



The Rockin' Rhino Road Report JANUARY 2021

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KonB U.S.A. NATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION UPDATE



So Long 2020 – Helloo 2021! Happy New Year, Brother Knights!

Time for a fresh start with fresh ideas and fresh focus! There is so much to be thankful for in our lives, if only we open our hearts, souls, and minds to change, growth, and opportunity!

Opportunity is often disguised as change. Unfortunately, change is resisted because status quo and indifference are easier to accept. KonB is at a critical pivot point as we twist the throttle and ride into our first **Official Knights on Bikes National Presidential Election in the USA** on January 15th. Our ballot has 3 worthy brothers: Mike Rutland (WA), Mickey Huber (AR), and Bob Bagley (MI).

You can see their bios on the [Knights on Bikes International website](#), but I reached out to all three candidates, via Facebook Private Messenger on 12/31/2020, to learn more about them, their thoughts for growth, and how to achieve their goals.

Here are their responses, with images from their Facebook profile so you can recognize them more easily...



Brother Mike "Slider" Rutland (Washington)

Q: With the upcoming KonB Presidential election, I wanted to reach out to you to learn more about your thoughts on where you would like to see KonB go and, very importantly, what is your plan for getting us to that destination?

A: For some time now, previous Presidents have tried unsuccessfully to integrate KonB with the Order. They attempted to position KonB as another arm of the order like the Fourth Degree. I believe this is why the Orders hierarchy has been resistant to our attempts. I believe the best way is to arrange either an in person or online meeting with Supreme to discuss all obstacles. My vision for KonB is to become a recognized program under Faith, Family, Community, or as a program unto itself. If you

think about every time we ride with the emblem of the order on our vests, we represent the Knights of Columbus. We are first and foremost Knights and are called to evangelize to all we meet.

I remember shopping for leathers for my 10-year-old granddaughter prior to taking her to the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally in Baker City, OR. As we were leaving the store she exited before me wearing her leathers. As I exited the store, I found her surrounded by a group of Banditos. They were making a fuss over her and complimenting on her new leathers. I approached one of them and thanked them for making her millennium. I asked if their local president was with them. I was introduced to him and thanked him for his members being gentlemen to my granddaughter. We shook hands and it was then he grabbed my arm turning me around and asking, 'what is that patch on the back of your vest'. I explained it was the emblem of the Knights of Columbus. I went further and told him about the Knights being the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world. I could see he was interested in what I was saying. We talked for a good five minutes. I did ask if there was a problem with the patch on the back of my vest, he answered, "no you guys are good in my book." For those few minutes I was evangelizing to the local leader of a 1% motorcycle club. My point is, we as faithful Catholics and Knights need to be fearless evangelizers to those God places in our way.

Also, I believe we need better lines of communication. That means from the top down as well from the bottom up. If an organization fails in communication, they are doomed to failure.

We need to improve the level of communication from the president down through all the state presidents. To do this I would, conduct quarterly online meeting where all the state presidents dialed in. At this meeting information from the executive board would be disseminated. Additionally, this would give the state presidents a forum to discuss their concerns, share problems they are experiencing, and solicit help or ask advice. Also, we need to clean up our state rosters and ensure that the state presidents forward them to National. That way all our brothers will have a say in any election. Additionally, if we are ever going to get the recognition from Supreme, we need to update our By-Laws and Procedures to be more congruent with those of Supreme.

To bring our brotherhood together, and help us further evangelize our faith, I would propose that in the off years of the national rally, every state organize a statewide Rosary Run. At least two states are currently doing this in some form. Washington calls it a Rosary Ride, Florida calls it a Shrine-to-Shrine Run. It's where the KonB members, and invited guests, ride to five different parishes or shrines and pray one decade of the Rosary. This could be planned for every state to do this on the same day during a weekend. Imagine us all, from North to South and East to West riding and praying the Rosary on the same day. That my brothers would get Supremes' attention.



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Brother Bob "Ace" Bagley (Michigan)

Q: With the upcoming KonB Presidential election, I wanted to reach out to you to learn more about your thoughts on where you would like to see KonB go and, very importantly, what is your plan for getting us to that destination?

A: Good evening my Brother, thank you for the question. I would very much like to see the Knights on Bikes organization recognized by Supreme. Right now the Supreme Knight is leaving it all up to the individual States making it difficult for some States because their State Councils would like the Supreme Council to make that call. I personally have had the opportunity to speak with a few of the members of the Supreme Council that are all for us being recognized but Carl is holding off. He was to

retire at the last convention but, with Covid he held off. The next Supreme Knight, which I had the pleasure of having drinks with, said he would recognize Knights on Bikes right away. I, as National President, plan to ride with Our State Deputy of Michigan to the Convention in Colorado of 2021 in August. This would show our support to Supreme as well as keep in contact with Supreme throughout the year as I have been.

We had a Dignitary from the Vatican, Cardinal Burke, fly into Michigan for some meetings, I was called and asked if the K on B in Michigan would Escort him while he was here! We had a large group volunteer to do this while he road with undercover officers to his destination, quite an honor.

I would also like to see more States involved with the Silver Rose Escort, funeral escorts for any Brother Knight, not just 4th Degree, which would mean a Great deal to their Families.

We have our K on B store starting up, Amendments to our Bylaws to be voted in, I would like to start up a quarterly zoom meeting to include State Officers and National to better the communications across the Country. I would like to see these things through to completion which would make the transition of the next administration a much smoother action than with what I had in 2017 and would lay the groundwork for continued success of Knights on Bikes both in the United States and the world.



Brother Michael "Mickey" Huber (Arkansas)

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A: I would like to see KonB get to the same type position as the degrees. A recognized branch of the KofC or at least a recognized ministry of the Knights Of Columbus. I also want to move our structure and organization to follow the KofC in regards to representation. Making sure that each state, province and nation has equal representation in voting. We need to follow the KofC model when it come to our international meetings.

We have grown from four states and less that one hundred member at the time I formed the Arkansas State KonB to a international organization spanning North America and the Philippines.

With this all being said I pushed hard at the first international rally which I organized to hold our rallies every two years in order for us to come together. During that first rally we made the description of what we are to follow St. JOHN-PAULS mission to evangelism. That rally we became a "Catholic Evangelization to the Motorcycle Community" I want to see out organization grow by working with the Officers of KonB and KofC which will make our organization more solid and grow into other countries that the KofC is established. I hope this answers your questions. Viva Christo Rey!



REGISTERED MEMBERS OF KNIGHTS ON BIKES CAN VOTE ON

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