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Brothers and Sisters, as my first year in office comes to a close, I can honestly say I have found it rewarding, fun, and frustrating all at the same time, if you can believe that. I have seen firsthand what it takes to make this club, in my opinion, the best. From the first day of the 2022 International Convention in Johnstown until now, my phone rings probably 5-6 times a day on average along with texts and emails regarding Red Knights MC business. Some questions are easy to answer, and some may take a few days to get the right answer, and I have a very strong and knowledgeable group of board members to assist me.

Over the past year we have had new chapters start in region 4 and a few members relocate to South Florida and express interest in revitalizing FL1. They now have a current roster, and I am confident they will work to grow this chapter. We have had several members pass and receive Heaven One honors. I want to thank the state reps and other board members that attended funerals when I wasn't available to.

Since last August, I have attended several Red Knights events starting with the Convention in Johnstown, PA, and two weeks later Bootleggers Rally in DuBois, PA. While I am unsure of the exacts numbers, I do know that everyone there had a great time. We rode some beautiful mountain roads and went on an Elk seeking trip that Friday morning. Jamie Shaffer IN2 was like a little kid when we found a rather large herd and I'm glad that I was able to help him with that experience. We left for home on Sunday morning and anyone that follows me on Facebook knows I rode in torrential downpours and flooded roads for 3 days. I appreciate all of my brothers and sisters that kept checking on me to make sure I was safe. If you ask me, that is truly what brotherhood is all about. In October, I attended AL4's ride 3 Hots and a Cot for homeless veterans. We had amazing representation from several chapters, states, and regions. October 26th- 30th I attended the Fall Board meeting in Baltimore. This is when I realized what truly goes into making this club run. I would have never thought that it was much more than riding motorcycles and having fun, but my eyes were opened wide. On January 14th, Brandi and I attended the NJ After Christmas Party. This was our first time in New Jersey. We went into New York City to see the World Trade Center as well as Times Square with several other Red Knights. Brandi and I are always on the hunt for the best and most unique places to see and eat. I'm a huge mafia buff so we put together our own Sopranos Tour. We set out with Shawn "Chubbers" Halbert to find different locations from the show Tony's Sopranos house, Bada Bing (AKA Satin Dolls), we were even able to eat in the same booth that the final scene was filmed in at Holsten's Diner. Thanks Ernie Berthold and Ken May for helping us plan this adventure.

May 15th-21st, I attended the Spring Board Meeting and Dixie Rally in Pell City, AL. This was the first time a Board meeting was held in conjunction with a regional rally, it was a huge

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success. It provided the opportunity for members to meet the entire board without having to attend the ABM. I think everyone had a great time and we had over 300 attend.

I would like to thank the members of the international board for helping me to settle into this new position, and my wife Brandi of 18 years for supporting me and understanding the long hours and phone calls that are usually at very inconvenient times. Thank you for understanding my commitment to our club. There is no way I could do any of this without her love and support. As for all the members ride safe, keep the shiny side up, and always strive to better yourself and our club.

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