



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

West Virginia II received its charter on August 21, 1987. Since this our 30th year, it would be great to have a good turnout for the chapter picnic. See below for some information about the chapter.

At the meeting President Martin presented the following awards from Blue Knights International to chapter members;

1. Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Gratefully Acknowledges Rene Noe for Twenty (20) years of Loyal Membership.
2. Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Gratefully Acknowledges John McCloud for Twenty-Five (25) years of Loyal Membership.
3. Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Gratefully Acknowledges Rexal Talkington for Thirty (30) years of Loyal Membership.
4. Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Gratefully Acknowledges Ray Ed Martin for Thirty (30) years of Loyal Membership.

Chapter members wearing colors. As your chapter president, I have always said that members can wear their colors at anytime and anyplace they choose. It is the members choice. It is only requested that if you are just going to a bar and hang out that you not wear your colors, but it is up to the member.

I also want to remind everyone that the chapter will reimburse up to 5 members for their pre-registration to Mason Dixon Conference Weekends. If more than 5 members are pre-registered then the chapter will draw names to see which ones will get reimbursed.

Remember that later this year our chapter will have an election for officer for the 2018 & 2019 years.

SECTION 4.12 TERMS

The term for members of the Board of Directors shall be for two (2) years.

There will be no limit to the amount of terms a member may serve on the Board of Directors.

Election to the Board of Directors shall be done at the general election of officers, with the nomination at the October meeting and the election at the November meeting. Refer to elections in Article 9 listed later in these by-laws

Only regular members may hold the position on the Board of Directors; however, an associate member may hold a position on the Board of Directors provided there are no regular members available to hold the position.

SECTION 9.01 NOMINATIONS

Nominations for all the elected positions shall be done at the October meeting.

The term of office shall be for two (2) years.

Any member nominated for an office should attend at the October meeting to state in person if they will or will not accept the nomination.

If a member cannot attend the October meeting and they know they will be nominated for an elected position, they must advise the President and Vice-President in writing or electronic means their intention to accept the nomination.

Nominations will be held in the odd numbered years.

Here is the info I got about the 2017 Blue Knights International Election.

President DJ Alvarez
Vice-President Karen Borza
Secretary Jim Borza
Treasurer John Bull

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 10, 2017 it will begin about 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.

2017 West Virginia II Summer Picnic will be Monday, August 7, 2017 at the Lewis County Park, 257 Smith Run Rd, Weston, WV 26452. Picnic starts at 6 PM until 9 PM. Club will be providing burgers, dogs, condiments and drinks.

All you need to bring is yourself and a dish to share. RSVP with who is coming and how many guests to huntdeer79@aol.com by August 1, 2017.

As of the July meeting we have 5 members that have not paid their 2017 dues. I am sending out the final notice to these members to get their dues up to date. As of the July meeting we have 38 regular/associate members that have paid their dues, 3 honorary members and 1 special honorary member that have paid their dues but still have 5 regular members that have not paid. This will affect the number of honorary members.

Also, I would encourage you to talk to someone that would be a great addition to our BK WV II membership that meet the requirements and 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.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

Greg & Tiffany Hoskins

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SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:

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All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

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

Marty McNulty, Secretary/Treasurer

ROLL CALL

July Meeting: Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Del Parris, Rene Noe, Ethel Tyler, Rex Talkington, Marty McNulty, Russ Swiger, Randy Biggins, Doug Baker, Greg Hoskins, Ron Watkins, Don Wikert, Fred LePera and guest Mike Neely.

Chapter Safety Officer

QUICK TIPS: General Guidelines for Riding a Motorcycle Safely

Be visible:

- Remember that motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles and reacting in time.
- Make sure your headlight works and is on day and night.
- Use reflective strips or decals on your clothing and on your motorcycle.
- Be aware of the blind spots cars and trucks have.
- Flash your brake light when you are slowing down and before stopping.
- If a motorist doesn't see you, don't be afraid to use your horn.

Dress for safety:

- Wear a quality helmet and eye protection.
- Wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet.
- Wear leather or other thick, protective clothing.
- Choose long sleeves and pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.
- Remember – the only thing between you and the road is your protective gear.

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

Road Captains

Rules for Your Motorcycle Group Rides

1. Hold a meeting before you ride

It is best to get together with all your riders beforehand to talk strategy (where you'll stop, how long you'll ride, where to go if you get lost, etc.) and ask questions. It is best if the lead rider and the tail gunner/sweep rider have radio communications. It is important that once the leader gives any kind of sign to the group that every rider in the group passes it along to the rider behind him.

