

Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club

Winter 2011



My name is Chris Gadway; I am the new International Vice President of the Red Knights MC, A charter member of RKMCM4, and a volunteer firefighter at Hunting town VFD in Maryland, USA.

We now have over 400 MAL's on the roster spread across the globe. Our ranks are growing fast. I am receiving an average of an application a day. One of my main goals is to address concerns of some members, in reference to communication with all of you. A huge amount of work has gone into the international website(www.redknightsmc.com). The newsletters are now posted on the website instead of mailings.

There are some really great forums on there as well. I hope to get a MAL newsletter out via email this winter, including rides and events. The International helps fund many rides and rallies, try to attend some if you can. Please feel free to send me info on some in your area. I am also working on an interactive Google map that will help us all. It will give us a visual aide on the locations of all our chapters and MALs. The chapters will all have an email associated with their link and MAL's will have my email associated with theirs (unless otherwise requested)

It's that time of the year to remind you of the annual dues. To make it easier we are now able to make the MAL dues payment online:

<http://redknightsmc.com/merchandise/MALSdues.htm>

Or the postal mail address :

RKMC Treasurer

**Leo J. Patry6000 Battersea Road, RR # 2Battersea,
Ontario, Canada, KOH 1HO**

The dues are the same as last year: \$15.00 for Active member and \$10.00 for a Social Member. When I get confirmation of payment you will be sent a letter with a new membership card, plus direct contact information for me and your regional director.

I hope you have had a great, safe riding season. For those in warm climates, the rest of us are jealous.

**Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and yours,
from the International Red Knights, your worldwide family.**

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Reminder to all Chapter Presidents
International Membership Dues

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

2011 Dues Rates:

There are nine classifications of membership:

1. Charter Member - An active member that has joined a chapter within one year of the chapter being chartered. See Section 4:08
2. Active Member - Is available to anyone who has been a member of the fire service. See Section 4:04
3. Associate Member - A person who has never been in the fire service. See section 5:05 there is also a section for fire department employees that are not firefighters.
4. Social member - The spouse, boyfriend (1) Girlfriend (1) offspring's of an Active or Associate member or member-at-Large. See Section 5:06
5. Honorary Member - Granted to a person of a recognized religion for the position of chapter chaplain. See Section 5:07
6. Member-at-Large - Person's who qualify for Active membership but are too far removed from any established chapter to join. See Section's 2:01 & 2:01A
7. Life membership - See Section 2:01
8. Compassionate Honorary Member - See Section 2:01 (8)
9. Junior membership - See Section 5:09A, Article 5:03 S.O.G.'s

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

Renewing member's dues shall be:

Active or Associate Member \$13.00 each

Social or Honorary Member \$7.00 each

Compassionate Honorary Member no charge

Junior Member no charge

Dues for chapters are to be sent in U.S. funds to the International treasurer if using a U.S. Postal money order make sure it is an International Money order that can be cashed outside of the U.S.,A..

Please be sure to include a current membership roster which has the members Name, Address, Zip or postal code, Phone number including area code, and Email address if they have one. And lastly their membership status Active, Associate, Social, Honorary, Junior, Life or Compassionate Honorary.

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

TRADE MARK LICENCE AGREEMENT

All chapters must have a trademark license agreement to use the Red Knights Name or Logo there is a blanket license that permits the chapters to use the name and logo for chapter business forms such as letter head, business cards, etc. this must be applied for from the International secretary at secretary@redknightsmc.com. A policy effective January 1, 2011 has been set that any chapter not having a TMLA in effect by February 15th 2011 will be placed on restricted service till they are in Compliance.

EIN (Employer Identification Number)

All chapters should have an EIN this is a number required by the IRS and is needed to open a chapters bank account.

The practice of using a chapter member's private bank account or social security number is not a good business practice and puts that person at risk of additional taxation and possible blame if there is ever a question about finances.

