

## REGION TWO REPORT

Time sure fly's, it's been almost a full year since I stepped down on July 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 from the position of International Treasurer after 16 years in that position.

The decision to step down was a very hard one for me to make as it was a position that gave me great satisfaction and joy in serving the Red Knights Organization and gave me the opportunity to meet and make friends with hundreds of members from around the world.

The reason that I stepped down was that I felt that I had reach the point of no longer being able to meet the skill levels needed to perform the job to the level that the organization required with its growth and complexities, this became very evident to me at the Board meeting on July the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> when I was not able to answer in great detail the questions raised by board members, and so after a couple of sleepless nights and talking with my wife decided that it was time to step down and let a more skilled member assume the position.

I felt that since I had been a member of the International board for 20 years, I still had a lot to contribute to the Red Knights both in organizational skills and my knowledge of the history of past events within the organization I therefore submitted my name to the International Board for consideration to be appointed as the Region 2 Director.

The Board then request submissions from other members of Region 2 having an interest in the position and after reviewing the applications appointed me to the position on September 22, 2014.

Since being appointed I set up email contact files for all chapters and MAL's within the region introducing myself to the those members and putting forth a request that they contact me with any concerns or questions they may have.

As a result of this I have been contact by several chapters whom I have been able to pass on the information they required and helped them with areas of running a chapter that they were experiencing problems with.

I have created a time log of time spent as the regional Director along with a procedures manual for the position that outlines the duties and responsibilities.

From September 22, 2014 till the writing of this report I have spent a total of 303.50 Hrs. averaging 8.2 Hrs. per week on Red Knights business.

I have attended the scheduled meetings of the International Board

November 12 – 16 2014 in Syracuse New York

April 7 – 12 2015 in Syracuse New York

I also represented the International in December 2014 at the Funeral of Ontario 3 member Willard Collins in Wiarion Ontario.

I worked with members of New York 22 and the New York State Representative Julie Carlson to expand the level of membership attendance from the Red Knights at the Dexter New York Fire Department fund raiser BBQ.

This is an event that the Canadian Chapters started to attend 10 years earlier with members from the Ontario Association attending each year. After several years of almost all those in attendance being Canadians a member of New York 22 Chapter Dennis Hewett stepped forward to change that to a greater American members in being attendance, it took him only a couple of year to change the numbers around to the point that in May of 2015 165 Red Knights attended and of those 113 were American Red Knights.

I also attended and assisted the International Quartermaster at the Lake George Fire Hall on June 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 with the setting up and sale of International Regalia.

Also attended the Red Knights Spanner ride put on by the New York 3 Chapter on the Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> this was the third year that the chapter has hosted Wednesday ride at Americade.

The Spanner ride was very well organized and took the members through some of the most beautiful surroundings in mid-State New York. It was attend by 98 Bike and 126 members.

The Americade open House was also very well attended, this event has been hosted for the International by the New York 12 chapter for many years.

This continues to be one of the primary reasons for members to come to Americade each year to renew friendships and to get fed the great lunches that are prepared and served by the chapter to the members.

I unfortunately didn't get a count of members in attendance this year but by the size of the crowd there it was an increase over the previous year.

I am looking forward to attending the Ontario Association 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally and Business meeting to be held in Cobourg Ontario July 17 – 19 2015 and the International Convention in San Antonia Texas in August.

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