



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

Fall 2021

Mass-1 will be hosts of the Spring 2022 State Meeting at the Memorial House in Boylston.

From the desk of the Massachusetts Red Knights State Representative

Greetings all Massachusetts Red Knights!

This is the 20th Edition of the Massachusetts State Red Knights newsletter.

All the thanks for this newsletter go to MA-2 Bob Laford.

The International Website is blazing with updates and additions. The 2022 Yankee and International Convention committees are sending updated information to the Communications Committee Guy all the time. All the most current info can be found on the website under the EVENTS section on the home page. It has been a couple of years since either of these events were held so get you room reserved and registration in ASAP. I am thinking the 2022 events are going to be wild.

The 2021 fall meeting was fun as we had a MA-2 hosted cookout at Rick & Lori Oliver's home, in New Salem. It seems that the trend of a cook-out paired with the MA State Meeting has become quite a hit. I like that format so maybe we should do it again. A special "thank you" goes out to all of you who brought desserts as well as to the cooking and serving team.

This fall the position of Assistant MA State Representative was up for election and even though I asked for nominees no one wanted the position so Bob Binnall is still on post working for us.

He and I love this job and promise to continue to do the best we can for you all.

I have said it before and continue to say that as long as you will have me I will continue to serve as your MA State Rep.

COVID put the kybosh on almost every Red Knight event so far this year including the Yankee and International convention.

Americade was moved (again) to September and it set a weather record. Cool temperatures and NO... That's right... NO rain (except at night) the few sprinkles that showed up didn't count.

The riding season is closing soon people so continue to be safe and watch out for the other guy.

Regards,
George

2021 International Elections

Region-1 chapters cast ballots for Regional Rep as there was a contest between incumbent Matt Mattera (NJ33) and Eric Jock (NY50). Results of the 2021 election were:

- President — Joey Powell (NC12)
- Treasurer — Scott Ryan (PEI)
- Region 1 Director – Eric Jock (NY50)
- Region 3 Director – Trey Anderson (WV8)
- Region 5 Director – Lance Coit (ND1)
- Region 7 Director – Tom Van De Kley



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Laconia reported as “Hectic but Mello”



LACONIA — The 98th Laconia Motorcycle Week was, for businesses, one of the busiest in recent years, and at the same time one of the quietest for emergency responders.

“The crowds were really strong. It was orderly. And local businesses had a very good week,” Mayor Andrew Hosmer said.

Police Chief Matt Canfield called the nine-day event “one of the quietest in terms of arrests” that he has seen during his 28 years on the police force.”

There were 38 arrests all told, he said. They included 12 for assault, two for resisting arrest, and three for DWI. And although traffic was extremely heavy at times, serious accidents were few.

Canfield reported police handled 1,058 service calls of all types throughout the city for the nine days.

Of that number, 429 were for motor vehicle stops, which resulted in 41 drivers being issued traffic summonses and 355 others getting written warnings, he said.

Fire Chief Kirk Beattie reported his department was called to 13 motorcycle accidents altogether. The Laconia Fire Department reported close to double the number of calls it would get during a nine-day period during the summer — 204 calls versus 115.

He said additional staffing enabled the department to keep up with the higher call volume. That meant an additional six firefighters were on duty for every shift on both weekends, and one additional person per shift on Monday through Thursday, he explained.

For hospitality businesses, the event provided a good rebound from the economic setbacks caused by the pandemic. Charlie St. Clair, the executive director of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association, also said business in Weirs Beach was very strong. All agreed the good weather was a major factor in the large turnout.

Excerpts from the Laconia Daily Sun

Americade was “different” in 2021, but again, it was Americade!

There was great riding weather, and some riding in the rain — but of course — it was Americade!

It was in September instead of June, which meant autumn riding and seeing some fall foliage. The crowds were not as big as June Americades, but that meant you could find parking — and still watch the motorcycles cruise Canada Street.

The vendors were less, and those in the tents were fewer, which meant you did not have to fight the crowds.

NY12 was still on hand hosting the open house at the LGFD and running the Founders’ Ride on Thursday. It was still great to see our RK friends and family at the fire station and around Lake George.

