Region 4

As I conclude my second term as Region 4 Director, I would like to reflect on another incredible year and express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve the members of Region 4 and the Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club.

This past year has been filled with opportunities to strengthen relationships, represent Region 4, and promote the values that make our organization so special. It has truly been an honor and privilege to work alongside the International Board while representing what I believe is the greatest region in the Red Knights.

One of the highlights of the year was attending the 2025 International Convention in East Peoria, Illinois. The convention provided an excellent opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet new members from across the world, and celebrate the continued growth and success of our organization.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined Brandi and me at Kuchie's on the Water to celebrate our 20th Wedding Anniversary prior to the start of the Convention. Being able to share such a significant milestone in our lives with so many Red Knights and friends made the occasion even more special. The incredible turnout was a reminder not only of the support we have received throughout the years, but also of the unique bond that exists within this organization. Celebrating this milestone surrounded by fellow members reinforced the love, friendship, and sense of belonging that we feel whenever we gather together. It is moments like these that remind us why we are so proud to be part of this great organization.

Following the convention, we were fortunate to spend a week in Oconto, Wisconsin, with fellow Red Knights from several different regions. Time spent riding, sharing stories, and building friendships reminds us that while motorcycles may bring us together, it is the people and the brotherhood/sisterhood that keep us connected.

From there, we attended the 2025 Bootlegger Rally in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. In true Red Knight fashion, the rally proved to be another memorable experience—and yes, it even resulted in bringing home a new motorcycle. More importantly, it was another opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie and friendships that make every Red Knight event special.

Throughout the year, I attended both the 2025 Fall Board Meeting and the 2026 Spring Board Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. These meetings allowed the International Board to work together toward the continued success and future growth of our club. It is always rewarding to collaborate with dedicated leaders who share a commitment to ensuring the International Red Knights Motorcycle Club remains strong for future generations.

Another highlight was attending the Region 4 Dixie Rally in Aberdeen, Maryland. Once again, the hosts demonstrated why the Dixie Rally has earned its reputation as one of the premier events in our organization. The hospitality, planning, fellowship, and overall experience were second to none. **If there was ever any doubt, this year's rally once again proved that the Dixie Rally is simply the best.** The hard work and dedication of everyone involved were evident throughout the entire event, creating an unforgettable experience for all who attended and showcasing the very best of Region 4.

Throughout the year, I also had the privilege of participating in several Heaven 1 presentations. These events serve as powerful reminders of the deeper purpose of our organization and the importance of honoring those who have gone before us. They continue to be among the most meaningful experiences we share as Red Knights.

None of these experiences would be possible without the dedication of our chapter officers, members, rally hosts, volunteers, and the countless individuals who work behind the scenes to make our events successful. Region 4 continues to set an example through its commitment to fellowship, service, and support of one another.

On a personal note, Brandi and I are grateful for the friendships, memories, and experiences we have gained through this organization. The Red Knights have become much more than a motorcycle club to us—they are family. The opportunity to travel, serve, and spend time with members from across North America and beyond has been one of the greatest blessings of our lives.

If there is one piece of advice I would offer to every member, it is this: If you have the opportunity to attend an International Convention, a regional rally outside of your own region, or any event that brings together Red Knights from across the organization—DO IT.

While chapter events are the foundation of our club, there is so much more to experience throughout the International Red Knights Motorcycle Club. Some of the greatest friendships Brandi and I have made, and some of our most memorable experiences, have come from traveling beyond our home chapter and region. Attending these events allows you to truly see what the RKMC is all about—the fellowship, the camaraderie, the dedication to service, and the family atmosphere that exists throughout our organization.

The friendships you build, the memories you create, and the experiences you share are something you will carry with you for a lifetime. We have never regretted attending an event, and I can confidently say that if you take the opportunity to participate, you won't regret it either.

As I complete my second term as Region 4 Director, I remain humbled by the trust that has been placed in me and thankful for the opportunity to serve. It has been an honor and privilege to work with the International Board while representing the greatest Region in the organization. I sincerely hope to continue serving this great club and its members in whatever capacity I am able.

Thank you for your friendship, your dedication, and your commitment to keeping the spirit of the Red Knights strong.

Respectfully Submitted,

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