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Events:

International Officers Conference

16–21 April 2019
Harrisburg, PA

5th Annual Mid-West Meet & Greet

June 2019
Location: TBD

2nd Annual East Coast Meet & Greet

9-11 August 2019
Lexington VA (Blue Ridge Pkwy)

Knights of the Round Table

October 2019
Location: TBD

From International

Knights,
This year marks 20 years that this organization has been in service. We never thought that this club would have grown to such a great organization. We appreciate all that you do and what you will do. Please keep up the great things and making the club even better. Keeping our legacy alive forever.

As we get ready to celebrate the 20th Anniversary at this year's International Officers Conference (open to all this year) in Harrisburg/Hershey

PA we want to ensure everyone has fun and a safe time. New for the IOC will be the 20th Anniversary coin. I have 200 with me and will only sell the first lot to those who attend. After the IOC I will post up an order form for chapters to place orders.

Those of you traveling long distance, please plan accordingly for the trip. Provide check in points, post up routs in FB and if possible have a wingman or someone who knows where you are. This way we can all have a fun time and let the

Shenanigans begin.

Thank you all for 20 great years!

Cheers

Adam "Ferris" Buehler

GKMMC International President



Chapter Communication

Knights, please understand that each chapter is a vital part of the GKMMC family and communication is key. We have noticed that a few chapters are either inactive or not communicating with International. If you are having issues please follow the bylaws and work them at the lowest level possible. However, please keep the Zone and International officers informed with the necessary updates. If you have an issue that cannot be resolved at the chapter level, please ask for help.

We are asking for you to reach out before the chapter

dissolves. Each top 4 chapter officer should have access to the DROP BOX to help operate your chapter efficiently and smoothly. It is a wealth of knowledge and guidance right at your fingertips. Since it contains personal data the link is for the top four ONLY. You can share information from the DROP BOX with members when required but never the link. Check your top four roster and ensure you send any updates to secretary@greenknightsmmc.org when changes are made. This ensures communication

lines stay open to you and your chapter. Thank you for your help in this matter and all you do!

We are waiting for communication from the following chapters:

2, 8, 9, 15, 17, 19, 33, 42, 51, 52, 53, 56, 66, 70, 78, 82, 88, 91, 92, 94, 97, 107, 108, 112, 113, 116, 122, 124, 125, 126, 127, 131, 132, and 133.

Respectfully,
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Mediterranean Excursion

By: Michael "Vyscera" Smith, GKMMC Paladin

Recently my wife and I took a 4 day vacation to the island nation of Malta. It's located in the Mediterranean sea, just 30 km south of the Italian island of Sicily. I couldn't pass up the opportunity to combine two of my favorite pastimes. Riding and exploring. With this in mind we rented a 125cc Peugeot Tweeter scooter for a day. The relatively slow road speeds and size of the island made the "small" scooter a good choice. Excellent MPG, easy parking and a cheap rental. The scooter allowed us to enjoy the warmer weather of the Mediterranean locale and visit places that public trans-

portation wouldn't have taken us to. Not to mention being on our own schedule. We rode around the eastern half of the coast, stopping at scenic vistas and beautiful coves. We ventured down a dirt rode not often traveled and were rewarded with amazing sights. At St. Peter's Pool we got to watch tiny jellyfish drift through the surf from 10 feet above. You have to keep your eyes out though. We came around one corner to find a herd of sheep being herded down the road! We even managed to find a remote spot on the western part of the island to watch the sunset. All this while totally removed from the groups of tourists that

flock to Malta.

Many countries have agreements with the USA to accept our driver licenses when we visit as tourists. Getting the rental was no different than getting one in the states.

If you have some travel plans in your future, I highly recommend renting a two-wheeled ride to get around and make your own adventure.



Wreaths Across America

By: Jane "ATA RED" Purvis
Chapter 144 Secretary

December 15, 2018 was like every morning in sunny San Diego, except that day was designated as National Wreaths Across America (WAA). San Diego Harley Davidson (SDHD), once again supported the event by opening the dealership early and supplying donuts, muffins, pastries and juice for the riders. The ride from SDHD to Fort Rosecrans National Cem-

etry was led by GKMMC, Chapter 144 Secretary, Jane "ATA Red" Purvis. She has coordinated and led that ride for five years and each year, more and more riders support the cause. The mission of WAA is to remember, honor and teach by laying Christmas wreaths on the headstones of our fallen brothers and sisters, that have gone before us. Several motorcycle clubs supported the event and rode with Chapter 144. After a moving ceremony, thousands of

wreaths were placed on our Veterans headstones. A particular Medal of Honor recipient, MA2 Michael Monsoor, was honored, days after his namesake ship, the USS Michael Monsoor (DDG 1001) arrived at Naval Station, San Diego.

