

2021 VP Convention Report

Fraternal greetings everyone,

As the world heads in a positive direction to some semblance of normalcy, so do the Red Knights. Just know that Karen and I miss our entire Red Knights family and friends, aka “**Framily**.” We look forward to seeing many of you on the road and or at Red Knights functions real soon.

The next two (2) paragraphs (below) are worth re-visiting from my last year’s convention report.

As this year we have had a slight uptick in chapter members leaving or wanting to leave their chapters, and applying for Member-At-Large Membership.

Without sugar coating it... This is not how the M.A.L. program works.

Or how it was conceived by our Founding Fathers.

(from 2020) As most know, I oversee the Member-At-Large (M.A.L.) membership worldwide.

This classification of membership was conceived by our Founding Fathers.

The premise being... firefighters out there wanting to join the Red Knights family,

but did not live near an already established R.K. chapter. This classification of membership afforded those firefighters the opportunity to join. With that, it is our hope / our wish

that this M.A.L. member will promote the Red Knights, fostering six (6) other like-minded firefighters.

Ultimately starting a chapter of his/her own. Member-At-Large membership...

A steppingstone if you will, to chapter membership.

Chapter President’s, we ask that you reach out to the M.A.L.’s in your area. Invite them to your chapter’s meetings, rides, functions, etc. Include them in your e-mail mailings. If you do not have this M.A.L. information, using the chain of command, please contact your State/Provincial/Country Representative. They will gladly supply you with it.

With the spring meeting of the International Executive Board being postponed, your Executive Board have been participating in monthly/semimonthly conference calls, and “Zoom” meetings to date.

Representing the membership, since my last report I’ve attended / participated in:

- 2021 - Spring Board Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland Apr. 13-Apr. 17
- All conference calls and “Zoom” meetings of the RKI, RKR and RKMf
- As a Massachusetts Chapter IV member, I currently sit on the R.K. Memorial Hall/Park Committee

State of the Member-At-Large (M.A.L.) Program

At the time of this report... we have 347 M.A.L.’s (2020/2021=)

Region 1 = 13/47=60

Region 2 = 4/21=25

Region 3 = 3/26=29

Region 4 = 7/42=49

Region 5 = 13/33=46

Region 6 = 9/36=45

Region 7 = 5/71=76

Region 8 = 2/15=17

Member-At-Large applications thru the first six (6) months of 2021

January = 10 February = 11 March = 12 April = 13 May = 20 June = 15

Respectfully submitted,

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