



Red Knights International Motorcycle Club Ohio Association Newsletter

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Ohio Association History:

The Ohio Association was formed on November 2, 2004. At that, time there was four active chapters in Ohio. Today we have twelve chapters and are expecting our newest chapter in Warren to be approved any day. At this time, we have 218 Red Knights members in Ohio.

The Ohio Association was the first Association to be approved by the Red Knights International Board, and is the standard that all other associations are held too. There are ten Associations in the RKMC at this time. It was also the first Association to host the RKMC annual convention. Over the next few years, three other associations will be hosting the RKMC annual convention following the groundwork that the Ohio Association has done.

The purpose of the Ohio Association was to guide new Chapters, gain new members and develop new Chapters, to unify the existing Chapters and Members at Large and to keep members in the state informed on issues and upcoming events.

An Association banner (which goes to every Annual Convention), a state patch and state motorcycle flags were designed for our members. We will be publishing a newsletter quarterly that will go to every Red Knight member in Ohio. We developed a web site, rkmcohoassociation.com, which has a link for each chapter to use for their chapter information and rides.

Ohio Association Now

Over the past, several years the Ohio Association has seen itself slow down. Now is the time to re-new it with new leadership for our members and the future. We need your support and help to keep it the number one association in the Red Knights.

This will be the first of newsletters of the future. Newsletters will be issued each quarter to bring you news of the Ohio Association and the International. Please submit any chapter information to Bill Snodgrass at jsnod128@hotmail.com that you want to share with the Ohio chapters (rides, rallies, events that you chapter may be hosting). The newsletter will come out January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year. We want to help you advertise your events and rides with other Ohio chapters.



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Ohio Association into the Future

The position of Ohio State Representative is vacant.

The duties of this position are found below.

The State /Provincial Representatives are Representatives for all Chapters and Members-at-Large in his/her particular geographical State or Province in which they are an Active Member of a Chartered Chapter within that State/Province. He/she shall automatically become the President of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club® Inc. State/Province Association of that State/Province

If there is only one (1) Chapter in a State/Province, the Chapter will elect a member from the Chapter's Executive Board to be the State/Province Representative. If there are two (2) or more chartered Chapters in a State/Province, each Chapter may submit a member from their Chapter's Executive Board to be elected by a majority vote of all Chapters to be the State/Province Representative.

This election should occur at the State/Province Annual Meeting, with each Chapter President or Authorized Delegate present being entitled to one (1) vote. Any Delegate must have a letter signed by the Chapter President authorizing them to vote the Will of the Chapter they represent. If only one (1) name is submitted, that member will become State/Province Representative by default. He/she will have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. He/she shall promote and ensure that all inquires about the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club® Inc. be given current information.
2. He/she shall check with Chapters in the State/Province they represent and send semi-annual reports, in writing, to the International Regional Director responsible for the region in which his/her Chapter is located.
3. When **called upon** by a Chapter, Association, Member, or Member-at-Large in his/her State/Province, he/she shall answer to that call. If the problem is such that it requires immediate action then he/she shall call upon the International Regional Director of the region in which his/her Chapter is located to inform him/her of the problems and be advised on what to do.
4. The State/Provincial Representative shall from time to time check with Fire Departments in their State/Province to acquire interest in implementing a Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club® Inc. Chartered Chapter.
5. The State/Provincial Representative shall keep a current roster of all Chapters in



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his/her State/Province and, if any changes are made, notification shall be forwarded to the International Executive Treasurer for updating of the International Roster and Mailing List.

6. Any expenses shall be authorized by the International Executive Board prior to the action requiring the expense, except the costs of reports, mailing and phone costs relating to Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club® Inc. business. Such expenses shall have receipts sent to the International Executive Treasurer prior to being paid.
7. Works with the Chapter Presidents in his/her state to better the RKMC and to have a statewide event once a year. The goal is to have different chapters host the event each year in a different location within the state.

We will be holding an election for ALL offices of the Ohio Association at our upcoming statewide meeting in February or March. The location will be in the Mansfield area and the date will be decided ASAP. It is our hope that your chapter officers and members will attend this meeting.

If you are interested one of the offices of the Ohio Association, please contact the nominations Chairperson, Dick Morse at uncledickm@att.com for more information on the office. As International officers, Dick Morse or Bill Snodgrass cannot hold the office of State Representative but they are there to help you in anyway that we can. Dick has been a member since 1983 and Bill has been a member since 1993.