The EIN is easy to obtain and the International treasurer can provide you with further reason to have an EIN and how to obtain one either on-line or over the phone, there is no cost to this and after filing out either the on-line form or answering the questions over the phone the EIN number is given to you and followed up with a letter from the IRS.

Once a chapter has an EIN they should contact the International treasurer so that the number can be registered in the chapter's files.

Generic Membership Cards

Membership cards can be obtained for the chapter members by ordering them from the International secretary at secretary@redknightsmc.com cards will be issued based on the total number of members in the chapter with a few extras for new members joining.

Please contact me if you have any questions at all about any of the information outlined above either by Email or by telephone

RKMC Vice President's Fall Report

Chris Gadway

MAL membership requests have been high. As of Oct-21-2010 the stats are listed below.

I have spoken with every applicant prior to sending a package to them,

Over the course of 59.5 hours spent on MAL business.

Total applications received Aug 20 to Oct 20	69
Mail In applications	3
Online applications	66

New Member packets sent out	51
Applicants who joined Local Chapters	3
Awaiting response from phone call	5
Awaiting payment	10

New International MAL country's/Provinces	United Kingdom
	Newfoundland
	Saskatchewan
Additional International	Australia
	Ontario
	Nova Scotia
	Alberta
Locations closing in on "chapter levels"	Yarmouth, Nova Scotia
	Somers Point, New Jersey

I have contacted many past due members and some have expressed concerns I have answered and some have sent in late dues. Last year we had 79 MALs not renew.

I have attended 2 funerals and the response of having an international officer there was great.

Attended the 9-11 Memorial service by MD3 in Ocean City, MD

Attended the Red Helmet ride at Emmitsburg, MD **National Fire Academy**

Have designed an RKMC Flag fold procedure for funeral presentations (will write SOG if approved)

Have designed a BOD officers' coin to give out as a goodwill or "Atta boy" gesture to members

(Will work with supplier if approved)

Have designed a webpage for display of all MALs and Chapters around the world

(Will work with webmaster and maintain if approved)

**Notification of intent to run for re-election to the position
of International Treasurer at the
2011 International Convention to be held in Ocean City
Maryland**



Leo Patry International Treasurer

Born February 14, 1945 in Hull Quebec, Canada Moved to Kingston Ontario in 1949 the area where I still call home. Married to Ann my wife of 37 years, have three children two Girls, Crystal and Laura-Lee and a son Paul who is also a Firefighter with the city of Kingston and the President of the Ontario 7 chapter Quinte which is also my home chapter.

I started my firefighter career as a member of the Fire crew at the DuPont plant in Kingston in 1962 when the opportunity came along in the fall of 1964 to join the Kingston Fire department as a full time firefighter I jumped at the chance. I progressed through the ranks of the department up till my retirement in December of 1997 as the department's Deputy Chief.

I became a Red Knight late in the fall of 1989 when I joined the Ontario 7 chapter, since joining the chapter I have held the positions of Chapter Vice-President, Treasurer, and Road Captain in 1993 I became involved with the Red Knights Organization at the international level and have held several positions at the International level those being:

Secretary of the Board of Directors 1993 – 1994
Chairman of the Board of Director 1994 – 1995
International President 1995 – 1997
International treasurer 1998 to Date

I humbly ask for the support of the membership in re-electing me to an eighth term as International treasurer. During this time with the help of the International Board I have helped the Organization to grow and prosper, We currently are on the doorstep of a lot of exciting things for our club in the development of a truly International Organization, with an expansion of opportunities for all of our members to have new and exciting events and destinations put on by Red knights available for them to attend and enjoy, with countless opportunities to make new friends with Firefighter/Red knights from all over the world.

The board has over the last several years worked very hard to streamline and make transparent the operation of the International and to give more autonomy to the chapters to simplify the levels of administration needed to run a chapter so that a greater emphases can be placed on the fraternal and social aspects of the club at the chapters level, in that the main reason for the chapters to exist is to follow our Mission statement to share the common interest in Motorcycling, promotion of motorcycle education and safety along with the common ground of Firefighting. Basically to get out and ride, meet fellow firefighters and form new friendships.

