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REGION 7 DIRECTOR 2017 Year report.

First January 2017 - December 31, 2017

First, I wish you and your Family a Happy New Year 2018,

What's an Amazing year 2017 with joy and sorrow.

It's a pain because we lost three members in Europe this year and we will remember each one warmly.

We will keep in our minds our **Padre, Shorty** and **Erich**.

The acquisition of the Memorial House in Boylston was of course the highlight of the year 2017 and the members's solidarity to seek a viable solution to maintain the Memorial in the future years shows how much we are attached to the memories of our members.

However this year has been rich in meeting and new members have joined us. 24 new MALs and no less than 4 chapters for 31 members are now one part of the family.

I am always happy to meet our sisters and brothers and two special moments have marked this year 2017.

The first is the Annual Meeting in Syracuse. There have been a lot of new meeting and important decisions have been made. The solidarity between the participants and the welcome of the new ones was simply wonderful.

The second highlight of this year 2017 was the fabulous EuCon 2017 in Germany. The irreproachable organization, the quality of the logistics, the fraternity of the members present, the beauty of the landscapes crossed during the motorcycle rides and finally the international complicity of the Red Knights captivated the participants.

Every year, EuCon evolves better and we are all looking forward to be able to meet in Ireland.

I am not talking here about the many organizations that each chapter does on charity, Winter or Summer Parties, which allow us to see each other often but also show how much we are attached to meet each other.

Last but not least, I also want to remind you that it is very important to keep Rosters up to date.

Indeed, on 22 occasions in 2017, we lost members who were not in a Roster. This means that we can not honor them appropriately by reserving a place for them at Heaven One.

Therefore, each chapter is asked to send each quarter the update of the Rosters,

Please find here details about Region 7 :

1. New Members at Large, New Chapters and New Countries.

• **New Members at Large (24 members)**

- * Jens KRAGBAEK (DENMARK)
- * Jane KRAGBAEK (DENMARK)
- * Michael JACOBSEN (DENMARK)
- * Johannes KRUEZKAMP (GERMANY)
- * Steve MARSHALL (GERMANY) - old Germany XI
- * Joke TONN (GERMANY) - old Germany XI
- * Tom WADE (ENGLAND) - old England 1
- * Kelvyn THOMPSON (ENGLAND)
- * Yoann FRISA (SWITZERLAND)
- * Kristina JOERGENSEN (DENMARK)
- * Ulf GRUBER (GERMANY)
- * Benjamin BEDEMAN (GERMANY)
- * Christian SCHWÄGER (GERMANY)
- * Steffen MAURER (GERMANY)
- * Alan BLACKLEE (ENGLAND)
- * Simon SCHULIEN (GERMANY)
- * Gordon HASMANN (GERMANY)
- * Lotte JENSEN (DENMARK)
- * Craig MILLER (ENGLAND)
- * Lindsay MILLER (ENGLAND)
- * Nikolaus Hartmann (GERMANY)
- * Joerg Hoefken (GERMANY)
- * Sven Thoke (GERMANY)
- * Armand Diserens (SWITZERLAND)

• **New Chapters (4 - 31 members)**

- * Germany 15 in PASSAU (7 members)
- * France 5 in LOOS (8 members)

- * Germany 16 in EDEWECHT (8 members)
- * France 6 in ROMBAS (8 members)

• **New Countries (0)**

- * None

Passing Members of Region 7

- Rainer "Padre" Lipp (GERMANY 1), European Padre February 1, 2017
- Peter "Shorty" Sterchi (SWITZERLAND 2), September 4, 2017
- Erich Hodel (SWITZERLAND 1), November 11, 2017

Region 7

- 89 MAL
- 804 Chapter members (893 members)
- 19 Countries
- 15 languages
- 47 Chapters