Thank you to all the clubs and riders that participated and see you next year!



Staying Safe While Riding

By: Jarred "Scrape" Baker
International Safety Director

I have been with the Green Knights for over 10 years and was recently in my second major accident in the last five years. Fortunately, despite being banged and bruised, I'm still around to share my experiences and what I do to maintain safety while out on the road, especially when riding by myself.

First let me set the scene. Currently I'm stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio which is about 150 miles west of San Antonio. I opted to ride to San Antonio in support of Chapter 4's chili cook off which was held at their local Harley-Davidson shop. About 30 miles from home I struck a deer at 75 miles per hour. I do not remember anything from the accident. To be honest, the day or two after are still very vague to me. I have been able to piece together some of the accident through speaking with the first responders who arrived to take care of me afterwards. When I struck the deer, I flew off the bike and landed on my back in the middle of the roadway. The car behind me stopped to make sure nobody else hit me and blocked traffic. My protective gear which always includes a Kevlar jacket, armored gloves, and a full-face helmet, all received significant damage as a result of the accident. Responders stated I

was not able to make coherent sentences and they thought the head injury I had received was much more significant than the concussion it ultimately was. They were able to make contact with my loved ones because I had saved my emergency contact in my cell phone as "ICE." If you are not aware, first responders are often now trained to look for this specific contact in your cell phone if you're in an accident. ICE stands for "IN CASE OF EMERGENCY." The deputy on scene was immediately able to give my location and where I was headed for medical treatment to my family in order for them to come meet me. However, more importantly to my wife, he was able to let her know I was still alive.

Anytime I travel on my motorcycle for long distances I have a Spot Messenger tracking my location. If you're not familiar with this device, it has the capability to request medical assistance anywhere in the world based off your GPS coordinates. I pay for this service. It also provides the capability of sending messages to anybody on a predetermined list of contacts. This is an amazing tool if you're in an accident because you can instantly request help. Unfortunately, this device is only useful if you are able to access it. Based off of the head injuries I received I was not in the right frame of mind to try and

request assistance through the device. Nor was I physically able to find the device attached to the bike which had skidded away from me. Despite multiple contacts tracking me on that trip they would not have known I was in an accident until they determined that my bike had not moved in a certain period of time. The reason I bring this up is that I want to highlight no single measure that we take to stay safe while riding is foolproof. It takes a combination of multiple options and in some cases a little bit of luck to come through a serious accident.

Recommendations:

- 1) Always tell somebody where you're riding.
- 2) Always tell someone when you expect to arrive.
- 3) Always tell somebody the route you're taking.
- 4) If you have the capability for real-time monitoring via GPS it's a worthwhile investment.
- 5) Save an emergency contact in your phone under the title "ICE."
- 6) Wear all of your appropriate gear all the time!

We all know this hobby that we love has cer-

tain inherent risks. It is all of our jobs to make sure that we do what we can to return safely or in the safest manner possible to our friends and loved ones.

Finally, one of my roles as your International Safety Director is to document all accidents that occur within the club, mine included. If at any time as a Green Knights member, you are involved in an accident on your motorcycle please fill out the accident report form which is on our International Facebook page. This information when presented to commanders helps quantify what we do as a club and how we can benefit them by being the safety and mentorship program for their installations/units. I appreciate the outpouring of support I received over these last few weeks since my accident. It goes to show that we are truly a family who care about each other and want the best for each other.





Green Knights International Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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Membership Guidelines

By: *Don "Reload" Freese*
North American Zone SAA

Recently I've received a lot of inquiries about GKMMC membership criteria.

According to the March 5, 2018 International bylaws, an unrestricted full patch member must meet three criteria. They are a 1) DOD ID card, 2) a motorcycle endorsement on a valid driver's license, and 3) motorcycle ownership.

These criteria also apply to family members.

An "unrestricted" member is anyone who can hold any officer position in the Club. Chapter specific bylaws may be more restrictive. Some important references in the International bylaws are 4.1.1. "KNIGHT: ACTIVE MEMBER DUTIES AND LAWS" and 4.4.4.3 which talks about Squires petitioning to obtain full Colors. You should also

read 4.4.1.9 as it pertains to motorcycle ownership.

If you ever have any questions about the rules governing the operation of the GKMMC, contact your Zone or International SAA.

