Subject: Year End Report 2016

This past year has me logging between 8 and 15 hours per week talking with Chapter Officers and members and Association Officers. The biggest problem seems to be member retention and involvement of members. In some in most cases it is still a matter of the economy and members working different shifts, more jobs and things of that nature. Involvement in Chapter and Association events is another issue. The Association Presidents and Representatives tell me that most of their State Chapters do not respond to the emails sent out and in phone calls the Chapters just tell the Reps their members are too busy. Each Chapter and Association needs to decide what is right for their membership and keep moving toward promoting comradery and fellowship.

As you know the International Board requested members apply for the International Chaplin, By-Laws Chair, Grand Tour and Communications Chairs this past year. It wasn’t an easy call on who to appoint and hopefully we have put people in place that will help move the Club on into the future. Please don’t hesitate to volunteer the next time we need someone to step forward as the Club is only as good as the members make it. All of us work for you the membership.

I am still working with the four areas that expressed a desire to start a Chapter in their area. Progress is slow but steady with no rush but rather a feeling of doing it right. I still hope that more Chapters and MALs in the region will help increase our chances for fun, cooperation and comradery.

I continue to serve the Membership in making the flag and Angel coin presentations for our deceased members. It is right to honor our Brothers and Sisters of the RKIFMC and I have the time and am willing to travel to represent the nearly 10,000 members worldwide.

Please remember that our Region will elect a Director in the next year so please clean out your Red Knights email boxes so your Chapter will receive any ballots need to vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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