



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



## May 2017 Newsletter

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

I hope you can make it to our next meeting which will be held **Thursday, June 8, 2017**. It will be at the 19:00 Hours (7 PM) at Holiday Inn Express, 50 Martin Street, Elkins, WV. This will be the night before the start of 2017 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend. It would be a great thing to have several members come up on Thursday for the meeting and stay for the weekend event. I hope all members have been to some place and been able to get some door prizes for the event. Brother LePera is out doing a good job on this but we need more members to get them and turn them in before June 6<sup>th</sup>. It appears that we will have about the same size turnout as last year. If you have not made your room reservations do it now. The room will be released back to the hotel on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The discounted price will not be available after that date.

Ride With Pride

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

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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:***

**Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 8, 2017** it will be at the 19:00 Hours (7 PM) at Holiday Inn Express, 50 Martin Street, Elkins, WV.

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

May Meeting: Randy Biggins, Doug Baker, Fred LePera, Don Wikert, Ron Watson, Russ Swiger, John McCloud, Ren Noe, Lewis Stevens, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin

Guest:

## Chapter Safety Officer

Ride With Pride

**Walter Knight**

## Road Captains

Just to let everyone know that as Road Captains we do not make every ride that members take. So we want to pass on a little information to everyone. Remember before you pull out as a group and start riding down the highway please take the time to call everyone together and inform them where the ride will be going and the routes that will be used. The leader should ask about the skill level of the members so the leader will know what pace to set on the ride. The leader should make sure all bikes are topped off with fuel and that the members understand the route. Take a few minutes and go over the hand signals so everyone will know what you are doing with your hands. Also advise the other members to pass the signal on back to the other riders. The tail gunner is responsible to make sure that if someone goes off the road for a break down that he stops for support. If the leader and tail gunner have communication with each other that is even better. Be careful and Ride With Pride.

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

## Chaplain's Corner

Tomorrow I will be shopping for some vegetable and flower seeds to hopefully have some fresh veggies and a more colorful patio this summer. Seeds always amaze me in that some require warm soil to sprout and others prefer cooler soils. But the process, while I understand it scientifically, continues to amaze me – a small seed becoming a huge zucchini plant producing enough zucchini to feed me and my neighbors (until they get tired of them.)

But plants are not the only thing to produce unbelievable results from a small seed. Our words and deeds can do the same thing. A cheerful waitress or a smiling cashier who makes a joke about something can turn a bad day into one that is more bearable. Sometimes we as well as others can for some reason see only gloom and doom until someone plants a seed of kindness or humor that lets us know we are taking ourselves way too serious.

Jesus used seeds many times in parables and other teachings to instruct us in how to live. Sometimes our seed is buried in our heart and need a little sunshine and some rain in order to come to life. Be that sunshine for someone else. Let the sunshine around you inspire you and bring you to life.

**Del Parris**

**Chaplain, Blue Knights WVII**

## Committee Reports

## From Membership

## UP COMING EVENTS

**2017 Wild & Wonderful Knights**, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Elkins, WV. June 9, 10, & 11, 2017. 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 and the Code is BNG, Rooms \$104.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$75.00 after April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

**18<sup>th</sup> 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**

Drawing at May 11, 2017 meeting was for \$10.00. Brother was present so he won the money. At the June 8, 2017 meeting the prize will be \$15.00.

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