



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



## March 2023 Newsletter

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### ***PRESIDENT'S NOTES:***

The annual Board meeting has not been scheduled yet but hopefully we can have it before the end of March.

At the Winter MDC event West Virginia II received the plaque for the largest MDC chapter represented. We were present with 16 people from our chapter. I would like to thank the following for attending 2023 Winter MDC, at Rehoboth Beach, DE. Thanks to Jim and Susie Enoch, Chuck Luzader and Ruth Medwith, Marshall and Linda Parker, Marty and Tammy McNulty, Lou Stevens and Becky Green, Walter and Brandi Knight, Tina Benda, Zadah Talkington, Rexann Martin and myself. This is only the second time our chapter has received this award at this event. We have always been one or two people short. Hopefully next year we will have more members and guest attending it and bring home the plaque once again. The plaque will be on display at the clubhouse.

As for the conference we have 1802 members in the Mason Dixon Conference with 60 chapters. At the winter conference there were only 4 chapters represented. That is only a 23% attendance of the chapters. DE I had 133 people attend the event and I believe a good time was had by all.

This in an election year and the ballots will be sent to each member via email. Please make sure your email is up to date. If you use a work email your ballot will not go through. It needs to be a regular email account like aol, gmail, yahoo, etc. No gov accounts or similar type emails will go through. You change go to the international website and change your information yourself of contact me and I can help you with the change. This is also an election year for our chapter. If you would like to run for an office, please let me know. Our election will not be until November.

We are still going to live stream our meetings on Facebook. There is a long delay in transmission of about 17 seconds which I have no control over. Good news is we have been having about 8-chapter members attend the meeting this way each month and several other Blue Knights of other chapters are also watching the meeting. I am doing this so our members can be informed about our business.

Membership 2023 dues have been paid and packet arrived a couple days after the meeting. They will be out to you soon,

At the March meeting the chapter voted to sponsor a flag football team and also our Little League team as we have done for at least 20 years.

Remember that we our hosting the Spring Mason Dixon Conference in May which is not that far off, so please get out there and get your door prizes or raffle items early.

Ride with Pride

**Ed & Rexann Martin**

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## ***VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:***

### **Catch the fever.**

Ride with Pride

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***Jim Enoch***

## ***SECRETARY'S NOTES:***

No February meeting due to the President and Vice-President both attending the 2023 Winter Mason Dixon Conference at Rehoboth Beach, DE that week. Next regular chapter meeting will be March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Hello my Brothers and Sisters, hope this finds you & your family members in good health and spirits? I have completed my presurgical physical and hopefully I can get my eye working properly SOON. I have made our room reservations for Elkins. Arriving on a Thursday and depart on a Monday. Will be sending in our flyer in March. Looking forward to seeing all of you, medical n Lord willing. Hope fellow members make room reservations and get your flyer submitted. Drive-n-ride safely and keep it under 100. Pay attention to your surroundings in our crazy ass society.

Respectfully,

George D. "Robby" Robinson

Blue Knights WVII Secretary

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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**

Riding season will soon be upon most of you, and with such, there are a few things to be mindful of when breaking out the two wheeled therapist. For some the bike may have been truly stored & winterized, which will make the beginning cycle a bit easier. Others simply park the bike & maybe look at it every so often. Then there are those of us that never really put them away. Regardless of which category you may fall into, take some time on one the yet to come colder days & spend a little time giving it the once over. Find yourself a chair or a 5-gallon bucket, get up close & personal.

Treat your steed to a thorough once-over. This includes a nut-and-bolt safety check, fluid changes for powertrain and brakes, a battery load test, and inspections of the chain/belt and sprockets, tires, spokes, brake pads, electrical systems, and fuel systems. None of this requires you to be an ASE certified Master Tech. Check out YouTube, Google, or folks with the same style of bike as yours for helpful pointers & step by step.

Take time to check your personal gear also. It's better to find out now that the holidays were a little too good to you than fighting with the zipper on your favorite riding jacket when you want to roll out on that early spring ride. Plastics degrade with time and use, so it's recommended to replace your helmet after five years. I would like to think you would then drape yourself in armored apparel and motorcycle-specific gloves and footwear. This doesn't mean becoming Captain Dork, but quality gear can enhance the enjoyment of the ride.

Above all else, when you do finally get out for a ride, remember that it's been a while since you've been on the bike. For some it may have been weeks-others months. There's going to be some rust & dust to knock off of the riding skills. Take your time & find

your rhythm again. Take part in a skills workshop or find a parking lot to spend a little time practicing. Don't forget how the weather wreaks havoc on our riding surfaces. Cinders, salt, & potholes will abound as usual.

Whether disposing of miles in a group or burning the road solo, remember it's not always about the destination, enjoy the views, smells, & cob web clearing that our two wheeled passion affords us!