The open house had the late Bob Hollner on our minds, and we thank him and NY12 for the years’ of work hosting us all at the open house. When the ride left, a large photo of Bob on Bob Binnall’s bike was leading the way. *(There is a video on FaceBook “All Chapters and Members” of the ride leaving the LGFD).*

Were you there? If not, did you miss it? Join us again in 2022 when Americade returns to the first week in June!



Plan now for an extended Spring Motorcycle Vacation in 2022 with your Red Knights family. Yankee Rally, first, and after Sunday’s farewell breakfast head south for 100 miles and enjoy a few days at Americade!

2022 YANKEE RALLY — PLATTSBURGH, NY

Hosted by NY50, the “Take 2 in 2022” Yankee Rally will be a great opportunity to get back together with Red Knight friends and family early in the 2022 riding season. (June 1-5)

Some itinerary points include:

- Thursday Pizza Party 5:00 – 8:00 PM
- Friday Block Party with Food Trucks 6:00 – 9:00 PM and Gathering under the tent All Day with a DJ starting at 4:00 pm
- Saturday Olympic Region Ride
- Saturday Banquet and DJ
- Sunday Departing Breakfast 7:00 – 11:00 AM
- And self-guided routes throughout the rally!

Any questions please feel free to reach out via either 518-310-7541, Email at yankeerally2022@gmail.com, or the Yankee Rally 2022 Facebook group.

There will be a Region-1 business meeting to choose future hosts. This piece of business has not been able to occur in recent years as both the 2020 and 2021 rallies were canceled.

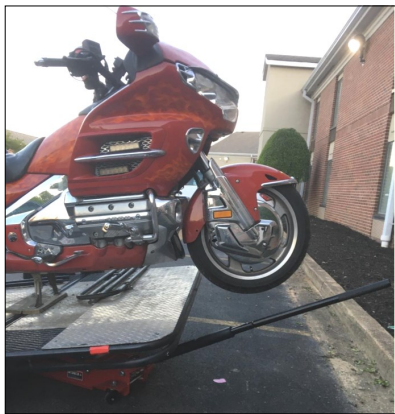
Finishing of the RK Great 48 ride within one year. (by Deb Mickle)

Last year Bob Binnall, Ken May, Norm Beausoleil and myself took off to meet Jack Pierce that ride is now known as the Founding Fathers Ride. Bob and I had only 14 states that we had not ridden thru - RI, VT, MI, WI, MN, ND, NB, KS, MS, OK, AR, TN, KY AND WV.

So, Bob said let's finish the other states. I was ready to go, so because VT and RI are close, we finished those on a couple of nice weekends in April. We left on May 1st and headed for the other states left.



Bob started out on the bike but when we got to NY the weather was not on our side. Because we already had NY and OH the bike was put on the trailer and taken off the next morning in Ohio before we headed into Michigan. The bike never went back on the trailer, until TN when the front tire was changed.



We stopped for lunch in Sturgis, Michigan then continued on to Beloit Wisconsin for a couple of days, while we waited for Ken May who only needed to get MI, WI, MN and ND to finish all 48 states. We rode with Ken to his final destination ND, where we parted ways.

Bob and I continued heading south to Omaha Nebraska for

the night. The next day we continued south to Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma and stopped in Bentonville, Arkansas for the night. The next couple of days we headed to Mississippi so that I could visit with a very good friend and family in Tennessee. Bob had to get a new front tire, it was also time to do some laundry and some 4 wheeling with my friend.

We started heading north to Nashville for a couple of days as we had couple extra days before we had to be at the Dixie Rally in Culpeper, VA. While in Nashville we went to the American Pickers museum. We also had some more police activity at the hotel. Several cars got broken into and a couple of guns stolen, at least this time the hotel was not shot at, but the Police Station was located just behind the hotel.

We continued heading north thru Kentucky and stopped in Huntington West Virginia for the night, the LAST STATE ON OUR LIST. The RK Great 48 was COMPLETE. Next stop was the Dixie Rally in Culpeper VA and then back to Massachusetts after a 2 ½ week adventure.