I feel that with my back ground and involvement with past achievements of the club I still have a lot that I can contribute to the future prosperity of the organization with sound logic and planning, I so hereby solicited the support of the all the members in my re-election.

Red Knights Host The Island



The members of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club (RKMC) PEI Chapter 1 spent the day hosting firefighters from across Prince Edward Island.

Each year the PEI Firefighters Association holds a trade show along with its annual general meeting. In the past, this show and meeting has been hosted by fire departments across the Island on a rotating basis through each of the counties. For 2010, RKMC partnered with the Firefighters Association to be the host “department.” For the first time ever, this event was held at the PEI Firefighters Association’s Fire School.

The trade show included displays by 20 vendors and organizations from throughout the region, completely filling the truck bays as well as part of the training area, with product displays and demonstrations going on outside.

In addition to the product displays and meetings, RKMC brought in eight speakers for learning opportunities throughout the morning. The theme of this year’s sessions was “*Partners-For-Life*” and focused on the organizations the fire service partners with on a regular basis as part of each other’s role in serving the community. Sessions were held by Ground Search and Rescue, Hazardous Materials Team, RCMP, and Emergency Medical Services to name a few.

The partnership RKMC forged with the Firefighters Association was designed to provide the Red Knights with an opportunity to be more visible in the fire service. Chapter 1 on PEI was created only a few years ago and there are still a number of firefighters in the Province who do not know who we are.

Another objective of the day was to see how well the chapter could run an event like this as practice for hosting the Red Knights International Convention in Prince Edward Island in 2014. By all accounts from vendors, members, presenters, and the Firefighters Association, the members of Chapter 1 were able to host a very successful trade show and annual meeting.

Thanks to the vendors in attendance and the sponsors for this event, RKMC PEI 1 exceeded its fund raising goal and was able to donate to the Firefighters Association a cheque for \$500

DFW USMC Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run



As far as the eye could see, chrome, leather and love lined the roads for the 5th Annual Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run in McKinney on December 4th. Marines were on hand to accept and load the generous gifts for their annual fundraiser.

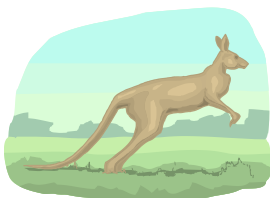
One of the event founders, David Marks, commented, "654 motorcycles were registered with over 807 riders, but many arrived after the registration closed and just joined in the ride. This was the greatest turnout. The weather was beautiful and the scenic 44 mile ride was awesome."

Major General USMC (retired) Bill Gossell, who is the civilian liaison, was very honored to attend the event and be the official spokesperson. Dozens of volunteers made the huge undertaking run like clockwork. Blue Star and Gold Star Mothers were in attendance to collect donations and sell raffle tickets to help support the many projects that benefit our troops. Gold Star Mother, Gina Trovillion and Blue Star Mother, Karen Marks were delighted that they had just sent off 200 gift packages to our troops overseas. Mrs. Marks said, "My son was being deployed today. I said good-bye to him at home this morning and came here to do my part for the other sons and daughters away from home at Christmas."

This time of year brings out the generosity of many people, but North Texans are extremely generous and patriotic all year round. The Lone Star State may not be alone in its generosity and kindness, but I believe their star shines brighter than all the rest.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bW68jtbc-NY>

Our Brothers and Sisters from Down Under



<http://www.redknights.org.au>



Red Knights West Virginia VI

We were honored to do the presentation for the first time in parade history and have been asked to do this on a yearly basis. Our President, Greg Salkovick, is on the lead bike with our honorary member from the local TV station.

www.wtov9.com/video/25960838/index.html

(See Time spot 3:46 to see Red Knights)

In addition, Fred Marsh, Treasurer WV VI reports that WV VI and WTOV made donations to a family who was burned out of their home

