



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

I would like to see members come forth and be on some of the committees that we have in the chapter. We need your support to make things happen.

Ride With Pride

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

I would like to thank all our members for getting their 2019 dues sent in. It looks as if we will have a total of 43 members starting this year. Than includes the honorary members.

If you talk to someone that would be a great addition to our BK WV II membership and that meet the requirements for membership, please plant a seed with them about becoming a BLUE KNIGHT. 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.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 9th, 2019 it will be at the 19:00 Hours (7 PM) at Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. We will have pizza before the meeting.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

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Respectfully,

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 9th, 2019 it will be at the 19:00 Hours (7 PM) at Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. We will have pizza before the meeting.

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

Our chapter was able to donate or sponsor several things in 2018 out of our bingo and raffle accounts. We were able to give away about \$10,000.00 to help the people in our communities.

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

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ROLL CALL

March Roll Call: Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Rene Noe, Ethel Tyler, Don Wikert, Fred LePera, Mike Neely, Lou Stevens, Doug Baker, Randy Biggins, Ron Watson and Marty McNulty present at the meeting.

Joining meeting online: Russ Swiger, Steve Hamling, Carmen Hamling, Dan Loughrie, (Donna), Wes Talbott III, Bobby Ryan, Bill Kacinec and Bill Rowe.

Chapter Safety Officer

As I was looking over my First Aid Kit to get ready for this riding season, I starting looking what I needed to replace or renew. I then remembered an article that James Davis posted a few years ago and read over it again. He is the article.

First Aid Kits

Does yours need a check-up?

By: Cash Anthony

Do you carry a First Aid kit on your bike? If so, when is the last time you took a look inside? Many riders probably carry kits which were purchased to meet a perceived safety requirement (or to qualify for a safe-riding badge), but if you don't know what your First Aid kit contains, you may be unpleasantly surprised if you ever need to use it.

What passes for a First Aid kit from sources such as discount stores and auto supply shops (and sometimes given away as Poker Run prizes) may be woefully short of what is needed for our sport. In case of a motorcycle accident, I dislike to say it, but band-aids ain't gonna help much, folks.

I was lucky enough to take a First Aid course a couple of years ago with some of the best EMS people I've ever met, at the home of our Assistant CDs for GWTA Chapter "I", Kathy and John Holly. The team who taught the course had handled serious accidents on a daily basis -- in fact, the woman in charge told me it was rare for them to be on the job for a shift without having to perform CPR at least once -- and they had come upon a number of accidents involving motorcyclists. They stressed several things that have really stuck in my mind.

- Your First Aid kit needs to have a really good pair of scissors in it, to cut away (thick) clothing. If you can't see the injured area, it's hard to figure out what is best to do. You may find it worthwhile to invest in a heavy-duty shears which can handle thick material.
- Every rider should carry a pair (several pairs is best) of latex gloves to be used in case of an accident where blood is spilled. Having them on your bike may allow persons who want to assist you to make that decision without fear of contamination, as well as being available to you to help someone else.

