



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. 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. Please send in your registration forms and get your hotel reserved now. Also please sign up for a work detail, we are only asking for a few hours of your time for the weekend. You will still have time to socialize.

2022 Proposal to disband the Board of Governors (proposed by International President D.J. Alvarez) has a lot of members confused to as what is going on. I have sent out the original letter with the proposal from Alvarez to all of you as well as another letter from several of the past international presidents. I have talked with several members from different conferences and they are just as confused as the rest of us here in the MDC. This proposal was not known at the Winter MDC meeting so no one had a chance to discuss this at the conference. After talking with other members there is one thing that most agree with and that is that a few changes could be changed with the BOG. Most believe that there should be at least 3 meetings a year not just one. Some suggest maybe a meeting every quarter. Also, if any investigations or appeals come to them, the BOG should have it completed within 60 days. So, there are some ideas out there but most do not think the BOG should be disbanded. BOG has been there since the late 70's.

I know some of our members sent back a vote to agree with the proposal when the original letter went out but have changed their minds after reading the last email letter from the past presidents. I am at the belief that we should keep the BOG and change a few things so they are more efficient and getting things done quicker. This is my opinion.

UPDATE: I got this information the other day, March 17, 2022.

All Chapter Presidents,

On the Board of Directors meeting yesterday all the proposals pertaining to dissolving the Board of Governors were withdrawn, we are still here for you!!

Thank you for your support!!

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

I will be bringing an application to the April meeting for a new member. Applicant's name is Lt. W.P. Chedester of the WVUPD. He has been a member of this department for around twenty years.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

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

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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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.

Brother Knight will report on the MDC safety meeting from the Winter MDC, Rehoboth Beach, DE. Showed brochure of Virginia II reflective vest.

Ride with Pride,

Walter Knight

Road Captains

Rene Noe, the riding season is coming up fast. Make sure you check and inspect your bike is ready for the road. Also remember that the roads are in very bad shape from the winter and potholes are everywhere. DOH will have workers out so be prepare to stop.

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 are ordering more zip up hoodies.

Rene Noe

Joke for the Day

Teacher: "Kids, what does the chicken give you?"

Student: "Meat!"

Teacher: "Very good! Now what does the pig give you?"

Student: "Bacon!"

Teacher: "Great! And what does the fat cow give you?"

Student: "Homework!"

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.

As of March 10th, 2022 we had 38 rooms still available. If you even think you are going, please get your room reservation now. You can call and cancel it in May.

UP COMING EVENTS

2022 Events

May

Moonshine Road Trip

May 19 – 22, 2022; In preparation for the trip I strongly recommend that you watch the NETFLIX movie LAWLESS which is based on a true story of the Bondurant Brothers from Franklin County, Virginia. To this day Franklin County is considered "The Wettest County in the World". Also search the internet on the Bondurant Brothers and Junior Johnson from Wilkes County, North Carolina. Johnson's "moonshine running" lead to the birth of NASCAR. Wilkes County, NC is considered "The Moonshine Capital of the World". Remember the song "Tom Dooley".... he too was from Wilkes County, NC. and was tried, convicted and hanged for murdering Laura Foster. So you can see this is going to be a great ride.

Here is a possible itinerary (not etched in stone):

- Leave Harrison County on May 19th ride through Elkins/Monterey/Staunton and get the Blue Ridge Parkway....this is about 200 miles
- Ride 120+ miles on the Blue Ridge to the Rocky Mount, VA exit and do a brief stop at Rocky Mount the area where the Bondurant Brothers was from. (50 miles)
- Ride another 50 miles to Wilkesboro, NC where Junior Johnson, the Call Family and a few others made and ran their moonshine. Possible overnighter here.
- Visit some of the attractions including the Call Family Distillery and ride some of the moonshine runner roads. End up at the Junior Johnson Distillery in Madison, NC. Maybe (150 miles).
- From there head back north stopping at the Bondurant Brothers Distillery in Chase City, Virginia. (100 miles).
- Head Home on Sunday by riding through Lewisburg, WV. (350 miles)

Note: Not sure where we will overnight.....will leave that up to the group as we ride along. Let me know if you are interested and I'll set up a pre-ride get to gather.

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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.

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 and Brother Enoch are still recovering from surgery a few weeks ago. Brother Kacinec's wife Christine is having surgery on her hip. Brother LePera had hand surgery. Brother Ryan had to take a medical retirement due to partial amputation left big toe, foot surgery infection in bone. He just had surgery again and it appears Brother Ryan will be healing up soon.

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

Drawing: March drawing is \$55.00. Brother Bill Kacinec's name was drawn but he was not present so the April drawing will be \$60.00. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing.

Members in Attendance: Fred LePera, Don Wikert, Lou Stevens, Ron Watson, Doug Baker, Randy Biggins, Ethel Tyler, Del Parris, Marty McNulty, Bobby Ryan, Andy Kolb, Walter Knight, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin.

Guest: Ron Watson, Bernetta Kolb and Tammy McNulty

On Facebook: D.J. Alvarez, Kelli Anne Robinson, Dan Mitchell, Margie Lebron-shier, Pam Poisson, Larry Bailey, Bud Overby, Ron Cumpston, Steve Hamling and Mike Neely.

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