



**RED KNIGHTS
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2024 Convention Report

Well, welcome to Leipzig, Saxony, Germany, and congratulations to Germany 18 for hosting the main event of the year, the RKIFMC® Annual Convention and Business Meeting.

Where do I begin? First comes every single one of you. Not only those of you here in the East of Germany, but every single one of you. Without you the Red Knights wouldn't be who we are, where we are or what we are. You have helped make my life fulfilled and I can only hope the Club does the same for each of you. You are living the life the Founders could only dream about!

Last year in Fùßach, Austria, the membership experienced their first International Convention outside of North America, and let me tell you, it did not disappoint! Beautiful scenery, fabulous motorcycling, delicious food, picture perfect weather, well, it didn't rain, and European hospitality all made the experience one for the record books. So did the temperature!

The convention ended leaving the International Board with 2 vacant positions, the Vice President, and the Region 2 Director. After the mandatory nomination period expired, Randy Smith was declared the new Region 2 Director as he was unopposed. Congratulations my friend! I was nominated for the Vice President position as was my friend Matt Mattera, giving you, the membership a choice. I'd like to thank you for choosing me in a challenging election and Matt for the good and welcome competition.

My work started Christmas week as the election results came out in mid-December. During that September to December void of a VP, President Ostiguy made a heroic effort at doing both his new and old jobs, but as one may imagine, there was a lot to be done and not enough time for one person. I met with Spike at the Red Knights Memorial Hall for 3 days to get my initiation and it's been full steam ahead since.

Since that meeting, I've been busy with the Member-at-Large (MAL) Program and quite a few other duties, both required and voluntary, for the Board and the membership. A synopsis is:

2024 Spring Board Meetings in Baltimore, Maryland;

All full board Zoom meetings.

All conference calls of the RKI and RKR

2024 UK/Irish Rally in Bantry hosted by Ireland 1 – Cork

2024 Opening speaker for England 4's National Red Plaque Memorial Dedication in Essex, UK.

2024 Yankee Rally in Keene, NH, hosted by NH 9.

I have hosted members of Germany 10 and Australia 6 at my home in Florida, as well as several local & regionally sponsored R.K. rides/events in Florida and beyond.

Although I have not had the honor of representing the Board at any Heaven One Ceremonies, I do still bow my head for all those that have passed in the past year and before. Godspeed and Rest Easy.

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

At the time of this report... we have 302 M.A.L.'s

Region 1 = 48	Region 2 = 21
Region 3 = 38	Region 4 = 54
Region 5 = 48	Region 6 = 38
Region 7 = 97	Region 8 = 23

Since the last convention we have had eight (8) M.A.L.'s transfer to chapter membership. I have also had one MAL transfer to the Heaven 1 Chapter.

Through the hard work and perseverance of many Chapter Presidents and their officers, we are working to plug eighteen (18) M.A.L. applicants into chapters for chapter member status, and, we currently have five (5) of those M.A.L. applicants pending chapter status.

Remember, the Red Knights are active 24/7 around the clock... around the world and, it is YOU that steer this incredible family organization. My door/phone is always open. Please, feel free to reach out to me, or any Board Member for that matter, with any questions, comments, and/or concerns that you may have.

Again, I look forward to seeing all my Brothers & Sisters in Leipzig... Danke Schön!

As always, I remain,

Loyal to Our Duty

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