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Fellow members,

As I look back at 2017 I realize that our organization is a complex one. We have our ups and downs just like everyone. As an International officer I try to do what is best for the members. Doing the year, I listen to what the members are saying and I try to reflect that in my decision making on the board. At times we the board makes decisions that some agree with and some do not. But this is how everyday life is also. I myself do not agree with everything that we all vote on but we carry on doing the best that we can and strive to make this organization the best it can be. I think from time to time we get caught up in things and we do not look at the overall picture to make sure it is the best for everyone not just our self's. I would like for the New Year for our club to grow stronger together as one and strive to overcome the obstacles that will be there in front of us that might hinder us. We are a great club.

The past year I attending the Dixie Rally, International Board meeting in the spring. I was unable to attend the fall meeting due to Family in the hospital. I also attended chapter rides and fund raises with my home chapter and also other chapter events with in my region. This year I plan to attend the Dixie Rally, International Convention, both spring and fall meetings. Also as many chapter rides and events with in my Region.

As we go forward into this year I hope that we all will strive to grow our membership. I am still working to see how we can get the younger generation involved more. We need them so we can carry on. As for Region 4 I am working on to either get a State Rep in every State or start an Association. We need leadership in every state so we can help develop the future of our club.

Who am I" ...by Thomas Powell

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"My profession is somewhat unique in comparison to that of the average person. At any one fixed moment in time when duty calls upon me, I am prepared to sacrifice my own life to save the lives of others I may not even know. I am willing to do this because I understand that we all make choices in life. As for myself, this is the choice and path of service that I have chosen to follow. Though my job is often rewarding, it can also be unsettling. I often reflect upon the simplicity of one question, "Who am I?" At times, I cannot provide this answer, not even for myself. So, "Who am I" to choose a profession in life that regularly shows no mercy for the preciousness of life? "Who am I" to willingly, without hesitation, invite myself into some of the most uninviting situations known to mankind? "Who am I", so that when duty calls, may never again



lay eyes on the loved ones I could leave behind? The assumed simplicity of this question is not so simple after all. Understanding "Who I am" may be difficult to answer at times. However, all I need to do is pause, think about, and remember those lives I have positively influenced and maybe even saved. All I need to do is look back on the years of service I have given to my community and realize that I helped make the world a safer place in which to live. In my heart, I know I made a difference. "Who am I?" I am a Firefighter!"

WE ARE A FAMILY OF ONE THE REDKNIGHTS.....

Hope everyone has a great year of riding.

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