

Secretary – Jack Jarvis

Hello to all my brother and sister Red Knights!

Well, it is an unfortunate turn of events that we are not all celebrating our first true International Convention this year. I am looking forward to working with you and your International Board to get our great organization back up and running as hard as this virus issue will let us.

Your International Secretary has been very busy since the last time we were all together. The new procedures in place for the insurance and the TMLA's are working wonderfully! I attended the Fall Board Meeting and spoke with quite a few Chapters and Members during the past year. I have been a part of all the monthly Zoom meetings we have held as the Board. We missed our Spring Meeting and are hoping to be able to hold our Fall Meeting. I have also spent an average of 25+ hours a week on my Secretary duties. These include email, reports, conference calls, meetings, TMLA's, insurance, new Chapter, and all the smaller behind the scene work that is always done just to keep things organized.

Since the inception of the digital signature TMLA process, we have successfully approved over 600 TMLA's with an average turnaround time of just over two hours! That is right, I said two (2) hours! The times of waiting weeks before you could start producing an idea for your Chapter is over. I am still having the pleasure of approving items for Australia and Europe in a matter of minutes! This has been a great move for all of us. Please remember that as soon as you sign the TMLA electronically you are good to go, you no longer need to wait for the snail mail before you start production of your items.

We have added sixteen (16) Chapters since Convention in NH. If the current Chapters need Membership Cards, please contact your Regional Director and they will be able to get them to you. We are phasing out the old cards so when these are gone, we are done with cards until we can come up with a better fit for all of us. We are looking to a better-quality card that may not need to be replaced every year.

We have insured only fifteen (15) Chapter events this year and have had six (6) cancel due to COVID. The emails have been coming in lately, so I hope to have many more successful events coming soon. Please take advantage of this great program we have. It is a good piece of mind for the Chapter for a very low cost. If you have any questions about the insurance, please call or email me.

The advertising in our low membership areas has hit its stride and I am looking forward to getting the calls and emails asking for more information soon. Our MAL's are doing a great job in forming new Chapters this year! I am happy to say that improving the TMLA program is working wonderfully. Please remember that the application and the artwork must be submitted together, electronically. All applications and artwork are now saved electronically and if you mail me bad artwork, I cannot accept it as it will not scan properly. Please also remember that ANY design that you create with our name or logo **MUST** have the required ®. If the registered trademark is not plainly visible when I receive the application, it will be returned with a quick reminder! Please do not make items that have not been approved or does not contain the ®.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone again for your continued support. I can promise that I will continue to put everything I have toward making our organization a better

place for all of us. If anyone has any questions, concerns, ideas, or just wants to chat, please feel free to call or email me anytime.

Just as a reminder for ALL Chapters. Make sure your email is up and running and being checked by someone because ALL official documentation coming from this office will ONLY go to the Chapter email address assigned by the RKIFMC.

As always, keep the shiny side up and your knees in the wind!