part of the itinerary.

The 2023 convention is in Solomons Island Maryland.



**Obsessions:** compulsion, enthusiasm, fascination, infatuation, passion, preoccupation, craze, must, neurosis, something on the brain

In a column in the recent issue of Rider magazine, Trevor Denis talked about his "Motorcycle Obsession."

He was on his way to look at an older used bike and his neighbor remarked that, "Didn't he just buy a new bike?" His response was tongue-in-cheek, "I have a problem."

But on his way to see the bike he started to wonder — Do I have a problem? He said he uses a simple formula to decide if he needs to procure another motorcycle, and that formula is **X + 1** (where X is the number of motorcycles currently in his garage).

He went on to talk about how motorcycles and the activities associated with riding, wrenching, togetherness, solo rides, rides with his kids, rides with his wife two-up, etc. helps his mental health, as "Life always seems better during and after a motorcycle ride."

He looked back at the last year-and-a-half and how the pandemic and the societal lockdown effected he and his family and how motorcycles helped them endure the circumstances — together.

All those aspects of having a bike in the garage, that we may take for granted — planning rides, riding together, wrenching — and even those solo rides — all contributed to his family coming out of the pandemic closer.

His final paragraph said it the best.

*Motorcycles have helped my family and me stay sane during this once-in-a-lifetime (hopefully) pandemic, providing an outlet for seeing the positive side of life. No my obsession with motorcycles isn't a problem. **It's the solution.***

Look back over the past 18 months of your life and focus in on your bike, riding, and the Red Knights. Have those components helped with a bit of stress relief and helped you (and yours) keep your sanity in the crazy environment?

We'll still be here in 2022. Come join us for some stress relief — and some comic relief. Your Red Knights family is ready to help be part of your solution!

**ANNUAL MEETING** — Massachusetts Chapter 2's annual business meeting was held on Saturday, October 30 (under a rainy sky) in the community center of Millers Woods, in Athol. Thank you to Charlie Hamberg for making arrangements for us to use the facility.

President Martin opened the meeting with 19 members present. A full agenda met the members. Below is a brief synopsis of topics.

Congratulations to Kevin Martin and Jim Skehan on their elections to chapter President and Secretary, respectively.

Year-long 50/50 collections were donated to a local school organization making Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need and to the Worcester Food Bank. Other donations were made to The Diabetes Foundation, to Sherry's House, and to the Riverbend/Millers Woods Association.

Considerable discussion was made in regards to the proposed by-law change that the chapter will be submitting to the International. This needed change is to allow for the wearing of multiple crests (top and bottom) for those members with more than one chapter affiliation or for those who wish to sport more than one top rocker on the back of their vest.

Please reach out to a chapter officers if you would like more information.

The chapter also voiced their support of VP Rick Oliver's intent to nominate Mike Woods from Indiana for a post on the International Board. Please reach out to Rick if you have any questions.

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

**RKMC Memorial House.** President Martin serves on the "house committee" for the Memorial House. The committee has not met in person because of the pandemic, but hopes that those will resume in 2022.

Planning is underway to expand memorial plaque options, as current space is soon exhausted. There is still interest in having a "buy-a-brick fund-raiser to build a walk between the memorial and the house, and that drive will becoming in the future.

There may be a need for a Red Knight spring clean up around the property in Boylston. Stay tuned for any updates about these situations.



Congratulations to Julie Rogers and Matt Mattera on their recent nuptials — and MA2 members were there in Barbados to help them celebrate (complete with our chapter flag on the beach!



# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Yankee Rally

Hosted by New York Chapter 50

June 1-5 2022



\*Please fill out form and send in with check, money order, or PayPal payment. \*

Please mail registration form and payment to:

RKMC Katie Jock PO Box 156 Dannemora NY 12929

Make checks payable to: RKMC NY 50

If you have any questions, please email [yankeerally2022@gmail.com](mailto:yankeerally2022@gmail.com) or contact Eric Jock at (518)569-7430

Registration is \$65 per adult, included in the registration fee is 1 Yankee Rally T-Shirt, 1 Yankee Rally rocker patch, Saturday dinner, and departing breakfast on Sunday.

This is a family event, children 12 and under is \$25 registration including the meals and a shirt.

Registration will start August 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 and will close April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.

## Host Hotel

Address: Hampton Inn & Suites

586 NY-3, Plattsburgh NY 12901

Phone: 518-324-1100

There are local campgrounds and several other hotels as well.

## General Itinerary

June 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> :	Self-Guided Tours
Friday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Food at North End Motorcycle Shop Party under the tent
Saturday, June 4 <sup>th</sup> :	Meeting – By-laws and Future Yankee Location Olympic Region Ride – Upper Jay Fire Station – Whiteface Summit, Lake Placid, Olympic Sites, Tracy Rd breakoffs Dinner at North End Party under the tent
Sunday, June 5 <sup>th</sup> :	Departing Breakfast



# "Take 2 in '22"



## 6th Annual Yankee Rally Registration Form

Hosted by New York Chapter 50



### Contact information

1st Attendee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Attendee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

1st Attendee Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Attendee Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Would you like to receive future Yankee Rally event information? 

Yes	No
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Will you be attending the Saturday ride to the Olympic region? 

Yes	No
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### Child Registration Form

Child Name: _____	Shirt Size:	<table border="1"><tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>L</td><td>XL</td></tr></table>	S	M	L	XL
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A dinner Saturday is included in registration will the child(ren) attend? 

