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REGION 7 DIRECTOR Half Year report 2019.

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Hello Red Knights,

* EuCon Rally 2019

This year, we are entering an unusual dimension for the European Red Knights.

Indeed, for the first time, more than 300 Red Knights have registered for our eighth EuCon.

Small novelty, to stay consistent with our brothers around the world, the EuCon will see the term "Rally", as the fabulous Dixie Rally, the majestic Yankee Rally and the no less famous Western Rally.

So do not just say "I participate to the EuCon" but "I participate to the EuCon Rally".

This year, the EuCon Rally will take place in Wolfenbüttel, where we made the <u>first</u>Eu-Con in 2012.

The pressure is great on the shoulders of Germany 2 Chapter, however, this chapter has shown us repeatedly its ability to achieve great event.

* International Convention 2020

The second major challenge will be to organize and promote the 2020 International Convention in Europe.

This unique event will take place in France from August 17 to 23, 2020 in La Fere (Laon) - France.

The program is ambitious because it wants to meet the desire and need of the Red Knights who will make, for some, their only trip to Europe.

This program will obviously respect the standard of international conventions but the spirit will remain voluntarily marked by the footprint of the EuCon Rally ... in short, it will be a great party.

The program will be as follows:

- Monday, August 17, 2020: welcome of the participants
- Tuesday, August 18, 2020: visit of Normandy landing beaches
- Wednesday, August 19, 2020: Ceremony at the WWI Marines Memorial in Belleau followed by a visit to the Champagne cellars

- Thursday, August 20, 2020: Visit of Paris with navigation on the Seine by boat, visit of the shops and especially Diner and show at the Moulin Rouge.
- Friday, August 21, 2020: Education session orchestrated by the International Board, visit of French rescue services and giant BBQ. Followed, of course, a great party or everyone gets to know everyone.
- Saturday, August 22, 2020: the morning, Annual Business Meeting followed early afternoon of the meeting of the presidents of European chapter. Then, from 18h, academic evening followed by the gala dinner. After 9pm, we will continue to perfect our language skills by singing and dancing.
- "As we often say, after three drinks, everyone speaks the same language, after 10 glasses, everyone sings and dances ».
- Sunday, August 23, 2020: Special breakfast and end of activities.

As you can see, the week will be busy.

<u>ATTENTION</u>, we must absolutely close the registrations for the visit in Normandy and Paris for late August at the latest.

It is therefore imperative to reserve and block your seats. (if by bad luck, you could not join the 2020 convention, you can unsubscribe up to two months before the date of the event).

You can have all information at this address : <u>2020convention@redknightsmc.eu</u>

* European News

- Welcome to our new two Chapters Germany 5 and Germany 20 and our new MAL.
- I had the honor to visit a potential EuCon Rally site in Italy this May.

Italy 1 is seriously considering programming this event and I assure you it will be beautiful.

This place is in Tuscany, near the city of Florence.

• As you will have noticed, I applied for the position of Director Region 7 for the third time. The end of this mandat is August 2021.

It will be the last one, as I was committed to when I applied in 2015. I remain convinced that fresh blood is often needed and that experience can be shared even without staying in the job.

I will of course remain at the disposal of the European Red Knights and will place my experience, my availability and my fraternity at the service of all.

Fraternally

Pierre Halleux Regional Director Region 7 Red Knights International Motorcycle Club®

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