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An open letter to the membership

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Subj: Grand Tour Chair, Boylston Dedication, Newsletter, Board Meeting protocol and other items

Hope this note finds all Knights well.

Our fall Executive Board meetings were very busy and productive. My previous letter explained the existing and expanded roster update policy, and its effect on the International Honors at funerals. This letter will highlight some other important items.

First, a thank you goes out to Emmett Duprey, PA39 for taking on the role of the Interim Grand Tour Chairperson. Please understand that as he takes on the role and works through a bit of a backlog of applications, there may be a delay. If you are waiting on any Grand Tour items, we appreciate your patience.

Second, thanks to the amazing support from so many members and chapters so far, we are happy to announce that we will not need to place a renter from the public into the Boylston house. We are still accepting donations to the Red Knights Memorial Foundation. To date, we have received just about \$30,000.00, with more pledges outstanding. If you or your chapter want to be recognized on the Charter Donors plaque, please remember that all charter donations need to be received by the end of the year.

The BIG date has been set! Please set your calendars for May 5th, 2018 for a trip to Boylston. On that Saturday, the International will be dedicating the Property of 595 Main St, Boylston, Mass to you, the membership. From that day forward, the house will be known as Red Knight Memorial Hall. We will also be rededicating the Red Knights Memorial Park to the membership as we will then have ownership of the park.

Between now and May many members will be working hard to ensure everything is ready for you. The house will be furnished and ready for your visits. After the dedication, the house may be used by you or your Chapter. A reservation form will be found online soon for you to set the dates for your future visits.

Third, during the last board meeting, research was done and legal counsel was sought in reference to the proper protocol for Executive Board meetings of corporations, After which, The following motion was passed;

Motion 2017-036

To better comply with By-Law 3:03 and by advice of legal counsel in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Executive Board meetings are for the attendance of the International Board of Directors. Others may attend under the following:

-The Executive Board may, by majority approval, invite individual(s) to enter the meeting for the purposes of making a presentation to the Board of Directors.

-Members wishing to make a presentation at an Executive Board meeting must notify the International Secretary 10 days prior to the meeting, including the purpose of the presentation. Up to the first 2 hours

of the spring, summer and fall Executive Board meetings will be made available for the presentations, without the majority approval of the Executive Board.

-As outlined in By-Law 3:26 and 3:27 or SOG 12:02.

To ensure everyone is aware of what we do during these meetings, the practice we put into effect a couple years ago of the meeting minutes being posted online will continue. Typically it takes a couple weeks after the meetings, so keep an eye on the website to find out how we are working for you.

Fourth, for the first time in many years the International will be mailing out a “Special Edition Newsletter” directly to each Red Knight household in 2018. Please ensure that your rosters are up to date with correct mailing addresses.

Fifth, as a note from the Red Knight Regalia, It is probable that the International Quartermaster will not be attending the Americade Rally. The drop in numbers of attendance and the Introduction of the Yankee Rally is showing us reasons that it would be a better service to more members to have the QM at Red Knight Rallies that have a larger attendance. More info to follow soon on where you can find the Quartermaster in person.

Sixth, the Gathering of the Knights Tournament will be hosted by the Red Knights International in 2018. For those who may not know, the Knights Of the Round Table(KORT) was started in 2009, it is a fun event attended by the Red, Blue, and Green Knights. With the help of TN 7, it will be in the Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge area of Tennessee. The dates will be Oct 12-14 more information will be sent out on this. The Green Knights have won the last 6 tournaments, we would like to see a great turnout for this multi club event and take the title of Best Knight home.

Lastly, The Red Knights Memorial Foundation website will be coming online this month. Keep a look out at RKIMF.org for a new source of information. Also, a quick heads up, if you or anyone you know is an experienced Grant Researcher/Grant Writer, please send an email to president@redknightsmc.com . The RKM will be looking to have an experienced person taking on a vital role in the organization.

As always,
Loyal to our Duty
Chris Gadway