- A good First Aid kit should have a number of triangle bandages in it, which can be easily made from inexpensive muslin purchased at any fabric or discount department store -- I got mine for about .99 a yard. These pieces should be large enough that you can make a sling from them, or fold them to use as a pressure-point type bandage, or put them on a head injury to hold other bandages into place. Mine are about 30" by 30" and are cut on the diagonal. These are just unbleached muslin, but they are clean and strong and BIG. I've NEVER seen a commercially purchased First Aid kit with these supplied. If you need more than one (for example, after making a sling for an arm, it's a good idea to immobilize that arm by binding it to the upper body), you can tie several of these together if the patient is a large individual. Carrying a minimum of three triangle bandages would be a good idea.
- I've also seen very few kits that have anything like enough sterile gauze pads. If you need to put pressure on a bleeding wound, you'll go through these items fast and will want enough to add another clean one often. **NOTE: Place a new gauze patch on top of an existing blood soaked patch** in order to prevent tearing any existing clotting that has begun and reopening a wound.
- It is helpful to have a bottle of filtered or distilled water in your kit. This can be useful in case of broken bones, eye injuries, cleaning out other minor injuries, and for dehydration. If you've got a compound fracture, it may be helpful to put a muslin bandage over a damp gauze bandage on the end of the exposed bone, to keep it from drying out, though an experienced EMS person has advised to simply use a clean (sterile), dry, dressing as you would any other open wound. Many minor problems can be dealt with initially by washing them with clean water, and debris in the eye can often be relieved by this, with nothing else required. (Even if the water isn't distilled or filtered, it can still be used if it's of potable quality.)
- In the case of very bad head injuries, it's not unusual to have substantial eye injuries. Unfortunately, eyes can come out of place on impact. The recommended First Aid in this situation is to have a cup (like a clean Styrofoam cup) available to contain the damaged and displaced eye, and to strap that cup onto the face with a triangle bandage or use a roll of gauze. The medical folks today can do amazing things to put an eye back into place, but it's a good idea to bandage both eyes to keep the person from panicking (and to slow the 'eye-matching' reflexes, which try to make our eyes work together), while touching and reassuring the injured party. Having a clean cup in your kit may permit you to do someone an invaluable service by helping to save their sight.
- Those who haven't taken a CPR or First Aid class in a while might be interested to know that the American Heart Association guidelines on CPR have been changing gradually. The last time I took one (about 14 months ago), I found that the procedure was not exactly the same as what I'd been taught in my previous courses. But all these courses do strongly recommend that a person who is going to administer CPR have a barrier available to protect them from the bodily fluids of the injured party. This may be a plastic gadget that looks like a kitchen gripper, with a hole in it for a breathing tube, or a more sophisticated mask that can keep a rescuer's face and lips away from the injured party while he or she breathes for the person who's down. These items are inexpensive and are available at medical supply shops, but I've yet to see a commercial First Aid kit that comes with one.
- Most simple First Aid kits contain some kind of antiseptic ointment or cream. These can be useful for minor sunburns or insect bites, but they should usually NOT be used on a serious injury. When the medical folks start working on a wound, they don't want to wonder what has already been applied to it. When in doubt, throw it out.

In case of an accident, the first response these days is to call 911. In most regions of the country, even in rural areas, emergency assistance can be sent out right away. However, if you ever become a witness to a bad accident, you'll discover how important it is to have current information and adequate First Aid gear, even if you can't really do very much at the scene. It may save a life to know what NOT to do.

When you reach for that First Aid kit, you'll be better prepared if you know what's in it and how to use it. Take some time to look at what you're carrying on your bike, to see if it's what you really need.

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Ride With Pride
Walter Knight

Road Captains

Riding season is here and so remember, before you go out on the streets to check your motorcycle first. Please do the T-CLOCK before you ride. The streets are not in the best shape so watch out for the potholes.

Rene Noe, Walter Knight, Andy Kolb, and John “Spot” McCloud

Chaplain’s Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WWII**

Committee Reports From Membership

Hay ED, I went to the WV Gold Star Mother's memorial dedication at the city park in Parkersburg today Medal of Honor Herschel "Woody" Williams was the guest speaker and groundbreaking. I was very fortunate in that I was able to talk with and had my picture taken with this great American and U.S. Marine.

He spoke to children at Belpre elementary school in Belpre Ohio and I was part of the Patriot Guard Rider escort from the elementary school to the city park in Parkersburg.

William Sothen

Ed, the Shinnston Legion Riders are going as one group, splitting up and coming back as two groups to and from the Ride to the Wall. The first group will come back @ O Dark Thirty in order to make another Memorial Event, and the second group will take their time. It's going to be a long weekend, 4 days, three nights, and the last chance for anyone ever to get to go if the event cancels as told it will do. At the meeting tonight Cliff said that we had a couple of rooms cancel due to personal issues, and I asked the members if I could offer them to the Blue Knights, and got the enthusiastic ok to do so. It's a Hotel the riders have used for several years for this event, The Battlefield Inn in Manasas, and they got an excellent rate of \$96.00 a night. Of course with taxes, etc., it will be a bit more, but still, a great rate near Washington for this event. No worries if no one wants them, the Hotel won't hold the fees against us, as there's always a list two miles long for folks wanting last minute rooms for this event, for which they will be paying through the nose. Also, your Wing Riders may find this interesting - I had just topped the 250 miles mark or a ride the other day, was 30 miles from home, and the Wing just quit. AAA brought it home for me, and it turns out that the bank sensor was improperly adjusted - it's attached to the inside of the faring near the headlight adjuster on the right side. It's the unit that detects an over-tilt on the bike (the bike having gone down, basically) and shuts the engine down. Anyway, it's fixed now, will replace all the panels tomorrow, but something to watch out for. **Gene**

UP COMING EVENTS

2019 Summer Great Lakes Region Conference, August 2 –4, 2019 in Youngstown, Ohio. Host Hotel: Hampton Inn Youngstown-West I-80 at State Route 46880 N. Canfield-Niles Road Youngstown, Ohio,

44515. 330-544-0660 Ask for the “Blue Knights Law Enforcement Rate” Room rates are \$95.00 per night. Standard 2 queen or a king. Rates start Thursday. Indoor pool, complimentary high-speed internet, 24-hour business center. Check in time is 2 PM. Hampton Inn has been remodeled this past year. Hotel serves a hot breakfast for its guests. Hotel is not pet friendly, sorry. Event registration to be \$60 per person.

