

The Guardian

G R E E N K N I G H T S I N T E R N A T I O N A L N E W S L E T T E R

EVENTS

International Officers Conference
20-23 Apr 2017 Lexington, KY

14th Annual Green Knights Valley Forge Gathering
6 May 2017 Valley Forge, PA

11th Annual Armed Forces Freedom Ride
21 May 2017 Joint Base McGuire – Dix - Lakehurst

Rolling Thunder XXX
28 May 2017 Washington, D.C. Chapter 20 NCR hosting social

Mid-West Meet and Greet
23-25 June near Hill AFB, UT hosted by Chapter 67

Knights of the Round Table 2017 (European Edition)
4-6 Aug 2017 near Bern, Switzerland

Knights of the Round Table 2017
12-15 October 2017 Washington, DC

Annual CHOP (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia) Toy Drive
Date: TBD, Chapter 1

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FROM INTERNATIONAL

Spring is in the air!

Now is the time to brush up on motorcycle safety for the upcoming warmer riding weather.

Conduct a T-CLOCS inspection, take a refresher course or host a safety day as a chapter.

Already this year we've had some motorcycle accidents/incidents occur. Understand

that not all accidents can be avoided, we need to remain vigilant.

Chapters 20 (NCR) , 40 (Dover) and 138 (Kadena) have already begun setting the safety standard, by either attending or hosting safety events. Keep up the good work, Knights.

IOC is just around the corner! Chapter 32 has sent out some great information and the rides look to be amazing! Can't wait to see you all out there!

KRT 2017 will be 12 - 15 October in Washington, DC. Chapter 20 will provide more details.

G K M M C 1 3 8 H O L D S I N A U G U R A L P R E - S E A S O N S A F E T Y E V E N T

by Felix "Snowman" Vallone, Jr., Chapter 138 Public Affairs Officer

The Ryukyu Knights of GKMMC Chapter 138 teamed up with the 18th Wing Safety Office on March 9th to hold its first ever Motorcycle Safety Day event. Over 150 riders from units at Kadena Air Base attended the required annual safety brief. The idea behind the event was to reacquaint, refresh, and reinforce basic riding skills before riding season is fully underway in an effort to reduce, and hopefully eliminate motorcycle crashes in the riding community.

"This was a collaborative effort between 18th Wing Safety and Green Knights Chapter 138," said Jacoby "Rooster" Bruner, chapter president. "We went over the basic requirements for riding in the local conditions, Personal Protective Equipment that's required, and discussed mishap incidents at Kadena." After the safety brief, riders

went through the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's T-CLOCS pre-ride checklist before completing a series of drills designed and instructed by Pat Yamashiro and Joey DeBello, MSF certified instructors. Drills included swerving, braking, throttle control and shifting.

"Events like this are the key to ensuring that riders of all skill levels remain proficient no matter where they ride. Annual training keeps riders from becoming complacent. Taking part in an event like this keeps riders aware of the skills they need to have to keep from being involved in a crash." Yamashiro emphasized.

Besides skills, maintaining your ride is crucial. During the T-CLOCS instruction, several riders discovered maintenance items on their bikes that, if left unchecked, could have resulted in potentially costly problems later.

This safety briefing fulfills the yearly requirement for the pre-riding season safety briefing. The drills did not fulfill the requirement of a skills test, but they did reinforce a riders skills



GKMMC 138 chapter member Edmund "Nope" Scanlon manages the traffic flow on the range. Safety was a top priority while riders went through the exercises

DAKOTA'S RUN GKMMC 28

by Desiree "Wonder Woman" Shellenberger, Chapter 28 Secretary

GKMMC 28 #clubstrange hosted the 2nd Annual Dakota's Run benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society on Saturday March 18, 2017.

The event was held at Arrowhead Harley-Davidson, where they had 66 bikes register with a total of 77 riders.

The poker run was 125 miles long and consisted of stops

at local establishments that even donated proceeds to Dakota's Run!

