## Region 5 Director – Lance Coit

Brothers and Sisters,

Since the last convention I will have finished my third year as the Region 5 Director. It has been a rough year with Covid issues. I still have tried to answer any questions and help deal with issues that have come up in the region. I am always just a phone call, text, or email away.

Region 5 has a unique situation being it is split in the middle with the US and Canadian border. We have had to operate as pretty much two separate regions, each doing their own thing. To help with the roadblock in the way we have been trying to do regional zoom meetings. We have had two and I think they will keep growing as word spreads. Those who have participated seem to really enjoy it.

Pretty much everything we usually do has been cancelled. Everybody was really looking forward to the Western Rally in Deadwood, SD. Like many other events it was just too big of a gamble to proceed with it. SD1 has shown interest in maybe still trying to host the Western once Covid is over and gone. There were some Red Knights that still traveled to Black Hills since they had made reservations and I think they had a lot of fun. The Western will be in Cold Lake, Alberta next year. They are going to continue planning it as if it will go on as normal. Either way they will be ready.

The only Red Knight function I have been able to attend this year was the MN4 15-year anniversary rally. It was a great time and was held in a remote lodge in Minnesota where the Western was held two years ago. It was nice to get away and meet up with some great Knights. I think some Alberta chapters are planning a small Western gathering of their own. That should be a really good time in one of the prettiest places in the world.

I am here to represent the members of Region 5. I hope the fall and winter bring us back to normal so we can have a great spring next year and kick off our riding season on the right foot. We will be having a fall board meeting, Covid permitting. It will be a busy time and will have a lot of news to update everybody on. With that I wish everybody a safe and healthy future and hope to see you all in person soon.