

Red Knights Chapter NY29
October 22, 2017
New Lebanon

Meeting called to order at 11.00am by President Paul Pratt.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Paul Pratt asked for a moment of silence on behalf of Charter Member Bill Hughes who passed away Saturday evening, October 21. Services will likely be held in Chatham; Paul would advise when arrangements are known.

Roll Call – 8 members answered roll with one guest: Linda O'Dell.

Minutes of the July 21, 2017, meeting emailed to the Chapter October 18th. A motion was made by Carol Goold, and seconded by Eugenia Browning, to accept the minutes as emailed, with all in favor and none opposed; so carried.

Correspondence:

- Eugene Browning presented a picture from the Fire News of the Americade Red Knights ride on June 7, 2017. This was a group photo of all the riders in front of Hague Market, in Hague, NY, supporting the owner had been beaten and shot. It was a great ride enjoyed by all who participated.
- An email was received from International reminding us that our dues for 2018 are due in their offices at December 31. Lisa has begun collecting them. Dues for Active Members is \$24; Dues for Social Members is \$19.

Treasurer – Treasure's Report was submitted by President Paul Pratt. A motion was made by Dave Goold, and seconded by Eugene Browning, to approve the report as submitted, with all voting in favor and none opposed; so carried.

Vice President's Report – Nothing at this time, however: Vice-President PJ Proper is still working with the Derryl Miller and his family to set a date to deliver his Christmas in September gift.

Road Captain – Nothing at this time.

Quartermaster – Nothing at this time.

Committees:

2017 Run to the Home – Gifts were delivered to the Fireman's Home on Wednesday, September 6. It was a very nice collection of large number wall clocks, cds, and other items. Alfreda assured us that the residents will be thrilled.

2017 Christmas in September – On October 7, Laura Foster did an amazing job organizing the Germantown Firehouse for our delivery of Christmas in September gifts for Mr. Christopher Mullins to his family. Mr. Mullins was not able to attend as they were keeping him free from germs in preparation for a visit to NYC for tests the following week. His family was very thankful for the gift. We then drove to visit Mr. Tom Stoner – while still bed-ridden, he looks so much better than he did at our visit last year.

2018 Yankee Rally – Meeting was held at Todd Spinners Offices:

- Coin has been designed
- Working on revised size rocker to fit as it was originally intended to be
- Ginger was added as an Admin to the Rally page
- PJ asked if there could be a link to the Rally Page for those who are not on FB – Paul will look into that.

Old Business – Nothing at this time.

New Business:

- Eugene Browning mentioned that there were several firefighters were very ill: Bob Waters has lung cancer; Bud Godfery has had stomach surgery; Mike Burrows is in the hospital. With regard to Mr. Waters, Eugene wondered if we might not be able to put together a fundraiser, similar to what we did for Mr. Blish at the Chatham Fire House. Everyone agreed to support the event – it just needed to be organized and let us know what, when, where, etc. The Brownings will research and get back to everyone.
- On a related note, Carol Goold asked about having a Sunshine Club in light of the number of people currently ill. I advised everyone that, when notified that a card needed to go out I send them. I have sent cards for graduations, bereavement,

etc., all along when I have been able to figure it out. Since I don't know a great majority of the firefighters or their families, I just need to be told to who, why, and where to send the cards and it will be done.

- As a starting point for the planning of the 2018 Run to the Home, President Paul Pratt has suggested that we push the date to later in the Summer as we will be heavily involved with planning the Yankee Rally, and getting ready for Americade, at the time we would normally be holding our Run. It will be brought up at our annual meeting for discussion among a larger number of members.

Good of the Chapter:

- Chatham Firehouse is resuming in Sunday Breakfast Buffets – Second Sunday of the Month from 8a – 11a
- Saturday, November 3 from 6-9pm – Ladies Night Out by the Tri-Village Ladies Auxiliary
- Halloween Parades on October 31: Chatham, Ghent, and Niverville

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 19, place TBD (Judith will follow-up with Jim Maruniak as Germantown traditionally hosts the November meeting.

Thank you, Lebanon Valley, for hosting our meeting and the delicious lunch.

Motion to adjourn made was by Carol Goold, and seconded by Eugene Browning, with all voting in favor and none opposed; motion carried.

Meeting closed at 11.45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith K. Shea
Secretary