We will be planning our 2010 summer statewide event/meeting at this time and will be looking for a chapter to host the event. This would be great time to show off your chapter and your area.

Ohio Association Financial Status

The Ohio Association is financial sound at this time with \$1401.72 in the checking account. The Red Knights International will give us a grant of \$500.00 and provide the insurance coverage for a statewide get together once a year. The Ohio Association web site cost us \$72.00 per year. We have association patches (\$5.00) and association motorcycle flags (\$15.00) for sale to our members. These are available from the Association Treasurer. This is how we support our web site. At this time, there is no association dues required.

Ohio Association SOGs

At the 2009 International Convention, it was voted on that all chapters and Associations would not be required to have their own by-laws but would follow the



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International by-laws and develop a set of SOGs (standard operating guidelines). Dick Morse (Ohio 1) is working on the SOG manual for the Ohio Association. If you want to have input, please contact him at uncledickm@att.com.

We plan to have a draft to review and vote on at the statewide meeting in February or March.

Ohio Association Web Site

The Ohio Association web site (rkmcohoassociation.com) is your web site. Please submit any updates to the web master, Marcy at webmaster@rkmcohoassociation.com. Each chapter has its own page for you to use and link to your chapter's web site. If you have not visited the web site, please do so and submit any comments or suggestions to the web master.

Ohio Chapter Locations

Ohio 1 Painesville	Ohio 3 Wadsworth	Ohio 4 Xenia	Ohio 5 Columbus
Ohio 6 Jamestown	Ohio 8 Akron	Ohio 9 South Euclid	Ohio 10 Lima
Ohio 11 Parma	Ohio 12 Vermilion	Ohio Dayton	Ohio 14 Beaver
Ohio 15 Warren (coming soon)			

International News

Red Knights have been awarded an artifact (piece of steel beam) from the World Trade Centers (WTC) to be added to the RKMC Memorial in Boylston, Massachusetts. A design committee is being formed.

The profit from the sale of the RKMC Heaven one patch goes to the support of the memorial.

In January 2010, the RKMC will announce a raffle to help pay off the loan and the design of the WTC artifact. The raffle will have a prize of a \$10,000 Dream Vacation. The winner chooses the location and the time for the vacation. The winner will have up to one year to use the vacation. 1000 tickets will be sold at \$20.00 per ticket. The drawing will be at the 2010 RKMC annual convention in August. If the winner's Dream Vacation is less than \$10,000, the difference will be paid to the winner as spending money. We are asking that each chapter purchase three tickets. If a chapter wins, they could turn around and hold their own raffle to raise funds for their chapter.

Knights of the Round Table Tournament (KORT)

December 4-5, 2009 was the dates for the first Knights of the Round Table



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Tournament. It was held in Titusville, Florida and won by the Green Knights. This will be an annual tournament pitting teams from the Blue Knights (police), Red Knights (firefighters) and Green Knights (military) against each other in motorcycle games. The 2010 event will be held in October in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

International Membership

We now have 327 chapters in eleven countries, with request from other countries coming in. We have over 8900 members worldwide.

International Banners and Flags

The International has banners, flags and parade flags (with holders) that are loaned to chapters on a first come first served basis. For more information or to request items, please contact the International Secretary at secretary@redknightsmc.com.

Notice of passing of member

Please advise the International Secretary of the passing of any RKMC member as soon as possible. The International will send a RKMC flag (when requested) to the funeral home to be displayed and presented to the family. The International will also send a member of the International Executive Board to attend the wake/funeral.

Chapter News

Ohio 5 will hold a poker ride on May 1, 2010 as part of the World's Largest Poker Run benefiting the Fallen Firefighters Survivors Foundation (www.ffsfusa.org). The ride will begin at 10:00 am and end at A.D. Farrow Northstar at 12:00 pm in time to take part of the ABATE Awareness Ride to the State Capitol. Contact Chapter President Steve Arms at sca181@wideopenwest.com or redknightsoh5@yahoo.com for more information.

Last year over 2000 Red Knights members and their friends took part in this ride in eleven states. If you chapter wants to hold a ride in your area, go to www.ffsfusa.org for more information and details.

**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
ALL OHIO RED KNIGHT MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**