Another great adventure for myself and Bob.

Convention 2022 Johnstown, PA—Hosted by PA22

The 2022 Convention is being hosted by PA22 in Johnstown, PA. Chapter President Dave Rykala presented a report at the International's virtual business meeting in August spelling out the basic information about next year's convention planning.

Multiple hotels with 500 rooms set aside to RK members are available. Shuttle services to the host hotel will be available to those whose lodging is at the secondary hotels, when the host hotel is full. The hosts are also investigating camping accommodations in the area.

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 at the arena). The arena can accommodate 1,200 people for the banquet.

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 in 1889. This was the largest civilian loss of life disaster in the U.S. prior to 9-11.

Although registration at the host hotel will be scheduled for specific hours during the week, the hosts are planning an "on-call" registration so that any members arriving outside of normal business hours will be able to complete their registration when they arrive.

Staples of the convention including Hospitality Room, Welcome BBQ, and Farewell Breakfast are also part of the itinerary. There will be a Corn-Hole competition at the BBQ with championship prizes. Also in the planning are several evening "Cigar Bar" events and a silent auction.

Because of the lapse of an in-person annual business meeting since 2019, the 2022 business meeting is scheduled to entail most of Saturday, to ensure that the voting business that has been in que for three years can be handled.

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.



ON ANY SUNDAY



The acclaimed 1971 Oscar nominated documentary motorcycle film **On Any Sunday** (OAS) will return to theaters nationwide this fall to kick-off and to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the iconic motion picture.

"I was inspired as a 9-year-old kid to ride motorcycles, bmx bikes, and just about anything else that had wheels when On Any Sunday first came out in 1971. Here we are now, 50 years later and we're releasing the film again to be enjoyed by new generations on the big screen for the first time," said Todd Huffman, Pipeline Digital Media (PDM) Producer/Director.

Gathr Films is the distributor for the film nationwide, and will use their Theatrical On Demand system to have motorcycle dealers, clubs, and fans of the movie place screenings all over the country utilizing crowdsourcing and social media to rally older and younger enthusiasts (under 50?) to see OAS on the big screen for the first time.



"When I saw the 50th Anniversary for On Any Sunday approaching I knew we could develop some great licensed products that complement our brand well. This theatre screening program will only help sales," said Brett Smith, We Went Fast President.

Gathr Films will start offering screenings to local "On Any Sunday Movie Captains" beginning July 1st with first screenings starting toward the end of September into early October, 2021.

People can follow the project's progress at soon-to-be-fully-developed OnAnySunday50th.com as well as other social media channels.

Fall State Meeting

Forty-three members, representing eight chapters were in attendance for the 2021 Fall State Meeting. Mass-2 were hosts and Rick and Lori Oliver welcomed us to their home in New Salem on a beautiful fall Saturday.

Since minutes of the meeting have been shared with chapter executives to share with the membership, we will not go into detail about the discussions, politics and motions, but below is a bullet list of topics. Please refer to the available minutes for more details.

- The Memorial House and Memorial Foundation funding (and mortgage) was discussed.
- Mass-2 will be submitting a bylaw change to be voted at the convention. This proposal is to alter the bylaws to allow more than one top and bottom rocker on the back of our vests.
- This year's recipient of the Perry Carter Red Knight of the year award, Rick Oliver was recognized and congratulated. Rick is only one of 17 people to have received this honor, and only the second member from Massachusetts.
- MA-4 is marketing red leather vests made specifically for the Red Knights by Vance & Hines in Fall River.
- The Spring State meeting will be hosted by Mass-1 and tentatively held at the Memorial House in Boylston.

In his absence, Bob Binnall sent a letter to the attending members and one of his notes was congratulations to Jeff and Faith Hamberg on being the first riders, outside of the initial planners, to complete the Founding Fathers' Ride and complete all 11 stops around the country! They will receive patches and coins with numbers 5 and 6.

(The initial four "planners" of the challenge ride who completed the 11 points in 2020, were Bob Binnall, Ken May, Norm Beausoleil and Deb Mickle).