Yes	No
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### In Case of Emergency while at Yankee Rally 2022, please provide emergency contact information

Name of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send Registration Form and Payment to:

Katelyn Jock

PO Box 156

Dannemora NY 12929



*Red Knights International Firefighter  
Motorcycle Club*

**40th**

***Anniversary Convention***

August 18-21, 2022  
Johnstown, PA

**Schedule of Events**

**Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

Registration 9am to 8pm  
Early Bird Ride- KSU 0900

**Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

Registration-9am to 8pm  
Flight 93 Ride # 1- KSU 0900  
Flight 93 Ride # 2- KSU 1200  
Hospitality Room  
Cigar Bar-Hotel Parking Lot

**Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

Registration 9am to 7pm  
Flight 93 Ride # 3- KSU 0900  
National Flood Memorial Ride, KSU 1200 (Ice Cream Stop!!)  
Picnic- PNG Park – 6pm-10pm  
Inaugural RKMC Convention Corn Hole Tournament  
Shuttle Service begins 5pm, return service begins at 9pm

**Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

Registration 9am to 2pm  
Business Meeting, Grand Ballroom- 8am-4pm  
Banquet, 1<sup>st</sup> Summit Arena- 6pm-11pm  
Shuttle service begins at 4pm, return service begins at 10pm

**Sunday, August 21st**

Getaway Breakfast, Grand Ballroom- 6am-10am

## Registration: Please complete separate form for each attendee

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*You'll receive an e-mail verification once your registration and payment are received.  
T-shirt included in registration.**

T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate sizing: Adult Child

**Early Bird Ride (Wednesday)** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch at Shanksville FD - \$5 per rider - donation to fire department

**Flight 93 Rides:** Due to anticipated large participation and possible limitations imposed by the National Park Service, we ask that you number the rides in order of your preference. Every attempt will be made to accommodate groups into the same ride.

Flight 93 # 1- Thursday 0900 \_\_\_\_\_ Flight 93 # 2- Thursday 1200 \_\_\_\_\_ Flight 93 #3 Friday 0900 \_\_\_\_\_

National Flood Memorial Ride: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\***(We know that you may want to change your mind for any of the rides-just trying to get a rough number for each ride to develop staffing plans and adequate lunch preparation. Late additions obviously welcomed too!!

***HOTELS:*** The hotels listed below have rooms blocked, **some** as early as Monday of convention week. ***Mention "Red Knights" to ensure convention rates.*** Every attempt will be made to open more rooms if blocked rooms are depleted. We can't guarantee convention rates after blocked rooms are depleted.

Holiday Inn- Downtown (Host Hotel)  
250 Market Street  
Johnstown, PA 15901  
(814) 535-7777

Holiday Inn Express  
1440 Scalp Avenue  
Johnstown, PA 15904  
(814) 266-8789

Hampton Inn  
129 Commerce Court  
Johnstown, PA 15904  
(814) 262-7700

Econolodge Johnstown  
430 Napoleon Street  
Johnstown, PA 15901  
(814) 536-5414

Quality Inn & Suites  
455 Theatre Drive  
Johnstown, PA 15904  
(814) 266-3678

Quality Inn- Ebensburg  
111 Cook Road  
Ebensburg, PA 15931  
(814) 472-6100

Sleep Inn- Johnstown  
453 Theatre Drive  
Johnstown, PA 15904  
(814) 262-9292

Super 8  
627 Solomon Run Road  
Johnstown, PA 15904  
(814) 535-5600

Ramada Inn by Wyndham  
216 W. Loyalhanna Street  
Ligonier, PA 15658  
(724) 238-9545

### ***Camping:***

Mirror Lake  
122 Trout Run Drive  
New Florence, PA 15944  
(724) 235-9983

Quemahoning Family Recreation Area  
Quemahoning Dam Road  
Holsopple, PA 15935  
(814) 233-9512

Stackhouse Park  
998 Luzerne Street  
Johnstown, PA 15905  
(814) 536-1674

**Primitive Tenting Only**

**Fees & Costs:**

Convention Registration \_\_\_\_\_ \$70.00

Wednesday "Early Bird Ride" Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 (donated to FD hosting lunch)

Challenge Coins: Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @10.00/ea

Additional T-shirts (\$15):

Sizes	Child Sizes			Adult Sizes					
	S	M	L	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL (+\$3)
Quantity									

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment:**

If by check, Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Electronic payment can be made through PayPal(family and friends) to  
**pa22@redknightsmc.com**

*Mail Registrations To: Tammy Chappell-Rykala, RKMC PA 22  
104 Truman Blvd.  
Johnstown, PA 15902  
or  
E-Mail to: [tammy4256@gmail.com](mailto:tammy4256@gmail.com)*

E-mail verification will be sent after registration form **and** payment is received.

Registration deadline to ensure receiving convention items is July 1, 2022

***ALL YOU "EARLY BIRDS"-SPECIAL GIVEAWAY!!!!***

*All registrations received by May 1<sup>st</sup> will be eligible for a registration refund (\$70). When registration opens up on Thursday morning, we'll draw a name from among those who registered by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The winner will have \$70 of spending money waiting for him/her at the registration table.*

*Watch for convention updates on the RKMC International Web page or on our Convention Facebook page - RKMC Convention 2020*