

The Red Knights

Invites you to join us...

This is your invitation to support the exciting and growing sport of Firefighter Motorcycling. By joining The Red Knights as an active or retired firefighter or a EMT/ Paramedic on a fire department roster, you will be involved with a friendly group of people with one purpose in mind...



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Discipline

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Giving
Helping
Training
Safety

Please make your check payable to: **Red Knights, Ohio 5**

Membership Dues are (per calendar year Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31)

Active Member \$20.00	Mail To:
Associate Member \$20.00	The Red Knights
Social Member \$8.00	c/o Dan Kellermeyer
Application Fee \$10.00	79 North Court
<small>non-refundable</small>	Thornville, OH 43076
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THE RED KNIGHTS...

WHAT IS IT?

History of the Red Knights

by
Charlie Clarkson, Past Massachusetts State Rep

During the summer of 1982 several firefighters were visiting "Randy's Cycle Shop" in Boylston, Massachusetts and the subject of motorcycle clubs came up. Soon they were all grouching about the fact that law enforcement people had a motorcycle club known as the Blue Knights but there was no club for firefighters. After this tire kicking session, owner Randy Wilson suggested to Ed Wright, a firefighter from Northboro, MA, that he stop talking about the lack of a club and form one instead.

Recognizing a good idea when he heard one, Ed Wright went home that afternoon and made some hand printed posters inviting firefighters from the area to meet and determine if there was enough interest to form a motorcycle club. On August 17th, 1982, Fire Chief Jack Pierce allowed a small group of motorcycle enthusiasts to meet in Northboro Fire Headquarters to lay the ground work for the formation of a motorcycle club.

On October 19th, 1982, firefighters Colin Mackey, Bob Bourassa, Ed Wright, Roger Wentzell, Dave Hamilton, Bob Goulet, David Hunt, Jon Tripp, Don Parker, Norm Beausoleil and Chief Pierce met again. There was interest in promoting the camaraderie of other firefighters. It was decided then that this group would be known as the Red Knights Motorcycle Club®.

News of this new club spread like a grass fire. In July of 1983, a chapter was formed in Connecticut. In October of that year a second Massachusetts chapter was formed. Soon applications came in from such distant places as Nevada and Louisiana.

In 1984 the first club convention was held in Boylston, MA. Each year since that time a convention has been held for all RED KNIGHTS. Convention sites are listed on the next page. The 10th Anniversary of the RED KNIGHTS was celebrated at the convention in Worcester, MA on the third weekend of August 1992.

In August of 1983 the founding members realized the organization was rapidly growing beyond their original expectations. To properly handle this growth they elected a committee to serve as a National Board of Directors. With applications from Ontario and Saskatchewan, Canada, the club became the...

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The Red Knights

Central Ohio Chapter
Ohio 5



An Invitation to join...

**The
Red Knights
Motorcycle Club®**



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Fellow Motorcycle Enthusiast:

Thank you for expressing interest in the Ohio 5 Chapter of the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club®. The Red Knights is an International organization of members of the fire service and their families who ride motorcycles. We promote motorcycle safety, project a positive image of motorcycling and enjoy the fraternity of firefighters. We are an AMA sanctioned club and the club is not affiliated with any other groups, clubs or organizations. Our membership consists of career, part-paid, volunteer, industrial, disabled and retired members of the fire service. EMT/ Paramedics are also eligible if they are on a fire department roster.

Our members ride all brands of motorcycles from full dressers to sport bikes. We want to involve you, your spouse and family at club functions. Firefighters have a proud history and we as Red Knights carry on that proud tradition.

If this seems like the type of club you would like to belong to, join us for one of our meetings or events. Please call the club representatives for information on our next Chapter event.

Attached you will find an application for membership. Please fill out the application for membership and mail it to The Red Knights Motorcycle Club®, Ohio Chapter 5 at the address listed.

We look forward to meeting you soon!
Red Knights Motorcycle Club® - Ohio 5

Our Vision

To promote motorcycle safety. To project a positive image of motorcycling.
To enjoy the fraternity of FireFighters.
To engage exclusively in social, charitable and educational activities directed at increasing the general understanding of, enjoyment of, competency, sportsmanship and participation in the sport of Motorcycling.



Whether you ride for fun and enjoyment or some other reason, the goals are the same. You want to ride with firefighters or other friends and enjoy each others company. You want the public to see that motorcycling is fun, enjoyable and that there are bike riders that do good works for others. And of course, advancing motorcycle safety.

After participating in a Red Knights event, you have a sense of accomplishment about meeting some of your goals and are challenged to set new ones for the club. Yes, your free time is limited being a firefighter, but the ultimate reward is meeting your personal challenge and helping others.

HOW THE RED KNIGHTS CAN HELP YOU...

The Red Knights Motorcycle Club® is your link to help you meet your personal challenge and goals. The Red Knights sponsor events and rides, with other firefighters and friends of firefighters, helps the community and promotes positive riding with safety and enjoy the fraternity of other firefighters.

Ohio Chapter 5 is part of the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club®, our parent organization. Each year in August, the Red Knights have their convention. The Red Knights have a strong commitment to the riders and their families and those who are new to motorcycling so that the experience is safe and truly rewarding.

As a Red Knights member you also receive the Red Knights newsletter keeping you informed of all events, rides and member news. There are social get-togethers where you can make new and long lasting friendships. Most of all, the Red Knights is an organization where members help members, and members encourage and

Join the...
Red Knights
Motorcycling Club of Central Ohio Chapter 5
be part of the...
Excitement!

Membership Application:

Fire Dept. Affiliation: _____

Fire Dept. Location: _____

OIC Name: _____ Phone:() - _____

ABOUT YOU:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ and Zip code(+4) _____

Phone days: () , Eve. () _____

Your Birthday: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Your Age: _____ Under 18 Between 18-50
 over 50

OTHER INFORMATION

Since THE RED KNIGHTS is an all-volunteer organization which depends upon the commitment of the members, please take a few moments to think about how you may wish to become involved. Would you be interested in helping THE RED KNIGHTS run more smoothly by helping in any of these areas?

Volunteering at Rides or Events Yes No

Attend Meetings, become an Officer Yes No

Planning of Events Yes No

Attending Social events Yes No

Would you like to publish(write) articles for The Red Knights newsletter? Yes No

The information below would be very helpful for THE RED KNIGHTS to get to know you better, and how we may be of help to you, as an important member of our Association.

Do you now ride a motorcycle? Yes No

Do you want to learn to ride? Yes No

TYPE OF RIDER:

Iron Butt Weekender
 For Work For Pleasure Learning
Non-riding... (Just A Motorcycle lover)

YEARS YOU'VE BEEN RIDING: _____

LEVEL OF RIDING EXPERIENCE:

Pro Experienced Novice Just Learning