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TO ALL MEMBERS

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RE: Upcoming TCRC Elections

Brothers/Sisters,

I have received a lot of emails and phone calls concerning the upcoming TCRC elections. The ballots will be mailed out on January 8th, 2007 and must be received in the post office box by 23:59 February 11th, 2007. The ballots will be counted on February 12th, 2007. Hopefully the newly elected officers will assume their positions immediately upon receiving the results, unless there is another challenge from a candidate.

I have been questioned and asked to provide a list of the candidates who I think would best suited to fulfill the required duties of office and **unite** this organization. Providing an opinion could create some political problems for me, even though everyone knows I'm not politically motivated. The best way to answer this question is by asking one. Does the membership support the elected delegates that attended the TCRC convention in Ottawa? These delegates had plenty of time to meet and question all candidates. All candidates were invited to attend a delegate's meeting to answer questions and explain their platform. The delegates also had a chance to observe how the candidates conducted business at the convention. In the end the delegates overwhelmingly supported Brother Dan Shewchuk for the position of President, Brother Doug Finnson for the position of Vice President and Brother Jim Flegel for the position of Secretary Treasurer.

In closing, my opinion is that all candidates with the **exception** of the so-called, "**Membership Slate**" would do an excellent job representing the TCRC membership. This pathetic group is trying to get elected by running a typical **American Political Smear Campaign**. Don't be fooled by their misrepresentations of the facts.

Fraternally yours,

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