

Region 3 Director – Trey Anderson

Brothers and Sisters,

Sitting down at the computer trying to come up with how to start this, and honestly make any attempt at writing this report has proven to be extremely difficult. You should be reading this report at our beloved annual convention. A tradition that has been uninterrupted for over 35 years. It pains me a great deal to know we all were supposed to be enjoying France with our brothers and sisters across the big pond! However, even if it meant missing out on our favorite event of the entire year, we are all doing the right thing and practicing social distancing and following our local guidelines to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Since COVID, has affected our region along with all the others, slowing down much of our travels due to all the federal and local guidelines as well as financial situations due to many members jobs possibly being effected. Though, this has affected our travels in a negative way, it has also had a positive effect on our chapters becoming closer within themselves. Doing more patch rides and riding in small groups, with all major events being cancelled in the previous months. I truly think that in the long haul this will play an important role in several chapters revitalizing.

On a more positive note, congratulations to Michael Woods and the new board members of the newly chartered Indiana State Association. After a great meeting, early in the year, we were able to bring the chapters of Indiana together. With help from Moon and the Illinois Assoc. I believe the new found Indiana Assoc. will take off and be an extreme asset for the future success of the Red Knights Worldwide.

With regards to Bootlegger coming up, The Illinois State Association has really taken this on and exceeded my expectations amidst a pandemic. I believe this event will be one of the best to come. I'm extremely excited that our event will be able to take place. It will be very welcoming to see many familiar faces from across the US even though, majority of our other events had to be cancelled this year. I truly believe Bootlegger 2020 will be a major success. I'm sure whomever takes the Bootlegger on for 2021 will have big shoes to fill! I want to send all my well wishes, gratitude, and the best of luck to The Illinois State Association as they conquer this quest during these crazy times!

All, with the quarantine and limited activities I hope the best for everyone and their families the remainder of riding season and the rest of the year! 2021 and all the events to come are bound to be epic. Everyone stay safe, healthy, and strong during these tough times.