



Club Corner

Red Knights International Motorcycle Club

We've all heard of the Blue Knights, the law enforcement motorcycle club. But did you know there is an international brotherhood of motorcycle-riding firefighters? And in typical firefighter fashion, these guys don't clamor for glory and recognition, they simply go about their business, quietly, efficiently, and valiantly, doing their duty for their fellow man and for the love of riding motorcycles.

In October of 1982, a group of firemen in Boylston, Massachusetts, was sitting around talking motorcycles, waiting for the inevitable. Someone posed the question that if the police could have their own riding club, why shouldn't firefighters? Thus, the Red Knights Motorcycle Club was born. News of the fledgling club spread like, well, wildfire, and by July of the following year a Red Knights chapter sprang up in neighboring Connecticut. Soon applications began pouring in from firehouses all over the country, necessitating the appointment of a committee to serve as a national board of directors. Once applications for chapters in Ontario and Saskatchewan, Canada began



arriving, a name change was in order. The Red Knights International Motorcycle Club officially came to be, and in 1984 the first national convention was held. Today, there are more than 225 Red Knights chapters and 6,000 members throughout the world, with outposts in such far-flung locales as New Zealand, Japan, and Austria. This year's convention — the 27th — takes place in Miami, Florida, August 19-22.

The Red Knights communicate mainly via their web site. The forums there are split into sections for Local Chapter News, Classifieds, General Comments, and a section called Good & Welfare, where members discuss charity and benefit events, and other ways to spread good will and help people.

And if people become firefighters because they want to help others, then a club like the Red Knights is doubly valuable. Even though only firefighters may join the club, its influence is felt far and wide through charity work and community outreach. These are the true heroes.

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