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2017 International Convention Report

Wow - another year has flown by! I have now been a member of the Red Knights International Board of Directors in one position or another for 24 Years; and have attended every International Convention since 1991! 2017 will be my 26th convention, but I never realized when I joined the Red Knights what a major affect it would have on my life. I have had opportunities to help build this great organization into what it is today, made new friends, been able to work with, and to learn from, the great members that have contributed to our growth and success both in the past and the present; and with many new exciting things to come in the future with our continued growth around the world, I find that being a part of the Red Knights is every bit as exciting and stimulating today as I did when I first joined.

As the Region 2 Director I have continued to maintain contact with the chapters in the Region, informing them of events and notices from the International and other Associations within the Region and helping them with the development of their chapters, encouraging all the chapters and MAL's to contact me with any questions or problems they may be experiencing within the Red Knights Organization.

I have continued to maintain a time log of time spent as the Regional Director along with updating the Procedures manual for the Position of Region 2 director.

Since last year's ABM on August 16th 2016 till the time of writing this report I have spent a total of 325 Hrs. averaging 6.5 Hrs. per week, on International projects assigned to me along with Region 2 Business and the addition of the time spent attending the International Board meetings held on the following dates.

August 20, 2016 (Board meeting held after the ABM)
September 16, 2016 Association 6 Executive meeting in Coburg Ontario
November 5-9 2016 Board meetings in Baltimore Maryland
November 25, 2016 Association 6 Executive meeting in Coburg Ontario
April 5-9 2017 Board meetings in Baltimore Maryland
May 20-22 Ontario Association weekend get together in Calabogie Ontario
June 2-4 Yankee Rally in Rutland Vermont
June 5-8 Lake George Americade meeting up with the members of the Red Knights that were there to take part in the Red Knights ride on Wednesday June 7th, hosted by New York 3

And of course the Red Knights Open House and BBQ at the Lake George Fire hall hosted by New York 12.

Unfortunately I was not able to take an active part in either event, as after arriving in Lake George I threw my back out on Sunday night and that had me laid out flat for four days.

I am looking forward to attending the June 24-25, 2017 Firefighters Memorial service to be held at the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst Ontario.

As well I will be attending the July 21-23rd Ontario Association 6 ABM in Midland Ontario being hosted by the Ontario Chapter 21.

Then there will be the International 2017 convention in Syracuse New York August 15 -20 2017 hosted by the New York State Association and attending the International board meetings that will be held during that week. I hope to see many of you at the convention.

Respectfully submitted by
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