

Dear Brothers and Sister Knights,

I wanted to take a minute to share some thoughts with you about the recent MDC meeting that was held in Johnson City, Tennessee. The first thing that I would like to share is that TN XII did a great job putting the meeting on. It's always good to see one of our newer chapters getting involved in hosting a conference meeting. And, like many of us have said in the past, it's always good to go to a new place for a meeting.

During this meeting we had many of the candidate's running for International office come to the meeting to share with us what their plans are to move our organization forward. I believe that all the members that attended the business meeting were happy to see as many candidates show up that did. There were many questions that needed to be answered and we hope that some of them were answered.

At this meeting I brought up the subject of recruitment. I along with the State Reps. want to work on a plan to get more members into the MDC. I asked all the chapter presidents that attended the meeting to contact the State Reps. and share with them any ideas that they may have to get more members into the MDC. The more I thought about it over the weekend the more I thought what we really need is for every member of our conference to get involved with our effort to get more law enforcement officers to join the best of the best. I think we can do this together and I'm sure that we can make this great organization even better with a bunch of smiling faces of new members.

Currently there are 76 chapters in the MDC. At the end of the roll call at the winter meeting we noticed only 18 chapters were represented. Coming home from Johnson City, I thought about what could be done to get more chapter members to attend the MDC conferences. Well, I believe that the answer is very simple. I believe that if we all reached out to chapters in our surrounding area and reminded them of the upcoming conference we could have a better turn out. We shouldn't take it for granted they will be there. We should call them and invite them to ride along with us and to tell them about the great times we all have at these conferences. The fellowship at these conferences is unmatched by any other law enforcement get together that I have ever attended. Please join me in reaching out to our brothers and sisters in the MDC and get them to come join us. I think they will thank us later.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon. Stay safe and RWP!

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