DJ, vendors, raffles and a silent auction were hosted at Arrowhead Harley-Davidson. The American Red Cross was also available on site to take blood donations.

They were able to raise and donate \$6,653 which will aid in the research for blood cancers.

The following GKMMC

Chapters had representatives attending the event; Chapters 80 (Tucson, AZ), 117 (San Diego, CA), and 128 (Washington State).

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GKMMC 105 PARTICIPATES IN MARDI GRAS PARADE

"Bringing together friends and family through music, food and camaraderie."

On February 21st, Chapter 105 participated in the annual Krewe of Plaquedilla Parade aboard NAS JRB New Orleans, helping to kick-off the Mardi Gras festival season.

The two mile parade took 21 Krewe's and over 300 participants through the base housing area and allowed resi-

dents, children, and students at the base to attend a parade and collect colorful beads in a safe, family friendly environment.

In addition to the motorcycles of Chapter 105, ornately decorated floats, marching bands, fire trucks and even a Coast Guard HH-65 Dolphin helicopter made up the pa-

rade. This years theme was "The Wide World of Sports".

Following the parade, MWR hosted a party and offered music, free food and camaraderie.

2017 marks the 5th year Chapter 105 has participated in this event.

GKMMC X HOSTS EVENT DURING DAYTONA BIKE WEEK

by Christy "Phoenix" Helton, Chapter X Secretary

Daytona Bike Week, is a motorcycle rally that some say contends with Sturgis, but for GKMMC Chapter X's Wanderers it was a perfect opportunity to come together as a whole. The Wanderers claimed the Daytona Speedway infield tent camping area as their home while at bike week enjoying stories, and

camaraderie around the campfire on the cool nights. They took in different events happening all over Daytona and one such event was the BBQ open to all Green Knights, that was hosted at the beautiful home of the Wanderers Safety Director Cliff "Retro" Wienk and wife Debby. There were plenty of burgers, dogs, drinks, games, and good times shared by all.

Members from USSOUTH-COM Chapter and as far as Arkansas partaking in the fun had by all. The BBQ became even more of a memorable event when the Wanderers conducted a Knighting Ceremony for four of their members. All in all, it was a great weekend and all

Knight's made it home safely. Looking forward to next spring in hopes to do it all again.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT RANDY "WINGS" PRICE

Randy "Wings" Price has been riding motorcycles since 1962, when he re-built a 1956 BSA. June 1968, he joined the Air Force as a Security Policeman. He spent two tours in Vietnam. Additional duty stations included Europe, Germany, England, California, Arizona and Texas. Riding anytime that offered the chance. He retired January 1992, after serving in Desert Storm. Upon retirement, he worked for a local school district before deciding to go back to school. In Febru-

ary 1995, he enrolled in Computer Information Systems at DeVry University. He graduated February 1998 and began working as a System Engineer for a telecommunications company. In March 2013, he retired as a Web Concierge with a web hosting company. In 2012, he joined the Green Knights, Chapter 28. He was appointed as their webmaster and ride director. During IOC April 2013, Tom Green, International Sergeant at Arms proposed that

he think about becoming the International Webmaster. October 2013, he was voted in. Early 2014, our hosting company updated their servers and our entire website was lost. In a coordinated effort with Paul Ticas, they rebuilt the site. He also updates our Facebook page with safety information, recall notices, and chapter activities. He is looking forward to the upcoming year and our continued growth.

EREDITA CHAPTER NEWS

Eredita was formulated from the GKMMC International Council to help bring our future Knights into the GKMMC family in January 2014. Since it's creation, these kids are doing great things in the community. From Chapter 37 presenting "Date Night" gift cards to local police officers in Operation

Care in North Charleston to Chapter 117 presenting Christmas gifts to Fischer House in San Diego, these kids are leading a life of selflessness and pride in their community. Eredita membership is steadily growing, currently we are 50 members strong! GKMMC is a family-oriented club and what better way to

get the whole family involved than to have your children be part of a chapter exclusively for them. If you are interested in more information, please contact your chapter's leadership or International Member Advocate for more details.