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



MEDFORD, Ore. —Employees at D&S Harley Davidson say they saw something this week they've never seen before. A 94-year-old purchasing his very own bike.

Harry Howard is adding a 3rd Harley Davidson to his collection. He says age is just a number.

"Just so I can get to ride that's the most important thing it doesn't matter where just so I can go and twist that throttle," said Howard.

Harry Howard is 94 years young. He shows no signs of slowing down.

"Being out in the wind just to have that power at the twist of a wrist and hear the sound of that thing, feel the surge when it takes off all those things put together is just a great experience," said Howard. The southern California native has always had a passion for motorcycles. He's been riding them since 1949.

Howard is a World War 2 and Korean War veteran. He was in high school when World War 2 broke out.

Owner Terrie Martin saw him eyeing the new bikes at their shop this week.

"He looked at me and said I think when you're 94 years old you should ride whatever you want and I said yes you should Harry, you should ride whatever you want," said Martin.

Howard picked up his 2021 street glide Tuesday and was off.

"I can still do this and I'll keep on until uh we'll see," said Howard.

Howard doesn't know what his next destination is quite yet but I'm sure he'll get there on his new Harley.

2022 Red Knights International Election

International positions of Vice-President, Secretary, and Region 2, 4, 6 and 8 are all up for election/ re-election in 2022. Similar to this year, chapter election ballots will only be cast if there are contested positions that need chapter participation.

Red Knights International Convention 2021

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.

Bylaw Updates voted at the Convention

Without an in-person convention, no business was able to be tended to from the floor, as the bylaws do not allow for proxy voting. That situation included the inability to bring and vote on bylaw change proposals to the membership and also no vote on the hosting of the 2024-2026 conventions was taken.

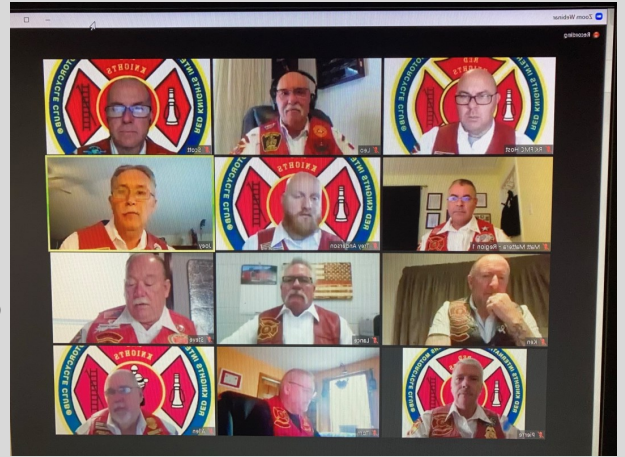
Treasurer Scott Ryan reported that many expected expenses for the club were down, given the continuing restrictions. One "up" is the participation in the RKMC Grand Tour, as that can be done singularly or in small groups, Scott reported. The mortgage balance on the Boylston property is about \$230,000.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

From the virtual 2021 Annual Red Knights Meeting:

- As of Dec 31, 2020 there were 461 RKMC chapters & 318 MALs, with 8,891 members. That is an increase in chapters, but a 3.9% decrease in members.
- 43 names have been added to the Heaven 1 roster since our last convention.
- Survey Monkey links have been shared with chapters so members can voice their opinions on hosts for 2024, 2025, and 2026. Red Knights in Germany, Australia, and Indiana have submitted interest to be hosts.
- Congratulations to this year's recipient of the Perry Carter Red Knight of the Year Award - our own, Rick Oliver of Mass-2!
- Thank you's were given to Matt Mattera and Pierre Halleux for their service to the Red Knights.

The host of the 2022 convention is PA22 in Johnstown, PA

The 2023 convention is in Solomons Island Maryland.



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.

2023 —

Solomons Island, Maryland

2024 thru 2026

Several applicants are being reviewed (Indiana, Germany, Australia) for future International Conventions. Did you participate in the survey?

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!

Five autumn hazards to watch for

From Revzilla's Common Thread on-line column

Many of us in the northern half of the United States are putting bikes up for the winter. Some of us still ride in spite of the change in season. Some of us do both.

