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2017 Convention Report

Hello to all my brother and sister Red Knights!

Well, it is hard to believe we are getting ready to celebrate the USA's 241st birthday in just a few days! It is good to know that the 2017 Convention is just around the corner and I get to see old friends and make new ones!

Your International Secretary has been very busy since the beginning of 2017. There are some new procedures in place that are helping everyone involved in the process and some old procedures are now in the 21st century! I have attended the Spring Board Meeting in Baltimore and the Dixie and met with quite a few Chapters along the way. I have also spent an average of 25 hours a week on my Secretary duties. These include email, reports, conference calls, meetings, TMLA's, insurance, new Chapter, and all the smaller behind the scene work that is always done just to keep things organized.

Since the inception of the digital signature TMLA process in January, we have successfully approved sixty-eight (68) TMLA's with an average turnaround time of just over two hours! That is right, I said two (2) hours! The times of waiting weeks before you could start producing an idea for your Chapter is over. I have had the pleasure of approving items for Australia and Europe in a matter of minutes! This has been a great move for all of us. Speaking of the TMLA's I am still working to get all 3,000+ scanned and refiled to make sense and to make it easier to locate artwork and approve items that may be similar so we do not step on each other's ideas. This will be a long process on the front end but will pay dividends for all of us for years to come. Seems like the more filing I do, the more I see needs to be done to organize it all!

We have added thirteen (13) Chapters already this year as well and I have just received a couple interest emails for new Chapters. If the current Chapters need Membership Cards, please contact your Regional Director and they will be able to get them to you.

We have already insured twenty-four (24) Chapter events this year and I am getting new requests every week as it is time to ride! Please take advantage of this great program we have. It is a



good piece of mind for the Chapter for a very low cost. If you have any questions about the insurance, please call or email me.

The advertising in our low membership areas has hit its stride and I am looking forward to getting the calls and emails asking for more information soon.

I am happy to say that improving the way the TMLA program worked was my number one goal and it is all moving without any kinks so far.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone again for your support in electing me to fill this position. I can promise that I will continue to put everything I have toward making our organization a better place for all of us. If anyone has any questions, concerns, ideas, or just wants to chat, please feel free to call or email me anytime.

Just as a reminder for ALL Chapters. Make sure your email is up and running and being checked by someone because ALL official documentation coming from this office will ONLY go to the Chapter email address assigned by the RKIFMC.

As always, keep the shiny side up and your knees in the wind!

Loyal to Our Duty
Jack Jarvis
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