



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



## December 2020 Newsletter

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

The BOD has decided that each member will receive two (2) of the Chapter Christmas Ornaments that we ordered. The Christmas Ornaments have arrived and you can pick up your two (2) ornaments at the clubhouse located at 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. The telephone number there is 304-566-7539.

I am asking if we have someone that would like to step up and take the director's position. We also need a quartermaster for the chapter.

I was notified to wait about 3 weeks before sending in your registration.

It appears that the Governor of Virginia has made an executive order on only 1 people at a gathering for the next 21 days.

It may last longer so please wait at least 3 weeks before sending in your registrations.

As soon as I get the information, I will send it on.

Rexann and I wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2021 has to be better than 2020.

Ride with Pride

**Ed & Rexann Martin**

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

At the November meeting I made a motion that the chapter pay for all the chapter members' dues for 2021 since 2020 was such a horrible year and not many members were able (or dared) to ride due to the Covid 19 restrictions. The dues are \$30.00 per member. We do have enough funds to do this. The motion passed so you will not be getting emails and phone calls from me pestering you about paying you dues this time.

Now I am asking each member to try and recruit one member before riding season starts. Maybe since the chapter paid your 2021 dues, you could pay for the new recruit to help him/her get started. Show them what the Blue Knight Brotherhood is all about. Let's start planning a few rides for the 2021 season. I also ask that each member try and get more involved as to going to conference events.

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

**Catch the fever.**

Ride with Pride

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**Jim Enoch**

### ***SECRETARY'S NOTES:***

**Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7 PM.**

Respectfully,

George D. "Robby" Robinson

Blue Knights WVII Secretary

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## ***TREASURER'S NOTES:***

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

The chapter will be paying your dues for 2021.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

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**Marty McNulty**

## **Chapter Safety Officer**

Found this online and hope that it may help some of you. Have a Merry Christmas and hopefully a better New Year.

There is no mistaking the signs. The days are getting darker, the leaves have turned from green to gold, red and brown, and cooling temperatures have heralded the opening of coat and boot season. Maybe you have [witnessed some of nature's other, more subtler signs portending a harsh winter is coming](#). Originally published in the 1978 Farmer's Almanac, the following are nature's signals, seeped in folklore, that have long been used as predictors that bitter cold, heavy snow or a long, treacherous winter is on its way:

- Squirrels' tails are bushier and they are aggressively busy—building nests and collecting acorns from an unusually abundant crop that has dropped on your lawn.
- [Woolly bear caterpillars](#) are fuzzier, more black than orange.
- The geese, ducks and monarch butterflies long ago left in an early, critical mass.
- Snowy owls arrived early though and woodpeckers are sharing trees.
- You have unannounced guests in your home—spiders are spinning large, gossamer webs, mice are chewing their way in through the drywall and crickets have settled on your hearth.

As sure as the earth will continue her orbit and tilt on her axis, winter is coming, regardless of whether you have noticed what nature's winter lore is forecasting. The historical standby [2020 Farmer's Almanac](#) and our nation's go to authority for all things atmosphere and weather related, the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) (NOAA), have published somewhat conflicting forecasts. Computer models predict anything and everything, from piles of snow and colder than average temperatures for some areas to wetter than average and not so cold for others.

The best anyone can do is be prepared. As we finish out 2019 and keep our fingers crossed for an early spring in 2020, below are some tips to keep you and your family safe at home, at work or out on the roads for whatever winter may come.



### **Keep Warm**

- Keep skin covered in frigid temperatures and wear a hat to retain heat.
- Dress in layers of clothing. A wind and waterproof outer shell will keep you dry and inner sweat-wicking layers will help keep you warm.
- Mittens are more effective than gloves if outdoors for an extended time. Try to find those with a water-resistant outer shell to help get hands dry.
- Waterproof footwear and water-wicking, warm socks will protect your feet in cold and damp conditions. A thick tread on shoes or boots will provide stability on slick surfaces.

### **Be Prepared with Supplies**

- Create and keep a winter emergency kit in your home. Include water, food, a flashlight, extra batteries, a radio, and generator if possible.
- Keep a portable disaster supply kit in your car in the event you are stranded—a first aid kit, water, nonperishable food items, flashlight and batteries, blankets, extra jacket and change of shoes.



### **Prevent Slips and Falls**

Fall injuries are far more common during the winter because of frost, snow or ice creating slick surfaces. Water on shoes and dripping from umbrellas follows us indoors and causes slick conditions. You can help prevent injuries from slips and falls by:

- Being vigilant in removing snow and using deicing agents on walkways, stairs and parking lots.
- Wear weather appropriate footwear that provides warmth and traction.
- Pay attention to the ground you walk on. Go slow and be on the lookout for ice and slick surfaces.

