

Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club®
International Board of Directors
Nominee Profile
International Vice President

1. Personal Profile
 - a. Name: Richard "Spike" Ostiguy
 - b. A.K.A. / Nick Name: Spike
 - c. State / Country: Central, Massachusetts U.S.A.
2. Red Knights Information
 - a. Current Home Chapter: Massachusetts Chapter IV
 - b. Positions Held at Chapter, State/ Provincial, International Level:
 - c. Chapter Level = Road Captain, Vice President and President.
 - d. International Level = Vice Chairman, Board of Directors 1990 - 1994. Interim Chairman, Board of Directors for part of 1990. International Vice President 1994 - 1995. Eastern Director (now Region 1) 2008 - 2009.
 - e. Years (total) In RKIFMC: Entering my 34th year.
 - f. Other (optional): Chaired multiple Chapter Poker Runs.
 - g. Chaired two (2) Statewide Charity Runs to Shriner's Hospital in Springfield, Massachusetts.
 - h. Bestowed Chapter (Mass. IV) "Life Membership" in 2010.
 - i. Bestowed R.K.I.F.M.C. "International Life Membership" in 2016.
- 3 Fire Service Affiliation
 - a. Name of Department(s): City of Holyoke
 - b. Number of Years in Department(s): 40 years
 - c. Positions Held: Currently; Sr. Lieutenant
 - d. Other (optional): Town of Warren, Captain's Rank (Paid Call 1978 - 1987). Town of Ware (Paid Professional, 7-1987 to layoffs 7-1989)
4. Platform for Re-Election
 - a. Primary reason(s) for running:

As it was two (2) years ago, remains an emphasis today... Member and Chapter retention.
We are over 10,000 members strong. But we are still losing members & chapters each year as well.
I will keep a mindful eye on this trend.
I will strive (and work with the Board) to implement ideas to reducing these percentages.
Also, as a Board Member, I am your sounding board. I am and always will be approachable,
ever improving the lines of communications between you the membership and your International Board.
The Member-At-Large (M.A.L.) program, conceived by our Founding Fathers. Established to accept firefighter's who do not live in an area with an already existing RK chapter. In the hopes that the M.A.L. will promote the Red Knights while finding six (6) other likeminded firefighter's and form a chapter of their own. This is the spirit in which the Member-At-Large was perceived. I will continue to promote this the M.A.L. concept.
Other duties and responsibilities of the office of International Vice President are so noted in our Constitution & By Laws but not limited to...Section 3:17, Page 24

 - The International Vice President oversees;
 - The Membership At Large (M.A.L's).
 - All Overseas Chapters.
 - All Ambassadors.
 - b. Vision for future of RKIMC:

Continue to grow, but not forget how we got here. I love the storied history of this organization, and what it has to offer.
As we go forward my/our vision for the future shall be that we not lose focus on the past.
We will continue to grow if we keep listening to our membership. "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts" (Aristotle).
5. Other:

I've been extremely humbled, honored and proud to have served you the members of this great family organization.
With your support I look forward to serving you once again. If you have any questions, comments, and or concerns,

by all means please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Skype: We can coordinate a group of members or your monthly meeting(s) skype.

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