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Hello

2015 was filled with many great rides, meeting new members and making great and new friends.

After twelve years, I will step down as the International Secretary at the Annual Business meeting in August 2016. During my term as International Secretary, there were a lot of first. I have been proud to serve you the membership.

During 2015, I attended four RKMC International Board meetings, the Annual Business meeting, three RKR Board meetings, the Dixie Rally in New Orleans, hosted by LA 1 the first Yankee Rally in New York, hosted by NY 12, the Annual International Convention in San Antonio, Texas, the Ohio Association meeting, the 343 Ride in North Carolina, and the KORT rally in New Jersey, I also had the privilege to visit many of our chapters.

I have provided minutes of all meetings and submit copies to all Board members.

Since our last convention, we have lost 44 members of the Red Knight Family. I attended seven funerals/wakes of Red Knight members as the representative of the Red Knights International Board. Since this program started, I have attended 39 funerals/wakes as the representative of the Red Knights International Board. Additionally, in 2015, I send RKMC flags and Angel coins to six other families of members who passed away where we could not get a representative to in time or received late notice of the passing. It is our Honor to represent and give respect to those brothers and sister that answer their last call. I want to thank the other Board members who have also attended funerals/wakes for those who answer their last call. It is important that the chapter President notifies me as soon as possible so that we can get a representative to attend in timely manner. They should also notify their Regional Director next.

In April, 2013, I was appointed as the International Chaplain. In August 2013, I completed the requirements to become a License and Ordained Chaplain. I am now attending classes at Ohio Christian University. Since then God has opened doors for me in the Biker community to be of service to them. I been blessed to attend funerals/wakes for our members, conducted bike blessings, and have started a Chaplain's Corner in our newsletter.

I am here to serve you in and all ways that I can. If you need help, prayer or just need someone to listen, please reach out to me.



The trademark license program has is working well. We now have 1933 trademark license agreements with our chapters and outside vendors.. Some are still are still pending. We have 431 chapters that have an approved TMLA for chapter business. Please remember that we were able to combine all clothing items into one TMLA. Each chapter should apply for a “Clothing” TMLA which will allow the use of the Red Knight's name and logo on the following chapter specially clothing line: shirts, (tee, sweat, hooded, polo, golf, work, dress, turtle neck), tank tops, sweat pants, sport shorts, hats (all styles), chapter pullovers, jackets, wind shirts. Use of our name and logo must stay within the Red Knights By-Laws and must not have any profanity and be in good taste. What is in good taste as decided by the Board of Directors whose decision will be final and binding. The register mark (R) must be used on after our name/logo on all items. Do not use the mark of “TM”. We now have our name trademarked in 33 countries, including all of Europe.

In 2015, we insured 56 chapter events. There are still chapters who do not know about this program. We need to work on getting the word out to all chapters about this program. There were two new requirements; the first is the chapters now have to provide the route of their event when applying for coverage. This is to make sure that any accidents that may occur are covered by being to the approved route. The second is a new parental consent form for minors. Both sides of this form must be completed.

In 2015, we had 78 requests for information on starting new chapters. We approved 24 new chapters, as the numbers show, we are getting a lot of inquires but are not getting the same number of new chapters. One of the reasons is failure to follow up on the request of information for new chapters.

In 2015 I have advertised the Red Knights in 15 different states, provinces and countries.

The International By-Laws are posted on our web site. These are update after every Annual Business meeting where new By-Laws are approved. If a chapter/member wants to submit a By-Law change for the membership to vote on, please have them submit the request to Amy Gilliland (By-Law chairperson). She will see that it gets placed on the agenda for the Annual Business Meeting (ABM). The committee is working on a complete revision of the International By-Laws with a completion date of the 2017 ABM. Any member want to submit a b-law proposal is advised to submit it to the By-Law Chairperson at by-law@redknightsmc.com.

The SOG manual is posted on our web site under the link for Membership and is there for the members to use as a guide. In November, a complete update of the SOG manual was finished. It is of the utmost importance that the chapters stay current with this.

The Office of the Secretary has done the International Convention Handout Booklet containing all of the reports, by-law changes and other information that is given to each member in attendance when they registered for the last eight years. This allows the member



time to review what will take place at the ABM. It also includes a short bio on members seeking election to the International Board.

The International Board also appointed Stephanie Fowle (NJ 31) as the Newsletter Editor. The Board approved Steve Payne of AUS 1 and Steve Williams of ENG 2 as assistance editors for Australia, New Zealand and Europe. The first issue of the newsletter was outstanding.

The Board appointed Tom Delboi as the Communication Committee Chair, Stephanie Fowle as the Newsletter Editor and Amy Gilliland as the By-Law Chair.

I have carried out all the required duties of my office which includes but not limited to the following:

1. Maintaining the Trademark License Program
2. Ensuring the chapters obtain insurance for their events
3. Maintaining and updating the Motion Legers
4. Maintaining and updating of the SOG manual
5. Maintaining and updating of the Heaven One roster
6. Ensuring that all requests for information on starting new chapters is provided
7. Maintaining a data base of possible new chapters
8. Providing Board members of updated rosters, SOGs, By-Laws, Motion Ledger
9. Keeper of all RKMC records
10. All of the Red Knight's advertising
11. Answering of questions from members/chapters
12. Keeper of all RKIFMC equipment.

I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to work with the Red Knights Chapters and members for the past twelve years. I hope that I have been a help to you and your chapters.

Loyal To Our Duty
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International Chaplain
Life Member