

RKMC 2016 International Convention

The 2016 Red Knights Motorcycle Club International Convention was held at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. The event was hosted by the Wisconsin Association of the Red Knights along with Chapter 9 of Illinois. This event was attended by 383 registered persons. In addition to this the banquet was attended by guests from the Lake Delton Fire Department as well as the Bagpiper and a few other guests.

When the planning committee first came together it was decided that, among other things, we should arrange for group rides and "on your own" rides. There were group rides to the Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, Pierce Manufacturing and the largest ride was from the Wisconsin Dells to the Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial in Wisconsin Dells. I was told a count of over 125 bikes plus a few cars went on this ride. The Ride to the Memorial began with a Police and Fire Department escort through the Dells. It was non-stop from the Dells to Wisconsin Rapids and back with controlled intersections the entire route. A big thank you goes to our Red Knights from Minnesota for their help with this. In addition to these rides there were 4 Grand Tour rides available as well as other scenic rides.

The Lake Delton Fire Department hosted our BBQ dinner as a conclusion to the Ride to the Memorial. They were great hosts even allowing us to climb their ladder truck for pics. For those who did not ride to the memorial a Trolley Shuttle from the host hotel to the Lake Delton Fire Department was provided.

The Banquet was a great event with a Lake Delton Fire Engine present in the banquet hall as the focal point for opening ceremonies. Many used this backdrop for pictures as well. In the adjacent banquet hall was a wedding reception. The groom was a firefighter and when the bride asked if they could get a picture of the two of them by the fire engine the Red Knights welcomed them with a round of applause.

Looking back on the convention I thank all who attended. We had a great time and represented the Red Knights well.

There are as many stories as there were attendees. This is but a snapshot of a great week spent with great people. I invite you to go to the 2016 Red Knights Convention – Wisconsin Dells Facebook page. Many who attended have posted there. Enjoy their thoughts and their pictures.

Rev. Norman C. Peterson, Secretary

Wisconsin Association of the Red Knights

The first picture is at the Banquet. The others are from the Ride to the Memorial and the "Cookout" at the Lake Delton Fire Department following the Ride to the Memorial.



At the Banquet



Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial Park



Arriving at Lake Delton Fire Department



