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## 2016

## End of Year Report

Fraternal Greetings To All,

At the 2016 R.K.I.F.M.C. Annual Convention in Wisconsin Dells, I was elected and sworn in as your eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) International Vice President.

Since last August, sadly I must report that I have attended two (2) funerals of members of the Red Knights representing your Executive.

1.) **Donald Parker, II** (Mass. 1) Don, extremely well known, loved and respected inside and out of the Red Knight's family. He was the beloved son of Founder family members, Don & Dottie Parker.

2.) **Bill Krukowski** (Mass IV) This one hits close to home. Bill was a Social Member of my chapter, Massachusetts Chapter IV, father of Mark Krukowski, Active Member & Past Chapter President. Our thoughts and blessings remain with the families and friends of not only Don & Bill, but with all of the Red Knights who have gone before us.

Last fall (Nov. 6,7,8) I attended the International Executive Board Meeting in Baltimore, MD.

Since last convention President Gadway has called for and instituted monthly conference calls of the Executive President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and on occasion a Regional Director if hot button issues arise.

My main responsibilities and focus is on the M.A.L. Program.

Ever growing... actually exploding over the last 6+ years.

<u>Please remember</u>; The original intent of this program as defined by our Founding Father's was for individuals wanting to join the Red Knights but lived or were too far away from an already formed chapter.

These individuals would become MAL's in the hope of promoting the Red Knights & our "Mission Statement," finding six (6) other local firefighters and family members to form a chapter of their own.

With that said, Congratulations and welcome to our two (2) newest chapters that were spawned from our Member-At-Large Program.

1.) RKMC, Newfoundland Chapter 2; Of their eleven (11) members, nine (9) of which were M.A.L.'s or had applied for MAL status.

2.) RKMC, Tennessee Chapter 3; Thank you goes out to Steven "Steve" Morrell, Member-At-Large for spearheading this newly chartered chapter with new members, and other MAL members. These two chapters are prime examples of the actual and original intent of the M.A.L. Program.

Respectfully submitted,

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