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Brothers and Sisters,

As we approach the close of 2024, I want to reflect on what has been an eventful and enriching year serving as your Region 4 Director. January kicked off with an exhilarating weekend in the vibrant city of New Orleans, where the air was filled with excitement and camaraderie. Shortly after, I embarked on a seven-day cruise with a large group of Red Knights. Although this gathering was not an official Red Knights event, it carried the same warmth and spirit we cherish in our community. During that time there were many What Ifs of doing a Cruise for an International Convention. I also had the privilege of attending the Alabama state meeting, where the sense of brotherhood was palpable. February presented an unexpected trip back to the lively streets of New Orleans, this time to honor a beloved brother being placed on the Heaven One Roster—a heartfelt occasion that reminded us all of the bonds we share. April marked the beginning of a whirlwind of activities. I attended the Spring Board Meeting in Baltimore, where we engaged in meaningful discussions, followed by the GA25 Swamp Ride. This event took us on a delightful adventure through the enchanting Okefenokee Swamp, where I had the pleasure of spending a day with various GA chapters, united in our shared passion for riding. May brought the highly anticipated Dixie Rally in Statesville, NC. I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the chapters that labored tirelessly to make this event a resounding success—your dedication shines through. However, the event was tinged with sorrow as we faced two motorcycle accidents en route to Dixie, and one during the rally itself. While details on the first two incidents remain limited, I want to express my gratitude to David and Kathleen Wenck for their prompt aid during the accident that occurred at Dixie. My thoughts and prayers remain with all those affected. June was relatively quiet, filled with several joyous birthday celebrations and a Zoom meeting with the board, where we worked diligently to streamline the agenda for the upcoming Germany ABM. July brought a flurry of Zoom meetings as I prepared for the Convention, ensuring that every detail was in place for what promised to be a memorable event. August was a highlight of the year with the 2025 Convention held in Leipzig, Germany. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to Germany 18 for orchestrating such a spectacular event. Special recognition goes to Rico Richter, who graciously served as our chauffeur and guide during the days leading up to the Convention. Our travels took us across Germany, Switzerland, Poland, France, and the Czech Republic, enriching our experiences and deepening our bonds with one another. In September, I journeyed to Columbus, IN, for the Bootlegger Rally, where IN 1 and 2 consistently put on a fantastic rally—an occasion I eagerly anticipate attending again next year in Wisconsin. Just eight days after returning home, I was off to Oklahoma City for the inaugural Scooter Stampede. Buddy Meyers and his dedicated crew did an outstanding job hosting this event, drawing in about 100 attendees for a memorable day. November welcomed me back to the Fall Board Meeting in Baltimore, MD, alongside two new board members: Region 6 Director Brian Singleton and Region 8 Director Andy Young. Our meeting was productive and inspiring, and I look forward to collaborating with these brothers as well as the entire board in the future. As December rolled in, I participated in the 42nd Annual Iron Cross MC Toy Run, where I joined forces with three GA chapters and approximately 600 other motorcyclists. The sense of community and purpose was invigorating. The month also brought a poignant moment as I attended the funeral of a brother and friend I have known since my first days in the Club—reminding us of the personal connections that bind us together.

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In summary, this year has been a kaleidoscope of experiences, filled with laughter, tears, and unforgettable moments. I eagerly look forward to reconnecting with all of you in 2025.

Wishing you a Happy New Year—stay safe and ride proudly!

Chuck Marks

Region 4 Director

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