REGION 1 DIRECTOR

2021 has been a whirlwind of a year. Fortunately, it is in the review mirror!

It has claimed many of our brothers and sisters and they have joined the ranks of the Heaven One roster. Please keep those families and chapters in your thoughts and prayers and honor them by continuing their legacy within your chapter. Since I was elected in August, I have had the distinct honor to present the International Heaven One protocols to four Region One deceased member families. If your chapter has questions about the Heaven One program, please contact your state representative for clarification and assistance. I can assure you; they can and will assist you.

During these first months as your Region One director, I have learned so much of the inner workings and day to day operations of this amazing organization. I am thrilled to see the Region One chapters thriving, working together, and keeping the lines of communication open between themselves, their state representatives and me. The Region One state representatives are working hard and doing a great job. As a group we have Zoom meetings and work together to keep moving forward. Chapters are continuing their fundraising efforts with revolutionary ideas by hosting rides and different events in a safe and organized manor. It makes me proud to see you all succeed in your own ways.

This past riding season I was able to attend many different events, some overnight trips, and numerous day trips. Most of my miles were logged with my wife Katie. Like me, she loves to tack on the miles on our Goldwing. I am happy to report that I have been able to visit and attended numerous rides, meetings, picnics, as well as simple meet-n-greets in New York, New Jersey, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Maine. Connecticut and Rhode Island can expect me this coming year, along with many other stops along the way.

I also had the pleasure of attending Vermont, New York, Maine, and New Jersey state meetings this year and I look forward to seeing you all during the 2022 season!

Congratulations to Massachusetts-2 member Rick Oliver for being the 2021 Perry Carter Award winner. Thank you for your years of dedication to our organization and the continued work that you do.

It does appear that the first Yankee Rally in 3 years will happen! The rally committee and New York Chapter 50 members are working hard to bring you all a safe, well-oiled, well planned, back to basics, Yankee Rally. The plans have been in the works for over 6 years now! All Rally information and registration forms can be found on the International website (www.redknightsmc.com) in the EVENTS section, as well as the official Yankee Rally 2022 “Take 2-in-22” Facebook page.

A reminder to any Region-1 chapter interested in hosting a Yankee Rally:

As decided in Clifton Park NY, Yankee Rally host chapters for the next 2 years (2023 and 2024) will be chosen in 2022. Then, at each rally going forward, we will select one hosting chapter, so the selected will have 2 years available for planning. For the 2023 host, you will have a year from June to put together a rally, so planning now for an awesome presentation will benefit you greatly in your bid.

I am averaging 10 to 12 hours a week performing my duties as your Region-1 Director. This time excludes any travel. This past fall I attended my first International Executive Board meeting via Zoom, and I look forward to the in-person spring meeting, scheduled to be held in Maryland, in April. It is my absolute pleasure serving the board, and I look forward to what is yet to come!

As we move into 2022, I have a few personal challenges to all the Region One chapters.
First, I highly encourage you and your chapter to visit the Red Knights Memorial Hall in Boylston, MA. You don’t have to stay the night, but if you can, so much the better. The reservation form is on the Red Knights website under MEMORIAL FOUNDATION. Stop and honor the Heaven One members listed on the memorial obelisks. Take it all in, see the 9-11 steel. It really is a special place that I firmly feel each Red Knight should strive to see. Secondly, as a chapter, reach out to a neighboring chapter, offer to meet with them, take a ride with them, have lunch with them, get ice cream, spend time together talking. That is where some of the best ideas come from. Doing so will form new friendships and build upon the brotherhood that we all have come to love!

My last challenge to everyone reading this report is to attend a local rally or the international convention. If there is only one event you can do a year, chose one and go! Once you attend a large event I believe you will understand what it truly is to be a Red Knight.

In closing, I hope you all had a very blessed holiday season with friends and family. I wish you all a safe and healthy New Year. Stay positive, be kind to one other and strangers alike. Keep moving forward and strive to be all you and your chapter can be. Give thanks and pray for all our service men and women, first responders and hospital staff, for keeping our freedoms, keeping us safe and taking care of us when needed.

I am always here as a friend or as your director.

Please always remain, “Loyal to our duty”

Red Knights Forever!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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