



Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club® Inc.
Office of the Executive Treasurer
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2009 Year End Report from the International Treasurer

Listed is my year-end report for January 1 2009 till December 31st 2009

As International treasurer I submitted to the board a quarterly report for all quarters of the 2009 year including an end of year report. I have also provided the board with up to date financial records and a report for all three Executive meetings held in 2009. In January of 2010 I mailed to the International Secretary a CD with a copy of all the Treasurers records as stored on the treasurers lap top computer along with paper copies of my year end reports.

I have carried out all the required duties of my office which also includes the receiving and recording of dues payments by the chapters and M.A.L's. the updating and the maintenance of our master rosters files. Ensuring that the International Secretary get's current and accurate rosters for distributing to the International Board and sub committees that require up to date rosters to carry out their duties. I also maintain a data base of all expenses paid by the International board.

I made hotel arrangements for all Executive board meetings held during the year as well as arrangements for air flights for those members required to fly in to attend.

Meetings were held: March 19, 20, 21, in Syracuse New York
August 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 in Fort Lauderdale Florida
October 15,16,17,18 2009 in Syracuse New York

Set up and maintained a tracking databases for the following:

1. Funds donated by the chapters for the Red Knight Memorial.
2. Maintenance and repair funds available for the memorial site
3. Tracking on the pay back of the interest free loan advanced for the memorial by International
4. All promotional grants given to the Chapters and Associations of the Red Knights Organization
5. All Events grant funding provided to the Chapters and Associations for multi-chapter events for the Red Knights membership.
6. Organizations investment account and made reports to the Executive board on a quarterly base the state of that account
7. A data base for the tracking of all Quartermaster purchases and expenses along with the payment of same and all receivables from the sale of regalia by the Quartermaster.

Acted as Liaison person with the law firm of Shutts & Bowen who handle our Trademark and Patent applications and maintenance. We currently as of November 24th 2009 have completed all the requirements for the finalizing of our American and Canadian Trademark applications for the following:

Our Logo which is the Red knights Crest
Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club
R.K.M.C
Red Knights

We are now just waiting for the issuing of the last Trade mark Certificate for RKMC from the Canada Patent office. All that now remains is the required filing of the mandated reports and declarations of use forms that are scheduled on an ongoing base by both the American and Canadian Patent office. We have placed a retainer with Shutts & Bowen Lawyer Joseph Englander to monitor these requirements and to notify us of the filing dates and necessary forms required to keep our Trademark and Patents valid.

This process of obtaining a Trademark and Patent in both The United States and Canada started in the fall of 2002 and has cost us \$43,165.58 to obtain the above listed Trademarks and Patents. The requirements to keep those valid is regulated by both countries to include reporting on how we exercise due diligent in monitoring who uses the name and logo of the Organization and that we have a formal license agreement with each and every user of the names and Logo, this is why is so important that we must obtain a Trademark license from every chapter and every manufacturer for ever item that is produced with our name and or logo on it.

In 2009 we had to defend our name as it was being used without authorization in a Dot Com business venture, we had our lawyers take legal action with the International Web Dot Com tribunal which is the world body that governs all Dot Com name uses and were successful in winning and have the illegal use of our name stopped and the dot Com address ownership transferred to us. This all came at a cost of \$13,878.47 but has established the fact that we are prepared to defend our name and Logo if we find they are being used without authorization.

In January 2010 I will be filing with the IRS the required 1096 form dealing with our 1099 Misc. form reporting honorariums paid and interest earned on our investment account then on February 1, 2010 I will be filing the Red Knights corporate tax return with the I.R.S

On August 25th 2009 I filed the annual report with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in regards to our articles of incorporation.

With the appointment in the fall of 2008 of our Quartermaster Kent Armstrong and his assistant Joy Ellis (Kent Was elected to the position at the August 2009 Convention for a term of two years with Joy being re-appointed by the Board as his Assistant) There have been several procedural changes made that have greatly sped up the time requirements for the chapters to receive the orders they have placed.

With the appointment of a new Quartermaster the International treasurer took over the complete control of all monies and accounts for that office, which made the system and accountability of

the cash receivables and liabilities considerably more accurate.

Spent 1285 hours (24.36 hours per week) during the period of Jan 1 – Dec 31 2009 dealing with Emails, phone calls, and correspondence related to the duties of International treasurer with an additional average of 2 hours per week spent on Internationals Banking requirements. Averaging out to 26.36 hours per week s reduction of approximately 8 hours per week, This I attribute to the cooperation I have received from the chapters in submitting the chapter rosters in the Excel format that I have laid out for the rosters. This saving of time in not having to retype the roster changes and being able to import the information directly into the files has made huge differences.

The above mentioned times are also above the time required to attend Executive meetings and the business conducted at the Internationals business meeting held each August. I also attended one funeral in 2009 for a Red Knights member that had passed away as the representative of the International Board.

I attended the first annual Knights Of the Round Table Tournament as a representative of the Red Knights Organization along with the International President. This event is a fellowship and motorcycle skills event for the Red Knights, Blue Knights and the Green Knights the 2009 event was held Dec 4-6th in Titusville Florida and was won by the Green Knights who will host the 2010 event in the Ozarks in Arkansas the second week of October 2010.

At this time I would like very much to thank all the members of the International Executive for all the help and encouragement they have provided me in a very hard and trying year.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new members of the executive board for all their efforts on behalf of the membership and the team building that has continued over the past couple of years to bring the board to the level it is now at, without that drive and devotion the organization would not be able to survive.

At this year's convention I was again re-elected for another two year term as your International treasurer this will be my sixth term as International treasurer.

I would again like to thank all those that supported and encouraged me to run for another term and to all those that showed their support and trust in me by voting for me. For those that didn't I hope by my actions and service to the organization in the coming two years to earn that trust and support for the future. At the end of this term I will have served on the International level continually since 1993 and hope that at the 2011 convention to be able to again put my name forth to continue to serve the membership in some capacity on the International board.

Leo Patry
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