



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Report from 2022 Winter MDC meeting. Not sure where the 2023 Winter MDC will be held as of yet. It most likely will be either Rehoboth Beach, Delaware or Wilmington, North Carolina.

Membership 2022 dues have been paid. Cards as of February 11th, 2022 had not arrived at the international office. Jana said as soon as they arrive, she will have them completed and sent out.

MDC has dropped chapters and membership in the last for years. As of now we have 55 chapters and 1592 members. There were 14 chapters present at the Winter MDC meeting. There were 27 members at the safety roundtable meeting.

The 2022 International Convention will be in June over in Ireland. The 2023 International Convention will be in Harrisburg, Pa and 2024 will be the 50th Anniversary of the Blue Knights and convention will be in Bangor, Maine.

Now our chapter has to get down to work for our hosting of the Spring MDC.

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Ride with Pride

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

Catch the fever.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 14th, 2022 at 7 PM.

Respectfully,

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

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

Now is a good time of the season to check over your first aid kit and refresh it. What is in it that is out dated or just too old to use? What have you used and not replaced?

Now is that time to replenish it and make sure you know what is in it just in case of an emergency. If you need a new first aid kit now would be the time to check at a few online places and maybe replace the whole kit. Try and think like a boy scout and be prepared.

Ride with Pride,

Walter Knight

Road Captains

Saw this article and was wonder what the rest of the chapter thinks about it.

Riding With 'Colors' On the Street Nonsense!

By: James R. Davis

Those vests and patches we wear at club meetings tell a story about us and our organizations - sometimes, the wrong one.

Sometimes we wear them while riding our motorcycles and it is appropriate to do so. For example, during a parade or a 'Toy Run' we are actively seeking to show the public that we are organized, that we are proud of who we associate with, and to show off how many of our group are there compared to other groups.

On the other hand, it rarely makes sense to wear our colors in public other than for events like I just described.

Why?

- The public is 'unwashed' and has no idea what our colors mean. All they 'know' is that if a group of us are riding together a 'MOTORCYCLE GANG' has just gone by.

- There are places in most large cities where real gangs stake out their territory with the wearing of their colors. If you happen to be wearing the wrong 'colors' you can happen to get assaulted, or worse.
- Even as between the 'washed' and the 'unwashed', the wearing of colors can be seen as an invitation to confrontation. For example, there is some degree of similarity between the GWRRA patch and that of the Hell's Angels. Both groups of riders know the difference, but it is not unheard of for a Hell's Angel member to confront a GWRRA member because of the patch he is wearing.
- Most policemen do not ride motorcycles; i.e., they may well be 'unwashed'. Do you **really** want a policeman who stops you for some reason to think you are a gang member?
- Most of our vests are not simply adorned with patches - we often wear pins on them. If you were to hit the pavement while wearing a vest full of pins you would quickly learn that the catch on the back of them is designed to help keep the pins from falling off the vest, NOT to prevent the pins from penetrating your body!
- Finally, to show off our vests while riding we are, by definition, not wearing protective clothing for our upper body (i.e., a leather jacket.)

Wear 'em proud, when it makes sense. But while riding on public streets, with rare exceptions, it doesn't.

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 (James R. Davis is a recognized [expert witness](#) in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

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

Chaplain’s Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

Rene Noe

Joke for the Day

INT’L/MDC Safety Officer

Wherever you ride, plan a safe trip & keep your loved ones posted.

Robert (Bud) Overby

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Mason Dixon Safety Officer

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Ride Safe, Ride Often & Ride with Pride!

Committee Reports/From Membership

It is time to start picking up the door prizes for the 2022 Spring MDC/Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend event. So, when you go to a store or vendor ask them if they would like to donate a door prize for our event.

I will have a work schedule for the 2022 Spring MDC/Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend. Please get a copy and look it over. Please let us know what area you would work and hours. We don't need everyone to work the whole day, every day but a couple of hours is what is needed.

Remember we are hosting this event, not attending it like you would if you were going to another chapter's event. So yes, you might miss something but that is what it takes to make the event a success. We know there are a few jobs that some don't want to work but these are jobs that still have to be done. I have heard in the past the following statement from members, "I don't know what to do", or "I have never done that". I understand but I am sure since all of us are over the age of 21 (more like over 50) we can figure out what to do to get the job done. Please help the chapter make this year at Elkins a big success. It takes everyone in the chapter to help to make this event a success. The biggest thing is to have a big smile on your face and make the members from other chapters welcome and to help them in any way we can. Our event is known as the one of the best hospitality rooms and members with the most hospitality in the Mason Dixon Conference. Please let's keep this going at our venue this year.

UP COMING EVENTS

2022 Events

May

2022 Mason Dixon Conference/Wild & Wonderful Knights, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Elkins, WV. May 27th – 29th, 2022. 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, Rooms \$125.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$75.00 per person before May 1st, 2018, and \$90.00 after May 1st.

2022 MDC Fall Conference/46th Annual Blue Ridge Rally, Culpeper, VA, Sept 2 - 5, 2022. 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 46th Annual Blue Ridge Rally. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Dan Rivard 703-314-1012 or VA2@blueknights.org.

Sick, Ill or in Distress: Brother Robinson is in recovery status. Brother Enoch is in recovery status also.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 10th, 2022 at 7 PM.

Drawing: January drawing is \$50.00. Brother Paul Brady's name was drawn and he was not present. March 10th, 2022 drawing will be \$55.00. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing.

Members in Attendance: Fred LePera, Don Wikert, Lou Stevens, Ron Watson, Robert Davis II, Walter Knight, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin.

Guest: Brandi Knight

On Facebook: Doug Baker, Larry Bailey, Tammy McNulty, Bud Overby, and Mike Neely.

Next Meeting Location

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