If you're in the "still riding" category, no doubt things are changing a bit for you. Fall riding can bring positively beautiful scenery. Here are five particular fall hazards to remember.

Darkness falls early. Ride like it's dark out, because it is. You may find your normal commuting times are now quite dark. Adjust your speed accordingly.

Crazy temperature swings. I've often experienced intraday temperature swings of 40 degrees here in the Northeast. The only way to deal with that is to layer up and be prepared to shuck or add layers as you go. If you're a knucklehead like I am and get caught without the right gear in rapidly dropping temperatures, take a tip from the oldtimers: Stop at the nearest fuel station and stuff your jacket with crumpled newspaper. It sounds dumb and you'll look like a stuffed spaceman, but it works.

Sex-drunk deer. There are about 1.2 million deer-vehicle crashes a year and they peak in November. Why? We're pretty much in the midst of the rut. For those of you not intimately familiar with the term, the rut is the period coinciding with most of fall when North American deer wind up biologically sex-drunk. Your local Bambi and Faline are twitterpated, so to speak. They're thinking about one thing, and it's not avoiding you as you speed down the road. Don't be a victim.

Traction reduction. Fallen leaves on the roadway have a nasty tendency to hold water, and even if the roadway is dry, a patch of wet leaves will put you on your ass obvious hazard, but even on a clear, dry day, your tires are going to take a little bit

right quick. Frost is an longer to come up to temperature and get sticky.

Happy humans, distracted humans. With college football on Saturdays, pro games on Sundays even Monday Night Football, lots of folks are excited about The Big Game. That often involves tail-gating and drinking or having a beer or two more than normal down at the bar. The trouble starts when they wheel the Buick out of the lot. Stay alert for those around you who aren't.

Now, don't take any of this to suggest that fall is a bad time of year. There's not much in life that's as satisfying as winding down a back road with colorful leaves blowing over the macadam. It makes me feel like I'm on the set of a luxury car commercial. Most bikes run well in the cooler weather, and heat from the engine turns from a foe to a welcome friend. Fall is prime ridin' time.

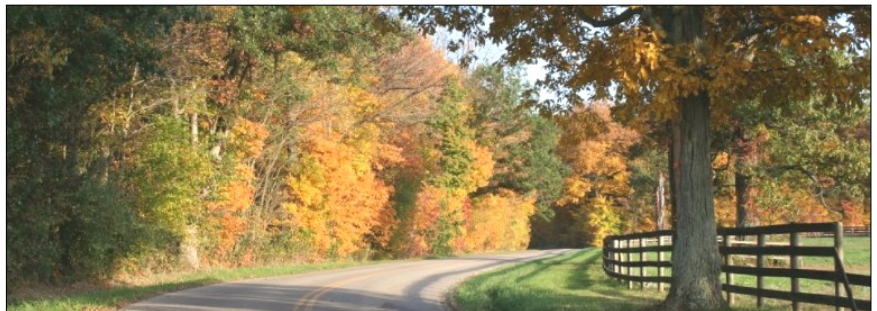
Enjoy the fall. Do it on a motorcycle. Be safe and happy.



Truck Fire Destroyed Team's King of the Baggers Bike, Harley to Give One Back

While one of the participants in the "King of the Baggers" competition headed to Road America, where the race was scheduled to occur, the truck and trailer caught fire, which engulfed and burned everything to a crisp, including the Harley-Davidson Electra Glide, the team's tools, and their hopes for the pending race.

As news of the incident spread, Harley-Davidson itself, through its general manager of global brand marketing, Jon Bekefy, said it would step in and help, with a bike and parts waiting at the track for the team to take possession of, so the rider could participate in the race.





Red Knights® GA Chapter 20 Presents



15th Annual Dixie Rally 2022

Greetings from Brunswick and the Golden Isles of Georgia;

I needed to extend a personal invitation to our Red Knight brothers and sisters from Massachusetts to attend the 2022 Red Knights Dixie Rally.

The sense of family that one experiences at a Rally cannot be put into words and can only be experienced first hand.

More information available on our website, <https://redknightsmc-ga20.org/>, and are available for any questions you may have.