2. Decide a riding order

First choose a lead rider (the one in front) and a tail gunner/sweep rider (the one in back). The lead rider is in charge of telling the group what's coming, be it a traffic jam, rainstorm, or stampeding horse. And the sweep rider sets the pace for the group. Everyone else should have a place in the formation, too. The least experienced of your bunch should be behind the leader, letting the pros line up behind them and lend a watchful eye.

You might be wondering, "How many riders should be in my group?" It depends on the situation. In the NHTSA study, though, several riders said they felt best in groups of 10 or fewer.

3. Come prepared

This includes simple things that everyone should do, like arriving with a full tank of gas and bringing a cell phone. It also means deciding who will bring a first-aid kit, bike tools, and other necessities. If possible exchange telephone contacts with one another for emergency contacts.

4. Don't go rogue

In group motorcycling, there's no room for showboats or renegades. Avoid competitions with your group mates, tailgating, or passing other riders.

5. Stagger your riding formation

Perhaps the trickiest part of group riding is perfecting the formation. That's because while you want to keep your group relatively tight (so you're easy to spot), you also want to maintain a space cushion within the ranks.

How on earth do you do that? The best way is to stagger: the leader rides on the left side of the lane, the second rider stays one second back and on the right side. The third rider stays one second behind the second rider and on the left side, and so on. You don't want to ride side-by-side since this will limit your maneuvering space if you need to swerve quickly.

Keep in mind that you may want to go single-file on very curvy or deteriorated roads, when entering the highway, when turning at intersections, or in bad weather.

6. Pass in formation

When it comes to passing other vehicles on the highway, group members should do so one at a time and then return to their spot in formation. So, the leader would pass and return to the left side of the lane, then the next rider would pass and return to the right side, and so on.

7. Take plenty of breaks

If all these group riding rules seem a bit exhausting, that's because they are. In order to keep your concentration and energy (and avoid sucking the fun out of the experience), take frequent rests and just savor the moment.

8. Keep your least experienced rider in mind

Not sure how far to ride? How fast? How often to take a break? The answer is always to figure out what your least-experienced rider is capable of and comfortable with and use that as your benchmark.

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

Chaplain’s Corner

I was never a big fan of Norman Vincent Peale’s book, *The Power of Positive Thinking*. It just never seemed to work for me – to simply think positively and everything will be positive. For me it was always like the story that Bill Cosby told about taking Karate. He said the instructor told the class they could break a brick with their bare hand if they just concentrated on the thought, “I can break this brick.” Cosby said that in his case the brick was thinking, “Oh no you can’t.”

While we cannot make everything happen just by thinking it will happen, there certainly is some truth to the idea that the way we think will influence our actions and our lives. It was the writer of Proverbs who said, “As a person thinks in his heart, so is he.” And Jesus implied this when he said, “For out of the heart comes evil thoughts.” While the association of “thinking” with the heart instead of the mind may be confusing to the modern reader, the point is clear that those things we dwell on become a part of who we are.

If this is true, then it is important what we feed our mind. If we only feed our mind junk then junk is what is likely to come out of it. If we never read scripture, never reflect on our lives, or never spend time with people with good hearts then it is tough to develop a strong spiritual life, be more than superficial, or have good hearts ourselves. So, it is important what we read, what we watch and where and how we spend our time. This point is well-made by an elderly Cherokee Indian who was teaching his grandchildren.

He told them, “A fight is going on inside me; it is a terrible fight between two wolves. One wolf is evil – he is fear, anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, jealousy, resentment, inferiority, likes, false pride, and ego. The other wolf is good – he is joy, peace, love, hope, sharing, serenity, humility, kindness, friendship, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. This same fight is going on inside you, and inside every other person, too.” His grandchildren pondered what he had said for awhile and then one child asked, “Which wolf will win?” His grandfather replied, “The one you feed.”

So, which wolf do you feed?

Del Parris

Chaplain, Blue Knights WVII

Committee Reports

Committee recommended to the chapter board that the following be removed from the West Virginia II Chapter By-laws “Section 1.07.” Bessie Small is no longer with the Blue Knights International Headquarters, so we need to change the name or delete that sentence since Bessie Small is no longer employed by Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. While at the chapter meeting the board accepted the recommendation and approved it for membership vote. The membership voted to delete the following from the chapter by-laws, “section 1.07. Bessie Small is no longer with the Blue Knights International Headquarters, so we need to change the name or delete that sentence”.

From Membership

None

UP COMING EVENTS

2017 West Virginia II Summer Picnic, will be Monday, August 7, 2017 at the Lewis County Park, 257 Smith Run Rd, Weston, WV 26452. *Picnic starts at 6 PM until 9 PM.* Vice President Hoskins would like to start having people let him know what they are planning on bringing. He wants to be ahead of the game so we are not rushed at the last minute. We are looking forward to a good time. Thanks.

