



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



## December 2015 Newsletter

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### ***PRESIDENT'S NOTES:***

We had 73 adults and 24 children at the Christmas Party. Santa was a big hit with everyone.

The meeting started at 5:30 pm and it was short.

We had several members attend the Wreaths Across America ceremony on Saturday, December 12, at the National Cemetery at Pruntytown, WV.

The Blue Knights Cornhole Tournament turned out to be a fair showing. We had 17 teams participate on Sunday, December 13, 2015.

We were hoping to see more police, fire and ems teams but we were happy with what we had with our first event and hopefully the next one will be bigger and better. We are going to be able to send them a check for \$340.00 and the concession sales they had was about \$120.00. Not too of a day for our first time.

**Rexann and I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Ride With Pride

**Ed & Rexann Martin**

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### ***VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:***

Our first meeting of 2016 will be Thursday evening, January 14, 2015, at 19:00 hours, at Parkette Family Restaurant, 2022 East Pike St, Clarksburg, WV.

Now that is starting to get cooler (colder) I know that more of you will be putting your bikes away for the winter. If you would please keep in contact with other members and start now on planning a few small day rides that you have been dreaming of but have not done yet. Why not get them done in 2016. Maybe there are some of the other brother knights that would like to see the same sites.

The 2016 is creeping up on us as fast. So I am now starting to remind you of the upcoming dues for 2016. They will once again only be \$25.00 and they are due before December 15, 2015. I ask all of you to please send them in early and if possible do your best to recruit another member. I am trying to get a 100% renewal from everyone for 2016, so please help me out.

If you need a poster or other information about the Blue Knights let us know and we will get it to you. You can put it up at work or another agency.

#### **Catch the fever.**

Ride With Pride

*Richard & Bridget Swisher*

### ***SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:***

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Its renewal time for International so make sure we have YOUR latest phone number, newest email address, update home address.

Those that did not receive International voting ballots or your Sword & Shield magazine, this could be why.

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

We will have a list of donations given out by the December meeting.

***Ride Safe, Ride Smart and Ride with Pride. You are the faces of West Virginia II.***

**Marty McNulty, Secretary/Treasurer**

## **ROLL CALL**

**Members at November meeting:** Fred LePera, Randy Biggins, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Walter Knight, Don Wikert, Jim Boreing and Rex Talkington.

## **Chapter Safety Officer**

**Ride With Pride**

**Walter Knight**

## **MDC Safety Officer**

**D.W. Conners**

**Blue Knights, West Virginia II**

**Mason Dixon Safety Officer**

Email [bkmdc@frontier.com](mailto:bkmdc@frontier.com)

## **Road Captains**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Rene Noe, Walter Knight, Rex Talkington, and John “Spot” McCloud**

## **Chaplain’s Corner**

**Del Parris**

**Chaplain, Blue Knights WVII**

## **State Rep’s Report**

NONE

RIDE WITH PRIDE, RIDE SAFE,

**MARSHALL PARKER**

WEST VIRGINIA STATE REP/ MEMBER WV II

## **Committee Reports**

Brother Knight and I went to Elkins on Thursday, December 17, 2015 and got most of the things finalized for the 2016 WWK with Holiday Inn Express & Suites, American Legion and other vendors in Elkins. Things are looking good. The Gandy Dancers is going to move their evening show on Saturday to a noon show and we are working on getting our own train car for the 4 hour train ride if we have 25 people going. There are a very limited number of rooms at the hotel so please reserve yours soon. As of December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 we only have 20 rooms left on our block. So please call and make your reservation before all the rooms are full.

Ed Martin, 2016 WWK Committee Chairman

## Quartermaster

The LE/MC patches should be here this week. Robby and Biggins have spoken for a set, so there will be eight sets available. I'll post in Facebook when they're here. With shipping, the club will come out a few cents to the good at \$7 a set.

Gene Botting

Chapter Quartermaster

## From Membership

### UP COMING EVENTS

**2016 Winter MDC Conference**, Danville, VA, February 12 - 14, 2016. Theme is "Knights by the Dan 2" Hosted by VA XIII, Comfort Inn & Suites, 100 Tower Drive, Danville, VA, 434-793-2000. \$75.00 per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights LEMC group). Contact Keith Johnson 434-429-2531, [bkshriner@verizon.net](mailto:bkshriner@verizon.net). Event is \$75.00 per person.

**2016 Spring MDC Conference**, Lexington, KY, hosted by Kentucky II. May 27 - 30, 2016. Clarion Hotel, 5532 Athens Boonesboro Road, Lexington, KY. (rooms \$99.00 per night plus tax) 859-263-5241. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights LEMC group). Contact Jeanette Gardner @ [Jeanette.gardner@comcast.net](mailto:Jeanette.gardner@comcast.net) Event is \$85.00 per person.

**2016 Wild & Wonderful Knights**, Hosted by West Virginia II. Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Elkins, WV. June 10, 11 & 12, 2016. **FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS CALL:** Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 50 Martin St, Elkins, WV, call 304-630-2266; **TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE BLUE KNIGHTS**, Rooms \$99.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$50.00 per person before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, and \$75.00 after April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**2016 International Convention, June 17-24, 2016**. Hosted by PA V, Harrisburg, PA. Host Hotel: Sheraton Hotel & Resort, Harrisburg, PA, 4650 Lindle Rd, Harrisburg, PA. Telephone 717-564-5511. For more information: <http://www.2016bkiconvention.com/index.html> or [Dhooper@excellenceinc.com](mailto:Dhooper@excellenceinc.com)

**2016 MDC Fall Conference**, Culpeper, VA, September 2 - 5, 2016. Hosted by VA II, Best Western Culpeper Inn, Event includes breakfast buffet, (540) 825-1253; Blue Knights Virginia – II, P.O. Box 2264, Merrifield, VA 22116-2264. The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Ridge Rally, theme is "New Orleans". Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823.

**Sick - Ill or in Distress:** Brother Doug Baker.

**Drawing:** Drawing at January 14, 2016 meeting was for \$30.00.  
Ethel Tyler won the Christmas Drawing which was for \$100.00.

### **January 2016 Meeting Locations**

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