END OF YEAR REPORT 2022

Kia Ora Brothers and Sisters, well that years gone fast and what a year it’s been.

With the lifting of covid Restrictions and International Travel including border controls has allowed us all to get out and start riding and meeting up again.

It’s been a busy year for myself including a couple of visits to hospital one to have my prostrate removed due to cancer. I am not looking for sympathy but rather to encourage all my brothers out there to go and have a simple blood test for prostate Cancer on a regular basis.

It could save your life.

Happy to report all went well and 7 weeks later I was able to attend my first International Convention which was the 40th Anniversary Convention in Johnstown PA.

Where I finally got to meet all the Board members Face to Face for the first time

What an experience, so hard to put into words, Pennsylvania 22 members did an amazing job making the whole convention a very memorable event. Especially looking after the two Kiwis Kris North and Myself.

Moose you and your Chapter members rock, to many brothers and Sisters to thank individually but special thanks to Larry & Kathy Plovish. Big John Dill and Rytis Juzolenas who took us under their wings. Rich and Bec Merkosky for taking us out to Flight 93 much appreciated.

To all the Red Knights who I meet thank you for your kindness it showed me what it means to be member of the Red Knight Family

It was a busy time for the board, and we had some big days tied up in meetings including Annual Business meeting, Workshops, Convention Banquet and Installation of International Officers .

Thanks Joey your passion and leadership of the International Board of the Red Knights .Your Vision of the Red Knights Family is exactly how it should be and those who were present at the Annual Business meeting at Convention and listened to you back you 100% ! We are all Family and should treat every one as family WITH RESPECT .

I would estimate that I spend approx. 5 – 6 hours a week on Board Business

Region 8 membership continues to grow with a new Chapter Australia 22 Formed in April congratulations to all concerned

There has been continuing growth in the membership within chapters in New Zealand and Australia

New Zealand’s National Gathering took place in March 18th 2022 hosted by the Ngongotaha Volunteer Fire Brigade and NZ 3 a great weekend well attended, good time had by all even with some Covid restrictions in place ,

Australia’s National Gathering was held in Launceston Tasmania hosted by Australia 11

Tasmania is located 240 kilometers (150miles) south of the Australian Mainland unfortunately I was unable to attend but by all reports it was a great event

A big thanks to the Region 8 Chapter Officers there have been a huge improvement in getting rosters and Dues in on time and keeping your Chapters in Good Standing. Please keep it up

A special thanks to My wife Jan for the full support she gives me in this role.

Andy Young thanks again for all you do for Region 8 and yes I know its going to cost me quite a few Drinks as payment at the NZ Gathering in Reefton in March 2023

Ride safe look after yourselves and loved ones

Cheers

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