



## Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club<sup>®</sup> Inc. Office of the Region 2 Director Leo J. Patry <u>region2@redknightsmc.com</u>

## **Region 2 2023 Convention Report**

This is an exciting time for the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club in that this year we are holding our first international convention overseas.

This convention will be for a lot of our members will be the first time they will be able to meet members from around the Globe with the opportunity to make new friends with our brothers and sisters in the club.

I never realized when I joined the Red Knights 34 years ago what a major affect it would have on my life. I have been fortunate to have work with and to learn from, the great members that have contributed to our growth and success both in the past and the present.

The past years activities of the Red Knights chapters in region 2 have slowly come back to previous years levels, two years of Covid really played havoc with the activities of both the International and the chapters.

As the Region 2 Director I have attempted to maintain contact with all chapters in the region informing them of events and notices from the International and other associations within the region encouraging all chapters and MALs to contact me with any questions or problems they may be experiencing within the Red Knights Organization.

I continue to maintain a time log of time spent as the Regional Director along with an updated procedures manual for the position of regional director. I have continued to maintain the booking sheet for members to use the Red Knights Memorial House in Boylston Massachusetts, I urge all members to consider booking the house and traveling to the site to meet some of the founding father and see where it all began.

Since last year's convention in Johnstown Pennsylvania, I was able to attend the Ontario Association meet and greet event held in Smith Falls Ontario, the Dixie Rally in Pell City Alabama and this years Ontario Association ABM held in Port Perry Ontario.

I have attended all executive meetings of the international board including all Zoom meetings.

I also had the honor to arrange for the presentation of Heavens One Honors to the families of four region 2 members that have passed since the 2022 convention.

Sincerely yours in brotherhood Leo Patry