### **Use Precautions and Be Aware**

- Know the signs of frostbite. Your body's extremities, hands and fingers, toes, ears, and nose, are at greater risk for frostbite when the temperatures fall below freezing. Seek medical attention if you notice signs of frostbite: numbness, flushed gray, white, blue or yellow skin discoloration and waxy feeling skin.
- Avoid hypothermia. Confusion, dizziness, exhaustion and shivering are signs of hypothermia. In extreme cold you may need to alter normal routines to protect yourself by reducing time outdoors. If you work outdoors or have employees who need to work outdoors ensure they are appropriately dressed and there are additional opportunities to get warm.
- Use portable heaters carefully and with great awareness. Follow manufacturer's instructions. Ensure units are used in an appropriate, safe space and are not in proximity to flammable materials.
- Avoid frozen pipes by keeping your thermostat at the same temperature, run water at a trickle to keep it flowing through pipe and open cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate around pipes.

### **Winter Driving Safety Best Practices**

- Limit driving during extreme cold or during winter storms. Accidents are more likely to occur in icy weather, putting you at greater risk for injury and/or being stranded in frigid temperatures.
- Winterize your car for optimum visibility and performance in icy/snowy conditions. Ensure wiper blades, headlights and anti-icing fluid are well-maintained. Install snow tires on your vehicle for better traction when routinely driving in snow and icy environments.
- Allow at least three times more space than normally recommended between you and the car in front of you and drive a reduced speed in icy or wet conditions. Be especially cautious on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads where you are more likely to encounter slick ice.
- Avoid using cruise control or overdrive on icy roads. It is important to maintain personal control of the vehicle for quicker response in unpredictable conditions.
- Brake gently in icy or wet conditions to avoid skidding. Ease off the brake if the wheels start to lock up. Stay vigilant, warm and safe!

**Ride with Pride,  
Walter Knight**

## **Road Captains**

If there are any rides that you have planned or would like to go on please contact us so we can get the whole chapter involved. Now is the time to do some planning for the 2021 riding season. Please share with us so we can all enjoy the 2021 riding season.

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

## **Chaplain’s Corner**

**Del Parris, Chaplain  
Blue Knights WVII**

## **Quartermaster Quartermaster Report 8OCT20**

Nothing to report.

### **Inventory:**

Coins 57, Hats: Solid 14, Mesh 10, Chapter Pins 80, Paracord bracelet 13, BK WVII Chapter Patch 99, New style BK patch 82, Heaven 1 Patch (no trademark) 76, Big International BK Patch 3, Upper Rocker 7, Lower Rocker 6, Large Chapter Flag 1, BK Medium Patch (back) 6, BK Small Patch (front) 6, LE & MC set 9

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## **\*Joke for the Day\***

They say "don't try this at home" so I'm coming over to your house to try it...

## **From the Members**

Lou Stevens

I got one. We went to Cocoa Beach and I paid \$2.50 an hour to park. I only paid for an hour cause we were just going in to the restaurant to eat. I got back 2 minutes late and already had a parking ticket for \$38. 2 lousy minutes. It only cost \$10 to park all day.

Lou Stevens

On our way back from Florida we were traveling on I- 95 north on a 4 lane. Traffic was heavy and moving at 75 to 85 miles per hour. A tall thin African American came running out of the woods into traffic crossing in front of us. He made it across three lanes and caught the right front of a car in the fourth lane. He fell backwards onto the pavement and got up limping to the concrete divider. Becky turned around in her seat and saw him trying to cross the southbound lanes. I wonder if he made it?

## **MDC Safety Officer**

**Robert (Bud) Overby**  
**MDC Safety Officer**  
**BKNCVIII**

**Ride Safe, Ride Often & Ride with Pride!**

## **Committee Reports/From Membership**

2021 MDC/WWK it appears that there are still about 40 rooms left for the event. We will be contacting the downtown visitor's bureau to get things set back up for 2021 soon. American Legion and Holiday Inn Express are both working well with us. DJ is going to still be with us for 2021.