See

www.wtov9.com/video/25960838/index.html



Connecting The Dots

A Gold Wing Article

Bob LaFord



Part 1

http://www.rk-mass2.org/articles/connect_the_dots_1.pdf

Part 2

http://www.rk-mass2.org/articles/connect_the_dots_2.pdf

RED KNIGHTS

Hosted By *Maryland 3*
CONVENTION • SEPT. 8-11, 2011
On the Boardwalk in Ocean City, MD



This is a do not miss convention. Imagine 10 miles of beach, 3 miles of boardwalk, bonfires in front of your hotel, restaurants & bars galore all within walking distance of four oceanfront hotels. No matter what is in your wallet Ocean City, MD has an affordable accommodation for you. Come be part of what is certain to be a bikers dream.



CHOOSE FROM THESE OCEANFRONT BOARDWALK PROPERTIES: * 3 night minimum required.

QUALITY INN BOARDWALK 17TH ST.

(headquarter property)

\$140 per night plus tax

HARRISON HALL HOTEL 15TH ST.

\$80 per night plus tax

HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES 16TH ST.

\$250 per night plus tax

Registration Info Available Soon

YOUR REGISTRATION FEE OF \$65 INCLUDES:

THURSDAY NIGHT BBQ IN THE PENTHOUSE
BEACH FRONT BONFIRE
AWARDS DINNER AT THE OC CONVENTION CENTER
EVENT AT WORLD RENOWNED "SEACRETS JAMAICA USA"
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SUNDAY BEFORE MEMORIAL RIDE
PIN AND GOODIE BAG



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Charter Boat Fishing *
- Golfing at Championship Golf Courses *
- World Class Waterpark *
- Top 3 Boardwalk in the USA
- Best Bar Scene on the East Coast

* Additional Fees May Apply

www.redknightsmd3.com

Red Knight Help-A-Knight Program

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

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

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

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

RKMC Help-A-Knight Registration Form

Please Print Information and Check All Statements That Apply

Summer/Fall
2010

This is a New
registration

This is a
Change to my
information

Name _____ Chapter _____

Street _____

City _____ St./Prov. _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____

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

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

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The Broken Spoke Campground is offering all Red Knight members 10% off any tent camping, rv site, or cabin booked for Sturgis 2011. Perks if 50 or more Red Knights stay at the Broken Spoke during Sturgis 2011. Including a party with food and drink or free breakfast.



The Broken Spoke is a great place to camp for the Sturgis rally. It has many amenities, great entertainment, and it is a perfect place to ride out for day trips. It is also one of the few campgrounds (possibly the only) that will allow us to wear our Red Knights jackets and vests.

Find out more about the Broken Spoke at
<http://www.brokenspokecampground.com/>

To take advantage of this offer use the discount code "redknights" when reserving online or when you book over the phone at: 877-653-6679. Rates for camping increase on January 15th. You get the best possible price by reserving now.

We are hoping to have a large turn-out of Sturgis going Red Knights at The Broken Spoke. As the rally nears and we have an approximate number of Knights camping the MN#4 chapter would like to work with other Knights to plan get togethers, day rides, and whatever else we can come up with.

If you plan to attend let me know so we can keep you in the loop about events. It has been the aspiration of the Vice-President of MN#4 to have the opportunity to gather and get to know the Sturgis going Red Knights. He has committed to planning a day ride if we have big showing!

Thanks for considering joining the fun at The Broken Spoke. I hope this discount and the promise of good times with fellow Red Knights help make your decision easy!

The Red Knights won Knights of the Round Table event in 2010. As a result the Red Knights are hosting the 2011 event.

The web site is now on line for the Knights of the Round Table Tournament being held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, October 14-16 2011.

**The web address is :
www.gotkt.org**

Please forward this web site to all the chapters in your region so that we can have a large turnout of Red Knights.

Flyers for this event are in the process of being readied and will be available shortly