

Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this report my first full year as Region 5 Director has come to an end. I would like to express my thanks to all the members for allowing me to represent them on the board. It has been an interesting and exciting year. I really enjoy meeting knights from our region as well as from all over the United States and Canada and the rest of the world.

This year I attended the spring board meeting and dedication of the Red Knights Memorial Hall and rededication of the memorial itself. It was a moving experience that I will never forget. If any of you have the chance to visit it is worth your while. During that week we attended board meetings in the mornings and worked on the property in the afternoons to get it ready to present to the membership. I helped with the final details of the memorial, but the previous director Gil Rekken deserves most of the credit for making it a reality. Being new to the board it was a great way to get to know the other board members on a casual basis. After that I attended the Western Rally which was held in Minnesota this year. The Minnesota chapters did an awesome job, and everybody had a great time. I also attended the annual convention in Pittsburg, PA. Rode from North Dakota to Pittsburg which was a lot of fun if you leave out Chicago. It was my first full convention as a board member. The convention was a lot of fun and met a lot of Red Knights. I also attended the fall board meeting in Baltimore. I feel we got a lot accomplished in the time we had there. Most importantly the slimming down of the bylaws.

Regionally I attended a benefit ride put on by MN4, and a 911 tribute ride put on by ND1. Sadly, I had to attend a funeral for a Minnesota member who was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident. Randy Darling will be missed. We also lost the president of BC3 from his courageous battle with cancer. Dave Rogers will also be sadly missed.

I have also tried to or have contacted all the presidents of Region 5. There are only a few that I haven't been able to contact. The chapters seem to be getting the hang of the roster updates, so let's keep up the good work. I will be up for reelection this year and would love to serve another term. If anyone wishes to run, I would be glad to help them with the process to do so.

In closing, I am always willing to listen to concerns of the region. I have received some constructive criticism from members from region and I only think that it makes me a better director. I am here for the members, let me know what you want changed. The Western is in Edmonton, AB. Hope to see you there, it will be a great time.

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