## **UP COMING EVENTS**

**January 23, 2021:** Blue Knights West Virginia II chapter Lunch at Noon. **TBD**

**2021 Winter Mason Dixon Conference Weekend:** February 12th – 14th, 2021, Chesapeake, VA, Hosted by VA V. Delta by Marriott, 725 Woodlake Dr, Chesapeake, VA 23320. Contact Meredith Brinkley DIRECT @ 757-448-6542 for room reservations. Room are \$89.00 per night and registration for event is \$89.00 per person or \$160.00 per couple. After Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 add \$10.00. Contact person "Spike" Johnson @ 757-418-1935 [spike102@verizon.net](mailto:spike102@verizon.net) Ronnie Young @ 757-651-3300 [rwybkva5@aol.com](mailto:rwybkva5@aol.com)

**2021 GLRC Spring Meeting:** March 19 -21, 2021, hosted by OH XVII & OH XXV. Holiday Inn®, 4520 Everhard Road NW, Canton, OH 44718; Room Rate: \$109 or a Studio Suite for \$129 (Includes breakfast for two) (330) 494-2770. Ask for

“Blue Knights” block of rooms. We have a 50-roomblock. Must be booked by February 25, 2021. Home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. It is only \$65 per person for those registering before March 1st, you will receive an event pin. \$70 for those registering late and no guarantee of an event pin. Children under age 12 attend at no cost but if they are to attend the banquet a kid’s meal ticket must be purchased for \$14. Hotel rate applies to Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> as well. T-Shirts available on pre-order basis by March 1st only. P.S.: You’re almost guaranteed a door prize!100+

**March 27, 2020:** Blue Knights West Virginia II chapter Lunch at Noon. **TBD**

**SRC Spring 2021 Conference:** April 22 – 24, 2021; Hosted by LAXV, Shreveport - Bossier City, LA. SRC Rumble on the Red Tour. Conference Registration: \$75 per person/\$150 per couple, \$85/\$170 after March 25, 2021. Conference Hotel: Sam’s Town Casino and Hotel, 315 Clyde Fant Memorial Pkwy, Shreveport, LA 71101. Host Chapter Contact Information: Blue Knights LAXV, P.O. Box 52491, Shreveport, LA 71135. Chapter Email: [blueknightslaxv@yahoo.com](mailto:blueknightslaxv@yahoo.com). President: Duane Farquhar - 318-510-0122 or Secretary: Bill Vincent: - 318-773-4707

**2021 Spring MDC & Wild & Wonderful Knights,** Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Elkins, WV. May 28 – 31, 2021. There is a limit number of rooms, 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 \$125.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$85.00 per person before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, and \$95.00 after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**Heaven I Ride:** Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The ride will start at the Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. We will ride to visit most of our members that have transferred to Heaven I. This will be a daylong event lasting for about 7 hours or more depending on the stops. Basically, it will start at the Blue Knights Clubhouse and travel to at least 4 cemeteries and then back to the Blue Knights Clubhouse. It looks like about 240 miles and about 5 hours driving time. With putting flags on the graves and gas stops plus food stops, it will be about 7 hours. With doing it in mid-June there should not be a problem with daylight.

**2021 MDC Fall Conference,** Culpeper, VA, Sept 3 - 6, 2021. 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 44<sup>st</sup> Annual Blue Ridge Rally. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823 or [VA2@blueknights.org](mailto:VA2@blueknights.org).

**SRC Fall 2021 Conference:** September 30 - October 3, 2021, hosted by GA XI. Unicoi State Park & Lodge, 1788 Highway 356, Helen, GA 30545. Conference registrations made after **September 1st, 2020** will be \$80 per member/\$150 per couple. Group room rates start at **\$109** per night plus tax and fees. There are also special rates for Barrels and Cabins located nearby. The group rate is available two days before and after the event dates. To book by phone, call **800-573-9659**. You must mention the **Blue Knights** and use the new 2021 **Group Code 09594**.

**Harrison County Toy Run:** November 28, 2021 at South Harrison High School, Lost Creek, WV. Lineup before 12:30 pm. Kickstands up at 1 PM.

**2021 West Virginia II, Friday, December 10th, 2021,** West Virginia II - chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm. Ballroom A.

**Sick - Ill or in Distress:** Brother Don Wikert had eye surgery. Brother Neely doing better and his wife Gloria is going to have another round of Chemo treatment. Brother McNulty’s wife Tammy had dental work and is in pain. Please keep them all in your prayers.

**Drawing:** January 2021 drawing will be \$5.00.

### **Members in attendance:**

**Members in Attendance:** Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Marty McNulty, Mike Neely, Fred LePera, Ron Watson and Janie, Doug Baker, and Randy Biggins.

**On Zoom:** Lou Stevens, Robby Robinson and Rene Noe.

Facebook: Bobby Ryan, Larry Bailey, Tammy McNulty, Fred McComas and Chuck Diaz.

## Next Meeting Location

**Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 14th, 2021 at 7 PM at the Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301**

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