*"Green Knights
win Knights of
the Round Table
tournament for
fifth consecutive
year."*

GREEN KNIGHTS HAND OVER KRT SCEPTER TO JOINT BASE CHARLESTON

By Airman Joshua R. Maund |
February 16, 2017

GKMMC Chapters X and 37 members gathered at Joint Base Charleston headquarters to present the Knights of the Round Table tournament scepter to base leadership Feb. 7, 2017. The scepter will be on display in the lobby of Joint Base Charleston

headquarters building. This is the fifth consecutive year that the Green Knights have won. The scepter was awarded to Ray Sagan of the local 37th chapter for contributing the most points to the Green Knights' victory in the tournament. "I had the honor of receiving the Best Knight

title this year, and was humbled to be named caretaker of the scepter for a year," said Ray Sagan, Civil Engineer Squadron maintenance mechanic.



GREEN KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER



**"I Serve.....
I Ride."**

Adam Buehler
President

Craig "Colt" Colton
Vice-President

David Behr
Sgt-At-Arms

MISSION STATEMENT:

Addressing the needs and concerns of military and DoD civilian riders, through education, safety, knowledge and the shared joy of riding.

CHAPTERS PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL EVENTS

The following chapters participated in local events:

Chapter 28 – 4th Annual Phoenix Wounded Vets Run

Chapter 35 – Local Fundraiser for local CVMA

Chapter 37 – 2017 Low County H-D Annual Blessing of the Bikes

Chapter 80 – Wreaths Across America Poker Run

Chapter 105 – Smoothie King Center Military Appreciate Night

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GREENKNIGHTSMMC
.ORG/](http://GREENKNIGHTSMMC.ORG/)

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY NEWS

Recall on Torc T55.2 Motorcycle
Helmet

<http://>

[www.motorcyclistonline.com/torc-
t552-motorcycle-helmet-recall-for-
inadequate-rider-protection](http://www.motorcyclistonline.com/torc-t552-motorcycle-helmet-recall-for-inadequate-rider-protection)

2015-2016 Yamaha R3 two recall
notices

<http://>

[blog.motorcycle.com/2017/03/03/
/manufacturers/yamaha/yamaha-
r3-recalled-potential-fuel-leak-
ignition-switch-corrosion/](http://blog.motorcycle.com/2017/03/03/manufacturers/yamaha/yamaha-r3-recalled-potential-fuel-leak-ignition-switch-corrosion/)

BMW recalls 2016-2017
S1000RR and 2017 S1000R

<http://>

[blog.motorcycle.com/2017/01/24/
/manufacturers/bmw/bmw-recalls](http://blog.motorcycle.com/2017/01/24/manufacturers/bmw/bmw-recalls)

[-2016-2017-s1000rr-2017-
s1000r/](http://www.motorcyclistonline.com/2016-2017-s1000rr-2017-s1000r/)

Honda recalls GL1800 and Gold
Wing motorcycles for faulty airbag
inflators

<http://>

[www.motorcyclistonline.com/
honda-recalls-gl1800-and-gold-
wing-motorcycles-for-faulty-airbag-
inflators](http://www.motorcyclistonline.com/honda-recalls-gl1800-and-gold-wing-motorcycles-for-faulty-airbag-inflators)

UT House committee advances
helmet law for riders under 21

[http://www.deseretnews.com/
article/865674744/House-
committee-advances-helmet-law-
for-riders-under-21.html?pg=all](http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865674744/House-committee-advances-helmet-law-for-riders-under-21.html?pg=all);
[https://le.utah.gov/~2017/bills/
static/SB0159.html](https://le.utah.gov/~2017/bills/static/SB0159.html)

T-CLOCS checklist [http://www.msf-
usa.org/downloads/T-
CLOCS_Inspection_Checklist.pdf](http://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/T-CLOCS_Inspection_Checklist.pdf)