**Ride with Pride,  
Walter Knight**

## **Road Captains**

The weather is going crazy this year so if you are going to get the bike ready to ride, please do your T-CLOCK and remember the debris that can still be on the road from the last snow treatment.

**Rene Noe, Walter Knight, Andy Kolb, and John "Spot" McCloud**

## **Chaplain's Corner**

**Del Parris, Chaplain  
Blue Knights WVII**

## **Quartermaster**

Brother Noe says chapter items are at the clubhouse. If you need something contact me or one of the staff at the clubhouse. We just received the new black sweatshirts. We have a lot of merchandise for sell. Now is the time of year to get your Blue Knights shirts, hats, etc.

**Rene Noe**

## **\*Joke for the Day\***

## **INT'L/MDC Safety Officer**

**Robert (Bud) Overby**

**252-717-2857**

**Mason Dixon Safety Officer**

**BKNCVIII**

**Ride Safe, Ride Often & Ride with Pride!**

## **From Membership**

From Brother Queen:

# Brother

a person who is there when you need him; someone who picks you up when you fall; a person who sticks up for you when no one else will;

**a brother is always a friend.**

## UP COMING EVENTS

### 2023 Events

#### May

**2023 Spring Mason Dixon Conference/Wild & Wonderful Knights**, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Elkins, WV. May 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and \$90.00 after May 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### July

2023 International Convention: Hosted by PA V, host hotel is the Penn Harris Hotel, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011. July 16 – July 21, 2023. Room rates are \$134.00 plus tax per night and the registration for the event is \$150.00 per person. Convention Information: The web site for the 2023 event has been activated for Blue Knights around the world. You can visit the web site by clicking on/going to [www.BKI2023International.com](http://www.BKI2023International.com). See flyer below.

#### September

**2023 MDC Fall Conference/47<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Ridge Rally**; Culpeper, VA, Sept 1 - 4, 2023. 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 46<sup>st</sup> Annual Blue Ridge Rally. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Dan Rivard 703-314-1012 or [VA2@blueknights.org](mailto:VA2@blueknights.org).

**Sick, Ill, or in Distress:** Brother Robinson and Kelli still having health issues. Brother Parris is home recovering from knee surgery. Brother Wikert is having hip issues and is having hip surgery in April. Brother Watson still recovering from knee surgery. Sister Pam Poisson recovering from knee replacement/revision done on 2/20. Special note that Brother Stevens was feeling nauseous and was unable to eat crabs today.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 19:00 hours.

**Drawing:** March drawing was \$5.00. Brother Justin Talkington was drawn and not present. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing. April drawing \$10.00.

**Members in Attendance:** Fred LePera, Mike Neely, Don Wikert, Ron Watson, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Walter Knight, Lewis Stevens, Bill Brady, Doug Baker, Randy Biggins, Marty McNulty, Andy Kolb, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin.

**Guest:** Brandi Knight

**Facebook:** Kelli and Robby Robison, Sherry Hunt, Pam Poisson, Rory MacConnell, and Calvin Ennals.

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**2023 BLUE KNIGHT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**A "Family Oriented Event" Sunday, July 16 – Friday, July 21**  
**Harrisburg, PA**

**Hosted by PA V – a prior host for 2013, 2018, 2022 Tristate Conferences and 2016 International Convention...You will not be disappointed!**

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 1150 Camp Hill Bypass  
 Camp Hill, PA 17011



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- 3pm check-in / 11am check-out
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- Gym and Outdoor pool



**Registration \$150 (adults), \$85 (ages 12-17):**

- Wednesday Dinner and Thursday Banquet,
- Hospitality daily w/extended hours
- Typical choices of 2 Guided Rides each day
- Youngster sitting during Banquet
- BK "car-pooling" excursions desk
- Special events for the ladies
- Vendors and Chapter Sales Room
- Door prizes & daily 50/50s
- Opt. Bus Tours (an extra charge)
- Opt. Daily Hotel Breakfasts (on your room charge)



**Some area attractions of interest for "Guided" Rides, Tours and Visits:**

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| National Civil War Museum - Harrisburg      | PA State Police Museum - Hershey           |
| Harley Davidson Assembly Plant - York       | Susquehanna River Tour                     |
| Bills Cycle Barn - Bloomsburg               | Three Mile Island - Middletown             |
| PA Military Museum - Boalsburg              | Gettysburg Battlefield Tour                |
| Hershey Amusement Park                      | National Cemetery - Ft Indiantown Gap      |
| Chocolate World - Hershey                   | Hershey Rose Gardens                       |
| PA Sate Capitol Complex - Harrisburg        | Centralia Mine Fire - A Near Ghost Town    |
| Vineyard at Hershey                         | Lancaster County Amish & Mennonite Country |
| Lititz PA - "Coolest Small Town in America" | Army Heritage Center - Carlisle            |