We have an early registration prize that will be drawn in the next month or so that includes a half-day inshore fishing trip by a local firefighter/guide and 2 nights at the host hotel (dates coordinated by winner after the rally).

Thank you

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JOE M. COMBS II

President

Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club - GA Chapter 20

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LOYAL TO OUR DUTY

May 12 - 15, 2022

REGISTRATION

\$70.00 per adult, \$35.00 per child
Early registration ends March 1, 2022.

Registration includes;

- ◊ Friday banquet
- ◊ Nightly hospitality
- ◊ T-shirts & More...

Also available

- ◊ Chapter merchandise sales + vendors
- ◊ Door prizes + 50/50 drawings
- ◊ Raffles + live auction

Visit our website for the following;

- ◊ Register online or download mail-in form
- ◊ Host hotel group rate info
- ◊ Contact and general information
- ◊ Donation / Sponsorship opportunities

LODGING

Group rate, all 3 locations, \$ 104.00/night + taxes.

PRIMARY HOST HOTEL

Holiday Inn Brunswick I-95
138 Glynn Parkway, Brunswick, GA 31525
+19122643300

SECONDARY HOST (OVERFLOW) HOTELS

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Brunswick
107 Gateway Circle, Brunswick, GA 31525
+19122642060

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Brunswick
236 Gateway Ctr Blvd, Brunswick, GA 31525
+19122679999

CAMPING

RV Sites and Camping is available approximately 8.5 miles from the host hotel at Blythe Island Regional Park and Southern Retreat RV Park.

RALLY AND CHAPTER MERCHANDISE

Rally Merchandise will be available at the on-site registration table in the Holiday Inn and include;

- ◊ T-shirts
- ◊ Challenge Coins
- ◊ Tumblers

Chapter Merchandise Tables & chairs will be available at several locations for the weekend duration.

Hospitality Room will be open in the Holiday Inn Express each evening.

SCHEDULE

- THURSDAY (5/12) > Early-bird rides
> On-site Registration
> Welcome Reception
- FRIDAY (5/13) > On-site Registration
> Guided & Self-Guided Rides
> Banquet & Live Auction
- SATURDAY (5/14) > Business Session
> On-site Registration
> Guided & Self-Guided Rides
> Dinner
- SUNDAY (5/15) > Bike Blessing and Farewell

CHARITIES BENEFITTING

501(c)(3) Charities benefitting from this event include the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation in Atlanta, Georgia, Safe Harbor Children's Center in Brunswick, Georgia, and the Red Knights GA Chapter 20's Educational and Relief Programs.



For more info please visit our website
www.redknightsmc-ga20.org



18th Annual *Dixie Rally* 2022

May 12 - 15, 2022

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

Online Registration is Preferred

** Registration check-in at the host hotel opens at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at the host hotel Holiday Inn Brunswick I-95, located at 138 Glynco Parkway, Brunswick, Georgia 31525, Phone: +19122643300**

Your Email Address: _____

RIDER (\$70.00)

Name: _____

State/Chapter: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Attending Reception Thurs, 5/12/2022? Yes / No

Attending Group Ride Fri, 5/13/2022? Yes / No

Attending Banquet Fri, 5/13/2022? Yes / No

Attending Group Ride Sat, 5/14/2022? Yes / No

Attending Dinner Sat, 5/14/2022? Yes / No

Rider T-Shirt: S M L XL XXL XXXL

PASSENGER / GUEST (\$70.00)

Name: _____

State/Chapter: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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Guest T-Shirt: S M L XL XXL XXXL

CHILDREN (\$35.00 each)

Child #1 Name: _____

Child #1 Kids T-Shirt: _____

Child #2 Name: _____

Child #2 Kids T-Shirt: _____

18TH ANNUAL DIXIE RALLY SWAG

Additional items / souvenirs (NOT included)

Additional Adult T-Shirt (\$20.00): _____

Challenge Coin (\$15.00) _____

Tumbler (\$40.00) _____

Make Checks/MO payable to: "RKMC GA20"

TOTAL: \$ _____

Mail Checks/MO and registration form to:

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