2. Region 7 Director's duty

- Participation :
 - * January 22, 2017 : Belgian Chapter's President Meeting (Brussels - Belgium) Visit our European Padre (Mehßkirch - Germany)
 - * February 18, 2017 Participation of European Board Meeting (Giessen - Germany)
 - * February 18, 2017 : Winter Party of Germany III (Giessen - Germany)
 - * March 4, 2017 : RKMC Belgium 4 wedding (Braine-L'Alleud - Belgium)
 - * March 18, 2017 : 2020 Annual Convention Meeting (La Fere - France)
 - * April 5 - 9, 2017 : Spring Meeting (Baltimore)
 - * April 17, 2017 : Televie Ride against Cancer (Ronquière - Belgium) by Belgium 4
 - * April 25-19, 2017 : UK & Ireland 2017 Meeting (Rhuddlan - Wales) by Wales 1
 - * May 6 - 7, 2017 : EU Board Meeting & Switzerland Party (Andelfingen - Switzerland) by Switzerland 1
 - * May 21, 2017 : Fire Ride (Uchaud - France) by France 4
 - * May 25 - 29, 2017 : Mediterranean Rally 2017 (Le Lavandou - France) by France 2
 - * June 4, 2017 : Charity Ride (Jemeppe - Belgium) by Belgium 6
 - * June 17, 2017 : 2020 Annual Convention Meeting (La Fere - France)
 - * June 17, 2017 : Gathering of the Knights (Oostkamp) June 17 - 18 by Belgium 2
 - * July 7 to 9, 2017 : Anniversary of Germany 2 (Wolfenbuettel - Germany)
 - * August 4 to 6, 2017 : Knight of Round Table (Thune - Switzerland hosting by France 2)
 - * August 17 to 20, 2017 : Annual Convention (Syracuse - USA)
 - * August 26, 2017 : Charity Ride France 3 (La Fere - France)
 - * August 27, 2017 : Charity Ride Belgium 7 (Luxemburg - Belgium)

- * September 8 to 10, 2017 : European Meeting (Viebigstraße 1, 02782 Seifhennersdorf - Germany hosting by Germany 7 and Germany 10)
- * September 30, 2017 : Charity Ride of France 3 (La Fere - France)
- * Octobre 1, 2017 : Charity Ride of Belgium 1 (Amay - Belgium)
- * October 25 - 30, 2017 : Fall Meeting (Baltimore)

- 2422 emails, 440 hours Office business, 68 days travel for visit.

3. Region 7 Director's next business

- Visit of different places :
 - * February 23 - 25, 2018 : Europe Association Meeting and Winterrock party Germany 3
 - * May 1 - 6, 2018 : Spring Meeting and Opening of Memorial House (Boylston)
 - * May 25 - 27, 2018 : Fifth anniversary of France 2 (Le Lavandou - France)
 - * June 15 - 17, 2018 : 10th anniversary of Germany 1 (Messkirch - Germany)
 - * July 13 - 15, 2018 : Germany 8 Wedding (Kall - Germany)
 - * August 3 - 5, 2018 : Knights Of Round Table (Fribourg - Germany)
 - * August 14 - 19, 2018 : ABM (Pittsburg - Pennsylvania - USA)
 - * September 7 - 9, 2018 : EuCon (Cork - Ireland)
 - * October 31 - November 4, 2018 : Fall Meeting (TBD - USA)
- Visit of Norway 1 : this chapter is far away from the other chapters. My last experience with Croatia 1 proved it's important to have a face to face contact with isolated chapter to motivate them to visit other chapters and join the group during European events. I want to take contact and visit this chapter during 2018.

4. General Informations from Region 7

- Don't Forget :
 - * February 10, 2018 : Winter Party Germany 7 (Beiersdorf - Germany)
 - * May 5 - 6, 2018 : Switzerland 1 Party (Anfdelfigen - Switzerland)
 - * May 20, 2018 : Fire Day of France 4 (Uchaud - France)
 - * May 31 - June 3, 2018 : Red Knights Gardasee Week-end by Switzerland 4 (Gardasee - Italy)
 - * June 15 - 17, 2018 : Charity Ride Belgium 2 (Oostkamp - Belgium)
 - * June 16, 2018 : Fireman Ride and BBQ by Croatia 1 (Croatia)
 - * July 13 - 15, 2018 : Germany 2 Chapter Party (Wolfenbuttel - Germany)
 - * August 2 - 26, 2018 : Fifth anniversary Switzerland 3 (Tschorren Brünig - Switzerland)

5. On the grill

- Request of opening Chapter from
 - * Czech Republic (1) : second contact, supported by Germany 7 (new country)
 - * France (1) : in the southwest, supported by France 2

- * Belgium (3) : one has send his application, one is stand-by and one will be send his application soon
- * Germany 18 (1) : in Leipzig. Application is ok but open first January
- * Switzerland 5 (1) : in Trois-torrents - Valais Application is ok but open First January

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