



March 2025 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

The membership renewals for 2025 are complete. We currently have 47 member's total. We have 42 regular members, 4 honorary and 1 special honorary.

I would like to thank the 20 members that showed up with their significant other at the chapter luncheon on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at the Parkette Restaurant. We had a total of 28 people show up and we also got a picture of our chapter family. Wish more of you could have attended. I believe that to be about 42% participation. If you want another luncheon, give me an idea of date and time.

Reminder that you should have made your room reservation for the 2025 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend Rally by now. Also please send in your registration for as soon as you can. The price for weekend reservation is only \$30.00 per person.

The 2025 Winter MDC was really a good time. Everything was good and the food was great. We had 10 people at the conference and did not get the award for most in attendance but we were close.

There were about 100 people attending the 2025 Winter MDC. As of December 31st, 2024 the renewals for MDC were 57 chapters with 1695 members. As soon as I get an update, I will pass it forward.

We are also working on an SOP for receiving donation/sponsorship request. Hopefully we will have this set up within the next six months.

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

I have received the 2025 membership cards and have mailed them out. You should have received them in the mail by now. If you have not received your card please contact me.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Hello brother Knights. Another month has gone by making us closer to our Wild Wonderful Knights weekend on June 13th to the 15th, 2025. I got my hotel room booked and my registration in. Looking forward to it and sure hope to see you there. Don't forget our next meeting will be on April 10th, 2025 at 7 pm at the Blue Knights clubhouse. Come early and have some pizza. God bless.
Be safe out there.

Respectfully,
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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

A Motorcycle First Aid Kit has Special Needs

An ordinary first aid kit just won't cut it. The types of common injuries that motorcyclists may experience need a special balance of first aid supplies. It is important to know the purpose of and how to use every item in your [motorcycle first aid/trauma kit](#)– otherwise it's just taking up valuable space.

Injuries a motorcycle rider might incur:

- [Burns](#) – [sunburn](#) and heat burns from exhaust pipes and other hot motorcycle parts.
- [Eye injuries](#) – things flying or blowing into the eyes and Insect bites or stings.
- [Cuts](#), abrasions and scrapes – usually from hitting the road (literally).
- Fractures, bleeding, possible amputation
- Trauma to the head, neck, spine, chest and abdomen (Box of Life).
- **Here's a [Motorcycle First Aid Kit Checklist](#):**
- A good compact first aid book or cheat sheet (ASM PACT Card).
- Nitrile gloves – No less than 2 pair – more is better!
- Anti-microbial Hand Cleaner – Waterless is preferred with at least 60% alcohol.
- Sting Relief & Burn Gel.
- Band-Aids: A variety of shapes and sizes for small cuts and scrapes. Antibiotic ointment packets
- Steri-strips or Butterfly bandages, Adhesive Sutures- used to pull a small gaping [cut](#) or wound together.
- Minimum 4 large (4x4) Sterile Gauze Pads – For Hint: paper towels in a zip-lock baggie can be used for clean-up – save the sterile dressings for when you need them!
- Rescue Breathing
- Emergency Blanket – For retaining body heat that can be used as a reflector for rain and ground cover.
- Normal sterile saline with a squirt tip for irrigating – this doubles as an [eye](#) wash or [wound cleansing](#).
- Instant Cold Pack(s) – They are single use so if you have space, grab a couple for your kit. The larger size works better.
- [Burn](#) cream or gel (some have lidocaine for pain)- Aloe Vera aids in healing, pain relief, has anti-inflammation properties.
- Glow Stick(s) – High intensity emergency glow stick for directing traffic or signaling for help. Consider Green, Yellow & Red so they can be used for triage!
- Heavy Duty Zip-lock Bags – Uses: disposal of used and contaminated gauze, gloves and dressings.

- Other medication – Pack the travel size or sample packets: Anti-diarrhea tablets, Anti-acid, Antihistamine (like Benadryl or Claritin), pain relievers, Electrolytes.
- Triangular Bandage – For [slings](#), padding, strapping limbs to splints when [fractures](#) are suspected.
- Trauma shears – 7-inch Paramedic Shear – smaller one’s just don’t cut it! You will need to be able to cut through leather. You will not want to move a person to remove clothing – if there is [heavy bleeding](#) you will need to cut through the leathers & other clothing. Use caution as you are using the shears since they can cut through unintended items.
- 1 or 2 rolls of 2” or 3” roll gauze.
- Tweezers: Easy-to-grip handles for splinter removal and other first aid procedures.

Other things to consider when putting together a [Motorcycle First Aid Kit](#):

- Look for soft-sided waterproof zipper cases. Consider packing items in separate strong zip-lock bags. The reason is you will need to stuff all these items into a small bag -as mentioned above- it is very useful to use one bag for each ‘type’ of item such as gauze in one bag, medication in another and medical tools (scissors and tweezers) in another. Then when you pull out the items from the main bag, they do not all tumble out onto the ground. This will not instill confidence in the person you might be helping.
- Become familiar with what is in your kit and inspect the contents routinely. Make sure your kit is not buried in a saddle bag & preferably is on the non-traffic (right) side of the bike. Consider adding a reflective red cross to indicate where your supplies are located.