2019 LAW RIDE 7 WREATH LAYING CEREMONY: May 12, 2019, Assembly location RFK Stadium/Armory Lot 3, 19th & East Capitol St, NE, Washington, DC. Assembly time 7AM; Departure time 9:15 AM. Wreath Laying Ceremony 9:45 – 13:45 AM.

2019 Spring MDC Conference, College Park, MD, May 24 - 26, 2019. Hosted by MD I, Holiday Inn, 1000 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD; 240-542-1226. Room rate \$109.00 plus tax per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights group). Registration for event is \$80.00 per person; after March 1, 2019 price is \$90.00 per person. Contact Fred Allen 703-494-4792 or sundrake@verizon.net. Please see flyer for more info.

2019 Wild & Wonderful Knights, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Elkins, WV. June 7, 8, & 9, 2019. 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 GROUP and the Code is BLU, Rooms \$115.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$65.00 per person before May 1st, 2018, and \$80.00 after May 1st.

2019 Annual Blue Ride: Sunday, July 28th, 2019, (Rain or Shine) hosted by Blue Knight PA XVI and Washington Lodge #164 F & AM. Registration is at the North Strabane TWP. Volunteer Fire Dept. from 9 am to 11 am. The cost is \$25.00 single, \$35.00 double. Contact Dave Richards at 724-263-6218 or dave.richards114@comcast.net

2019 International Convention August 4 - 9, 2019; Hosted by Bronx NY II, The Hilton Westchester Hotel, 699 Westchester Ave, Rye Brook, New York, 10575. 914-939-6300 or 914-939-4760. **Convention Registration Information;** Full Week Registration Prior to 3/31/19 \$150/Person (\$75 child). Full Week Registration After 4/1/19 \$180/Person (\$90 child). Convention Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/bkny2convention/home>

2019 Warren T. Holmes Memorial Crab Feast & Family Weekend, August 2-4, 2019. Hosted by Maryland I, THE CRAB FEAST IS ON SATURDAY, August 3, 2019!! Knight of Columbus 6111 Columbian Way, Bowie, MD (**INDOORS**) Doors open at 11:30 AM Crabs Served at Noon. Once again, the members of MARYLAND I invite you to the best event on the east coast. The food is good and the cost is reasonable. The HOSPITALITY is next to none! All proceeds go to charity. **ACTIVITIES** - Marine Corps Evening Parade (Friday), Washington MD Tour (Sat Evening), Skills Competition at Crab Feast and 50/50 (on going). **HOTEL** - Comfort Inn, Bowie, MD (301) 464-0089, rate is \$121.50 plus taxes, Incl. Sat & Sun hot breakfast. **REGISTRATION WEEKEND** - Registration fee of \$85 includes hospitality room Friday and Saturday, Marine Corps Parade, Tours, and Crab Feast, (Children under 12 yrs. \$55). **SATURDAY ONLY** - Pre-Registered Adults: \$60 (Children under 12 yrs. \$35). Tables at the Crab Feast may be reserved with pre-registration for groups of eight. NOTE: \$5.00 late fee applied to all registrations after July 1, 2018. Contact: 301-996-8288.

2019 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, August 30 – Sept 2, 2019. Hosted by VA II, Best Western Culpeper Inn, Event includes breakfast buffet, (540) 825-1253, room rate is \$90.00 per night; Blue Knights Virginia – II, P.O. Box 2264, Merrifield, VA 22116-2264. This will be the 43st Annual Blue Ridge Rally, with a “Knights Under the Big Top Theme”. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823 or VA2@blueknights.org.

2020 Winter MDC Conference, Danville, VA, February 14 – 16, 2020. Hosted by VA XIII, Comfort Inn & Suites, 100 Tower Drive, Danville, VA, 434-793-2000. \$85.00 plus tax per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights LEMC group). Registration for event is \$85.00 per person. Contact Keith Johnson, va13@bluenights.org.

Sick - Ill or in Distress:

Drawing: The March 14, 2019 was worth \$5.00.

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