

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Here we find ourselves, at the end of yet another year. As I said in my Convention Report, 2018 was a roller coaster ride for me. Thankfully, since Convention, everything has been going well in my personal life, as well as my Regional Director life. I would like to take this moment to thank the eight Region 1 State Reps/State Presidents for all the hard work you do. Without the eight of you, my life would be very chaotic. Keep up the great work!

We had a few things go on since the Convention. There have been many State meetings and elections, some I've had the fortune to attend. I hope you had a chance to enjoy the many events that were held from chapter to state to regional events. 2018 was full of fun and many miles. I know for me, 2019 is shaping up to be bigger and better. I hope it will be for all of you as well!

I send my continued prayers to all of you who may have lost someone, as we've suffered many losses in 2018. Please, keep the ties strong with the families of members who have passed. We are a part of the memory of their loved one, and that memory must live on.

We're in the process of dealing with some minor web issues. Our Red Knights Memorial Foundation website is currently down. If you'd like to make a reservation to stay at the Red Knights Memorial Hall, you still can do this by visiting the International website at www.redknightsmc.com and click on the link at the top of the page. You may also make a donation to the Red Knights Memorial Foundation at the International website by clicking the "Donate" button in the middle of the page. We thank all of you who have continued to donate to the RKM.

The 2018 Red Knights International Convention was held in Pittsburgh, PA and was a lot of fun! The highlight for me was visiting the Flight 98 Memorial. An emotional experience, to say the least. If you have never been, I highly suggest it. The International Board brought back the Break-Out sessions and a Question and Answer session this year and they were both a huge success. We intend to continue this on the Friday of future Conventions. Break-Out sessions included topics such as TMLAs, Insurance, Grants and Rider Safety. The Q & A session was an opportunity for members to ask the Board questions relating to Bylaws, Bylaw proposals, SOGs, etc. As this is in a much smaller group than when everyone is attending the Annual Business Meeting, it affords the opportunity for more questions in a less overwhelming setting.

The 2019 International Convention will be held in Lincoln, NH at Loon Mountain Resort. You can find information for the 2019 International Convention by visiting <https://2019redknightsnhconvention.org>. The White Mountains of New Hampshire have some of the best riding in the Northeastern United States. Will we see you there?

Lots of fun is still to come in 2019! The 2019 Yankee Rally will be held in Marlborough, MA at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel and Trade Center. The hotel is just a short ride from the Red Knights Memorial and Memorial Hall, which will be open for touring during the Yankee Rally. Plus, there are plenty of State Picnics and BBQs planned, not to mention countless charity rides you all host. I look forward at seeing you soon. Until then, ride safe and Red Knights Forever!

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