



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

The 2022 Spring Mason Dixon Conference & Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend is now in the history books. I believe it was a great success this year. It has been 3 years since the last one so we were a little rusty, and added a few new things for this year. It was a small group, but one of the most successful. 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. This year was not a very organized due to it being a good bit of time between events but with the members that attended the event everyone pitched in and put the jigsaw puzzle together. Without everyone doing their part, the event could not have been a success. I am sorry for the distraction this year, but I (this chapter) has a great group of members. Just need to let everyone know that no other chapters have put in a bid for the 2023 Spring MDC. The MDC board has given a 30 extension for another chapter to place a bid. If no other chapter places a bid for 2023, the conference will come back to our chapter to host again next Memorial Day weekend, May 26, 27, & 28, 2023. If a chapter does bid then we will be working on the 2023 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend for June 9, 10 & 11, 2023. It will be at the Holiday Inn Express, 50 Martin Street, Elkins, WV.

Remember that later this year our chapter will have an election for officer for the 2023 & 2024 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 number 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.

We need to get our members involved with the chapter. So please think about doing what you can for our chapter. If you have not been an officer in the chapter before then maybe it is your time to step up and do it this term.

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

Heart Camp ride on Friday, July 22, 2022. Want the children to see the motorcycles.

Working on Flight 93 ride, most likely will be on a Saturday.

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. We need to get some young guys into the Blue Knights.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

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

Hope this finds all my Brothers, Sister and family members in good health and spirits? As for me I am making gradual progress. Hopefully Kelli and I will be able to attend Culpeper, Lord willing.

Kelli and I hope you continue to ride with pride safely, we miss all of you. Welcome back and Semper Fi my Brother Parker. When riding/driving keep it under 100, and pay attention to your surroundings. Hopefully we can be back to normal and able to attend meetings n conferences. Take care.

Respectfully,

George D. "Robby" Robinson

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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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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, Andy Kolb, and John “Spot” McCloud

Chaplain’s Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

Brother Noe with riding season approaching now is the time to get some new shirts, hats etc. Items are at the clubhouse. If you need something contact me or one of the staff at the clubhouse. We have some new hoodies in stock. Got some new upper, lower rockers and center logo patches.

Rene Noe

Joke for the Day

Sarcastic Al Says: Right before I die, I’m going to swallow a bag of popcorn kernels to make the cremation a bit more interesting.

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Ride Safe, Ride Often & Ride with Pride!

From Membership

Received from Brother Lou Stevens

I want to thank the entire chapter of WV II for the outstanding job they did hosting the Mason Dixon Conference. It was one of the best Becky and I attended and we were honored to be a part of it. I especially want to say a special thanks to Becca Martin and her son Clark for all their help. It was so much appreciated and made our tasks so much easier. I also want to thank all that helped load the trailer after the event. That was the fastest I have ever seen it done. I am truly honored to be a part of WV II.

Brother Lou Stevens, Director

UP COMING EVENTS

2022 Events

July

2022 Annual Blue Ride: hosted by PA XVI, Sunday, July 31, 2022. Registration will be at Washington County Fairgrounds 2151 North Main Street, Washington, Pa. 15301, from 9am to 11 am, and we will depart promptly at 11:30. The cost for the ride is \$25.00 single, and \$35.00 double. Pre-Registration preferred by July 25, 2022. The cost for pre-Registered riders is \$20.00 single and \$30.00 double.

Make Checks Payable to: "Blue Ride Fund"

Send to: PO Box 422, Eighty-Four, PA 15330

Pre-Registrations are NON-REFUNDABLE

DIRECTIONS: Take I79 north to Exit 40. At the traffic light at the end of the ramp turn left. At second traffic light turn left onto Country Club Road. Follow to the stop sign. Turn right on North Main Street and follow for approximately 1 mile. The Washington County Fairgrounds will be on your right.

September

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 46st 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 still having health issues. Brother Watson is having vascular issues in his right leg and has an appoint at the Pittsburgh VA hospital on June 22, 2022. Please keep them in your prayers.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, July 14th, 2022 at 19:00 hours.

Drawing: June drawing is \$70.00. Brother Russ Swiger's name was drawn and he was not present. July drawing will be \$75.00. *Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing.*

Members in Attendance: Lou Stevens, Randy Biggins, Doug Baker, Don Wikert, Ron Watson, William Chedester, Jim Enoch, Marty McNulty, Marshall Parker, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin.

Guest: Ronnie Watson

On Facebook: Rich Springer, Andy Vlasak, Chuckie Diaz, Kelli-anne Robinson, Johnny John, Larry Bailey, Mike Mac Lochlainn, Bud Overby, Mike Neely, Cal Ennals, Kevin Williams, Russ Harper, Bridget Swisher, T.R. Queen, Ethel Tyler, Bill Kacinec, Tobey Pannuty, Scott Hunt, Frontis Fallow, Doug Casteel, Gale Veres, Sherry McChilly, Rory McConnell, Becky Green, Gunars Berzins, Brenda Harless Wamsley, Timothy Hicks, Brandi Knight, Keith Johnson, Rick Whitfield, Wm F LePera, Mike Pollinger, John PT Gordon, John Bull, Bobby Ryan, Steve Hamling and Tai Smith.

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