



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

The 2017 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend is now in the history books. I believe it was a great success again this year. All the Blue Knight members I have talked to seemed to have enjoyed the event. I want to thank all the chapter members that helped make this event such a great event. Without everyone doing their part, the event could not have been a success. We are working on the 2018 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend for June 8, 9, & 10, 2018. It will be at the Holiday Inn Express, 50 Martin Street, Elkins, WV. Please make your room reservation early.

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.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 13, 2017 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.

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.

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.

Please get your registration in for 2017 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend as soon as you can. If you have not reserved your room you might want to call them and get your room. Please check the flyer for the reservation code.

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

Marty McNulty, Secretary/Treasurer

ROLL CALL

June Meeting: Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Del Parris, Robby Robinson, Walter Knight, Rex Talkington, and Rene Noe.

Chapter Safety Officer

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

Road Captains

Rene Noe, Walter Knight, Rex Talkington, and John "Spot" McCloud

Chaplain's Corner

A favorite Bible story of children is the story of David and Goliath (I Samuel 17:41ff). The story pits a young shepherd boy with a slingshot against a Philistine giant with body armor and all of the weapons of war. David uses a small river rock in his sling and hits the giant right between the eyes as Goliath's fellow soldiers are laughing over a kid being sent to fight the giant.

While none of us may ever fight a huge bulk in body armor we all have faced and do face "giants" in our lives. These giants often come in the form of typical life challenges, such as our own illness, the illness and loss of someone we love, a sudden change in our financial well-being. Other giants we face on the "battle field" of life are the feelings that rise up within us: feelings of anger and hate, of fear and anxiety, of guilt and self-doubt, even depression and despair. While we try our best to ignore these giants they persistently dilute our contentment and enjoyment of life.

Most of these giants cannot be felled with a smooth river rock. Many are not visible with the eye. Our challenge is to find the strength, courage and wisdom to face them and to stand them down. To do this, like David, we would do well to call upon and to rely upon God more than on our own devices. AA has been the oldest and most successful alcohol treatment program in our nation. AA and those who have gone through the program give a lot of credit to its emphasis on "a higher power." Whatever the giants we face our recognition and commitment to God, or to this "higher power" will also be our most reliable resource.

Del Parris

Chaplain, Blue Knights WVII

Committee Reports

From Membership

Don Wikert, Fred Lepera and I are planning on attending the Blue Ride on the 30th of July sponsored by the Masonic Lodge and PABK Chapter 16. In past years, a contingent has gone up early in the morning and ended up waiting for a couple of hours in the hot sun waiting for the ride to commence in order to secure a spot at the head of the line. We will be going later, in time to sign up and have a drink of water before leaving, and if INVITED to move to the head of the line, fine, but it's not our event and we will be demanding nothing more than participation. We will be wearing the colors as the event begins. Anyone who wishes to travel with us is quite welcome to do so, as this is an open event. Brothers and Sisters of course need no invitation. People are out cheering the riders on all along the route. There are no check points, nor is it a pub run, and there is no stopping to roll the dice or to pick a card. There is a bike raffle for extra cost and I'm not sure but think there's a 50-50 as well. There is a rest break at the half way point. At that break, as well as at the end where an excellent meal is served, are the only times your feet need to leave the pedals. It's really a very well run ride. For more information, go to <http://www.pa16-blueknights.com>

Eugene D Botting
US Customs and Border Protection
Afghan Customs Academy
Kandahar Border Management Task Force
Retired

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 International Convention, July 16-21, 2017. Milwaukee, WI. Hosted by WI VI. Host Hotel: Hilton Milwaukee City Center, 509 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Telephone 414-271-7250. Registration for event is \$135.00 per person, if registered before June 6, 2017, after that it will be \$155.00. Convention Website: <http://www.brewcityknights.com>. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/brewcityknights2017>. More Info to come.

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:

Drawing

No drawing at the June meeting. At the July 13, 2017 meeting the prize will be \$15.00.

If you have not gotten your VISA rewards credit card from the Justice Federal Credit Union please do so. If you are member of the Blue Knights you can join the Credit Union. Membership is only \$5.00. It is a Blue Knights Credit Card. Please check it out.

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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 10 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.

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