2017 Blue Ride, the ride will be held on Sunday July 30, 2017, Rain or Shine. Registration will be at North Strabane Twp. Volunteer Fire Department on Rt19 Canonsburg, PA from 9 am to 11 am, and we will depart promptly at 11:30 am. The cost for the ride is \$25.00 single, and \$35.00 double.

2017 Bike Night, 19 August 2017 will be our 16th annual Bike Night in Martinsburg, WV. The event will begin with the Law Ride. Registration will begin at 1pm at the Airborne Church (same place as last year) on Rock Cliff Drive in Martinsburg. The ride will begin sharply at 3pm this year. This will be a 47-mile ride through scenic Berkeley, Jefferson (WV) and Washington County, MD returning to Martinsburg between 5 and 530 pm. This is a fully escorted ride that will end in downtown Martinsburg at Bike Night. 8 August 2017

WV V's Bike Night will begin by hosting a training seminar on Outlaw Motorcycle gangs. The seminar will be instructed by Charlie Falco. Available only to active and retired LEO's. For more information or to register please contact KC at WVVpres@gmail.com

WV V Hospitality Night

Our annual hospitality night will be held at our host hotel Holiday Inn on Foxcroft Ave in Martinsburg, WV. More info will be announced closer to the date. Plenty of food, beverages, and prizes. All chapter members are asked to bring a covered dish, especially deserts. This is the item we are usually lacking.

11th Annual Poker Run for Kids, Sat, August 19, 2017, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM EDT; Community Building in Montrose, WV. \$25 per player, includes lunch & t-shirt for those who pre-register*. Optional add-ons: \$5 for breakfast, \$10 for an extra card. *a limited supply of t-shirts will be available for purchase at the event for those who do not pre-register for \$10. On-site registration and breakfast starts at 9am on event day. First bike out at 10am, last bike out by 12pm. All cards due back by 4pm. Questions- call 304-630-2214. [by Randolph Tucker Children's Advocacy Center](#)

4th Annual Taste of the Mountains Winery Run, August 26, 2017. Sign up at 4T Arena (10 AM).

This helps the Harrison County Child Advocacy Center. The 4T Arena, 3854 Corbin Branch Rd, Bridgeport, WV 26330

2017 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, September 1 - 4, 2017. 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 41st Annual Blue Ridge Rally. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823.

18th Annual Toy Run, Hosted by Virginia XIII, Danville, VA. October 21, 2017. Registration starts at 11 AM at Thunder Road Harley Davidson, 4870 Riverside Drive, Danville, VA

2017 West Virginia II, Friday, December 15th, 2017, 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: Lou Stevens had eye surgery and was not at the meeting.

Drawing

Drawing at July 13, 2017 meeting was for \$15.00. Brother Menendez name was drawn and he was not present, so the August drawing will be worth \$20.00.

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WEST VIRGINIA II

About Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.

West Virginia II received its charter on August 21, 1987. We started at 16 members with two original members still remaining. The chapter members were from the Northern West Virginia area, which includes the counties of Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, and Preston. The departments were Clarksburg, Fairmont, Granville, and Salem Police Departments; Harrison, Marion, and Monongalia Sheriff's Departments; West Virginia Department of Transportation and Maryland State Police (retired). Most of our chapter members first joined the Blue Knights® with Pennsylvania Chapter I (Greensburg) starting in 1982 and continued until we were able to obtain enough members to get our own chapter chartered.

Our address is Blue Knights® West Virginia II, P.O. Box 174, Anmoore, WV 26323-0174.
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Here is the list of the original members when we got our charter.

1987 West Virginia II Membership List
Charter Members
Chapter Charter August 21, 1987

Arlie J. Ashby, Fairmont P.D.
Willard L. Bashaw, Fairmont P.D.
Terry W. Blair, Harrison County S.D.
Myriel J. Boreing, WV Dept of Transportation
Michael L. Brown, Clarksburg P.D.
James R. Crites, Harrison County S.D.
Rickey L. Eddy, Fairview P.D.
Paul E. Hickman, Bridgeport P.D.
Ray E. Martin, Harrison County S.D.
Carl R. Meathrell, Salem P.D.
Richard A. Mercer, Fairview P.D.
Kevin L. Moore, Marion County S.D.
Carl K. Pase, Monongalia County S.D.
Rexal L. Talkington, Anmoore P.D.
Bruce R. Toothman, Grandville P.D.
James L. Watkins, Clarksburg P.D.