Because you may not have time to read a manual while trying to give first aid to an injured person or yourself, we recommend that you take an [Accident Scene Management \(ASM\) course](#) to learn what first aid challenges you may encounter and how to treat them. A 100 series ASM course teaches the basics of motorcycle trauma using the P.A.C.T. formula and ABCSS of Trauma to prioritize treatment. While this one-day course is geared toward the lay rescuer, it is great for the EMS worker as well. Helmet removal, moving the injured and jaw thrust rescue breathing are all part of this class that prepares you to respond to a trauma scene and apply basic first aid. For more information [about classes click here](#) and [Pre-packed Motorcycle First Aid Kits go to http://www.rgcompound.com/](#)

**Ride with Pride,
Walter Knight**

Road Captains

POTHOLE SAFETY TIPS

- **Keep an eye on traffic patterns.** A number of cars that slows down or move quickly to other lanes may be a sign of major potholes or road damage ahead.
- **Avoid the urge to swerve out of the way of a pothole at the last minute.** You may swerve into the path of an oncoming vehicle. Risking damage to your car is wiser than risking the loss of your life or that of another person.
- **If you hit a pothole and suspect damage, pull over as soon as it is safe.** If you notice damage, record details and specific damage—just as you would in the event of a collision with another motorist—in case you need to file an insurance claim.
- **In West Virginia you can file a claim with the DOT.** It may take up to 18 months to get your money but hopefully you will be reimbursed.
- Check in at least annually with your independent insurance agent to **ensure that you have the right coverage.**

Rene Noe, Terry Queen, Walter Knight, Andy Kolb, and John “Spot” McCloud

Chaplain’s Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

Chapter items are at the clubhouse. If you need something contact me or one of the staff at the clubhouse. We have a lot of items on sale, please purchase something today. New shirts, hats, and new coins are in. Remember if there is an item that you think the chapter should purchase and have on sale, please bring it up at a meeting so we can vote on it.

Rene Noe
Quartermaster

Committee Report

As of March 25th, 2025 we have 25 Registration sent in with 35 people attending the 30th WWK.

It appears that our chapter picnic will be in Westover, WV on July 12th, 2025. Mark your calendar.

Joke for the Day

Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business & the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred. Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes. Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "Playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the officer questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!" The boy replied, "Why, yes."

From Membership

From Brother Enoch

For Sale 2019 Can-Am Spyder. Black 3-cylinder 110 HP. Automatic paddle shift 6 speeds. \$1500.00 in extras including adjustable windshield, running boards and driver's seat back rest. Price \$12,500. Call to see at 304-826-0259.

UP COMING EVENTS

2025 EVENTS

April

2025 Spring Southern Regional Conference, April 10th to 13th, 2025: Hosted by Louisiana XVI. Spring SRC at the Holiday Inn Baton Rouge, South 9990 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 225-924-7021. Room Rate is \$119.00 plus taxes. Registration for the event is \$100.00 per person. Contact person: David Whittenberg 225-385-5313.

May

2025 Spring Mason Dixon Conference, May 23rd to 25th, 2025: Hosted by North Carolina VIII, Greenville, NC. Winter MDC at the Holiday Inn Greenville, 203 SW Greenville Blvd, Greenville, NC 27834. Room rate is \$129.00 per night plus taxes and includes breakfast. Call hotel at 252-355-8300, ask for Mason Dixon Conference Block. Registration for the event is \$110.00 per person. Contact person is David Newton at David.newton53@yahoo.com

June

2025 Wild & Wonderful Knights Weekend Rally: Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Elkins, WV. June 13th – 15th, 2025. 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 \$30.00 per person before May 15th, 2025, and \$60.00 after May 15th.

August

2025 MDC Fall Conference/49th Annual Blue Ridge Rally; Culpeper, VA, Aug 29 - Sept 1, 2025. Hosted by VA II, Baymont Hotel, Culpeper Inn, Event includes breakfast buffet, (540) 825-1253, Blue Knights Virginia – II, P.O. Box 2264, Merrifield, VA 22116-2264. Contact Dan Rivard 703-314-1012 or VA2@blueknights.org.

Sick, Ill, or in Distress: Brother Gerry Menendez is ill and also his brother Steven passed away on March 4th, 2025. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Pam Poisson from Quebec I has to have heart defib done on Tuesday, March 18th, 2025.

Brother Enoch has to cancer on his nose and has to have surgery.

Brother Luzader just had surgery.

Brother Watson Sr has to have ear surgery at end of month.

Brother Martin slight pneumonia and cough.

Brother Hunt just had foot surgery.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, April 10th, 2025 at 7 PM.

Location will be the Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

Drawing: April drawing was \$15.00. No meeting.

Members in Attendance: Fred LePera, Jim Enoch, Don Wilkert, Ron Watson, Mike Neely, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Andy Kolb, Ronnie Watson Jr, Lewis Stevens, Zach Kesling, Ethan Kesling, Del Parris, Marty McNulty and Bill Bradley.

Guest: Tammy McNulty.

Facebook: Pam Poisson, Lelie Pruitt, Ruth Medwith Stone, Chuckie Diaz, Geri Mack, Larry Bailey, Frank Spears, Jane Watson, Doug Baker and Bob Rhodes.

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Our next meeting will be April 10th, 2025 at 7 PM at the clubhouse.

Hey, just to let you know that if you are a Blue Knight member you can join the Justice Federal Credit Union for just \$5.00 and also get one of their credit cards.

It would be great to get as many chapter members as possible to join up.

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