

Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club® Inc.
Office of the Executive Treasurer
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Report of International Treasurer for first quarter period of 2010

The first quarter of this year has been extremely busy as compared to previous years and I got caught a little off balance in March because of two things. One being the great response back from the chapters to my request to please file their chapter renewal rosters and dues early which a larger than normal number of chapter did, for which I thank them, that made that effort. The second cause was of my own making in that looking at the work load level that I had in the last three weeks of February in previous years I figured that it would be about the same for this year and so I decided to take three weeks' vacation so that my wife and two other couples from my chapter could go riding in the warm Florida sunshine which this year was almost non existing.

Anyway on my return home I found 185 pieces of Red Knights mail had come in along with over 400 Emails and 35 voice mail messages. Needless to say the next two weeks I registered 126.5 hours of work on catching up. That will not happen again.

I also want to thank those chapters that used the roster spreadsheet format I send the roster out to the chapters in when doing their updating of the current roster for submission of dues payment. This in its self saves me all kinds of time and helps to greatly eliminate the chance of errors in the roster because they don't have to be re-typed into the master files and can just be imported in. We have also provided for the downloading of a blank sheet that the chapters can down load along with numerous other forms and printable information pertaining to the Red Knights on our web site at www.redknightsmc.com these forms can be found by going to the site, clicking on Membership and the information on rosters is right there in the middle of the page with the button to take you to the forms a little further down.

In the first three months I logged in 475.5 hours of work for the organization that entailed the duties as outlined in the previous document of the 2009 yearend report.

Over and above those duties I have continued to work very closely with the Quartermaster and his Assistant who have done an exceptional job in getting orders in and processed in a timely fashion for our chapters and M.A.L's. The only slow down that we still have to contend with is the ordering of chapter specific items such as bottom rockers and member names for the bottom memorial rockers which have to be ordered from the manufacturers and take up to six weeks to obtain.

I have also worked closely with our European ambassador Tom Delboi who has been the liaison person between our European chapters and instrumental in the helping out in starting new chapters and recruiting new M.A.L's I can see that in the next couple of years our overseas chapters will grow quite rapidly and we will at that time have to look at having a regional director responsible for those chapters.

As we continue to grow we currently at the time of this writing have 341 chapters and 8821 members around the world the cost of operating our organization (Corporation) continues to climb but with the continued diligences and hard work of the entire International Board we have been able to do so without looking to increase dues from the membership.

Our next two Executive board meeting schedules are shaping up to be challenging to maintain and to expand services to the membership which I am confident that the dedicated members of the board will be able to achieve. There are some exciting and new proposals that will be presented to the membership at the upcoming Convention in Niagara Falls New York this August that will allow us to be able to conduct the necessary business needed to be conducted under our articles of incorporation and to also free up more time at the conventions for Socializing, having fun and making new friends which are the primary goals of our club.

I look forward to seeing and talking with the members that are able to attend our Americade open house at the Lake George Fire hall each year and to again thank the hard working crew from the New York chapter 12 that have acted as host for this event on behalf of the International for these many pass years. For those members that are not able to attend this year's Americade I hope that I get the chance to meet and talk with you at this year's convention.

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