



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

I would like to take this time and let all our members know that we have had two (2) members receive certificates from Blue Knights International. Brother Marty McNulty received his for 20 years of Loyal Membership and Brother Ed Martin received his for 40 years of Loyal Membership. Congratulations to you both.

We have two (2) weeks left before we host the 2023 Spring Mason Dixon Conference which will be, May 26th, 27th and 28th, 2023 at the Holiday Inn Express, 50 Martin Street, Elkins, WV. I am requesting that we have members assist with this event on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with making this a successful event. We will be hosting a simple hospitality room for members traveling and the hospitality room will be open from about 5 pm until about 10 pm. Also, I am asking for you to please make the meeting on Sunday morning at the American Legion.

At the April meeting it was voted on that chapter members and their significant other does not have to pay for registration but will have to pay for their rooms. You still need to send in your registration form so we will have a count of everyone attending for the food and drinks.

We have several events that our members should try and attend. We are also hoping to have rides in June and events that will help get people more involved in the chapter.

Our manager at the clubhouse was able to sell \$6,000.00 of raffle tickets for WVU Children's Hospital and at the April meeting the chapter decided to match that fund. We will be donating \$12,000.00 to the WVU Children's Hospital. The next time you are at the clubhouse thank the Donna and the Staff. Also, when you are in the clubhouse thank the guest that are there to help us.

Membership voted to help out on Paul "Slugger" Brady II after his house burnt down.

Membership sponsored a few things at the meeting. To learn more contact me or read the minutes. Better thing is to come to the meetings.

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.

******Walter Knight and I went to Pipestem Resort State Park and talked with Tara about maybe our chapter hosting our event there for a year or two. They reached out and asked if we could talk with them, so Walter and I went there to see what they had to offer. There are some really good points and some bad ones.

Our biggest problem is that the park is near Hinton, WV. Park is about 3 and a half hours from Clarksburg. They are working on about the same principle as Canaan Valley State Park except Tara is going to give us a few graces. Standard room rate will be \$90.00 and the other rooms go up to \$120 per night depending on what size room you get.

Holiday Inn Express is telling us that for 2024 the room rates will be \$135.00 per night plus taxes and fees.

My question is should we try a different location for a change?

We have been at Elkins for at least 7 years. We have heard that some members preferred Canaan Valley, so maybe a year in the mountains might help. This is where your ideas come into play. If we are going to put a bid in for the 2024 Spring MDC, we need to make a decision soon so Walter and I can get the figures together so we will have a price for the bid.

Please let me know what you think or if you have questions contact me or Walter Knight for the information. Please let us know as soon as you can.
Thank you

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

Membership cards have been sent to all of our members and none of them have been returned so everyone should have their cards.

Heart Camp Car Show information should be out soon and will have flyers at the next meeting. Mr. England from the Westover VFW was going to try and attend tonight's meeting but he had to attend the VFW meeting. He wanted me to thank all the Blue Knights members for the donation to help restore the VFW building.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

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

Riding season is now upon us, 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

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, 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.

Rene Noe

Joke for the Day

GREAT NEWS !!!!!

I just figured it out.

I'm a Seenager. (aka Senior teenager)

I have everything I wanted as a teenager, only 71 years later.

I don't have to go to school,

I don't have to work.
I get an allowance (OAS, Social Security etc.).
I have my own pad.
I don't have a curfew.
I have a driver's license.
I own my car.
I have ID that gets me into bars & served alcohol.
The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant.
I don't have acne.
LIFE IS GREAT !!!!!!!!!!!

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Mason Dixon Safety Officer

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Ride Safe, Ride Often & Ride with Pride!

From Membership

From Brother Stevens

We went to Olive Garden today and it was awesome. If you go ask for Tamara for your waitress. She will take good care of you. She is without a doubt the best waitress I've ever had and I've been to a lot of restaurants. You will leave there in a better mood than when you walked in.

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 26th – 28th, 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, 2023, and \$90.00 after May 1st.

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. See flyer below.

August

2023 Summer Bash: August 9th – 13th, 2023, Chesapeake, VA, Hosted by VA V. Delta by Marriott, 725 Woodlake Dr, Chesapeake, VA 23320. Phone number 757-523-1500, Rooms are \$119.00 per night and registration for event is \$139.00 per person/ \$260.00 per couple, (**before July 15th, 2023**). Add \$20.00 after July 15th. Registration includes: * (4) Daily Buffet Breakfasts * Beach shuttles & tours * Games & prizes

* (3) Dinners * Music & Entertainment * Event collectibles ** Virginia V's "Traditional" never ending hospitality room ** NO meetings... NO Politics... Just "plain ole" summertime fun!!! Contact Ronnie Young @ 757-651-3300 or rwybkva5@aol.com. Timmy Stott @ 757-676-5440 or mccop465@verizon.net.

September

2023 MDC Fall Conference/47th 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 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 Wikert recovering from hip surgery, he got to come home on May 11th. Brother Robinson and Kelli still having health issues.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, June 8th, 2023 at 19:00 hours.

Drawing: May drawing was \$5.00. Brother Swiger's name was drawn and was not present. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing. June drawing will \$10.00.

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

Guest: None

Facebook: Bud Overby, Ethel Tyle, Pamela Poisson, Leslie Pruitt, Russ Harper, Jeff Cutchens, Johnny John, Darci Hogue, and Chuckie Diaz.

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