



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



November 2024 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Well, I want to thank the members who attended and help at the Cash Bash which was held on Saturday, November 9th, 2024. I believe the event was a huge success and that everyone had a wonderful time. We should have the final numbers in by the Christmas party. I hope with the funds raised at the Cash Bash we should be able to compensate for the low price we are charging for the 2025 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend Rally. You should get your rooms reserved for the 2025 WWK as soon as possible and also send in your registrations for the event.

Remember that the Christmas Party is coming up soon so make sure you get the information of guest that might be attending.

Our Bingo game is also Saturday, November 23rd, 2024.

We had the following; Brother Watson, Brother Wikert, Brother Watson Jr, Brother LePera, Brother Menendez, Brother Knight and Brandi, Zadah Talkington (survivor), Becca Martin, Sister Martin and Brother Martin attend the Clarksburg VFW Veterans Parade, Tuesday, November 11th, 2024.

There will be a chapter luncheon at 1 pm, January 18th, 2025 at the FOP Restaurant, in Nutter Fort, WV. At this luncheon we will be doing a chapter picture. We need to do an updated and current photograph of the membership. Please let me know if you are attending so I can give them the information. Also, we would like to do a group chapter photo with the motorcycles when the weather gets better. Maybe at the covered bridge in Bridgeport.

If you can, you should try and schedule your calendar to go to the 2025 Winter MDC in College Park, MD which is being hosted by Maryland I. February 14-16, 2025. This is fairly close; it is in the Washington DC area which is about 4 hours away. If you have not been to a conference event this would be a good one to attend.

Maybe we could get enough members to attend and get the award for the largest chapter in attendance there. Remember members will get reimbursed for their event registration when you return. Information is in events section below. I also have registration if you need one.

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

West Virginia II - chapter Christmas meeting/party Westover VFW, Post 9916, 340 Holland Ave, Westover, WV 26501. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

A reminder to everyone that there will be no meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 9, 2025 at 7 PM at the clubhouse. I hope as we begin a new year, we can strengthen our brotherhood by bringing more members into the club and scheduling rides we can all make

I understand there are difficulties getting everyone together at the same time and some of us cannot ride long distances for health reasons. However, I hope we can all make the luncheon at the FOP Restaurant on January 18, 2025 at 1 PM. We will be taking a group picture for the Sword and Shield magazine. Don't forget to wear your vest. See you there.

Respectfully,

Lewis "Lou" Stevens

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 ***Wear the Proper Protection***

If you're ever in a serious motorcycle crash, the best hope you have for protecting your brain is a motorcycle helmet. Always wear a helmet meeting the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218. Look for the DOT symbol on the outside back of the helmet. That is the manufacturer's way of certifying the helmet meets the DOT standard. A certified helmet also will have a permanent inside label identifying the manufacturer and providing information about the care and use of the helmet. Helmets meeting FMVSS 218 weigh around three pounds; have a thick polystyrene-foam lining; and sturdy chinstraps. ANSI or Snell labels are voluntary indicators of helmet quality. Don't leave your helmet behind on short trips because it could be a deadly mistake. Some motorcycle helmets, in addition to offering protection to your head in a crash, include plastic face shields that offer protection from wind, rain, insects, dust, and stones thrown up from cars. If your helmet doesn't have a face shield, be sure you wear goggles because eyeglasses won't keep your eyes from watering and can easily fall off.

Arms and legs should be completely covered when riding a motorcycle, ideally by wearing leather or heavy denim. In addition to providing protection in a crash, protective gear also helps prevent dehydration. Boots or shoes should be high enough to cover your

ankles, while gloves allow for a better grip and help protect your hands in the event of a crash. Wearing brightly colored clothing with reflective material will make you more visible to other vehicle drivers.

**Ride with Pride,
Walter Knight**

Road Captains Unseasonal Weather

For all of you that are out riding in this unseasonal weather have fun and be careful with debris on the road way. Remember that we have had some snow and that the Department of Highways had to treat the highway with gravel or cinders and they can still be on the roadway or along the edges of the travel lanes. Also the people in the vehicles will not be looking for motorcycles out driving around this time of the year so please keep your head moving and giving them room. Have fun and ride with pride.

**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

None

Joke for the Day

Q: Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?

A: Of course. The Empire State Building can't jump.

From Membership

None

UP COMING EVENTS

2024 EVENTS

November

2024 West Virginia II Bingo: Chapter is hosting a Bingo on Saturday, November 23rd, 2024. Doors open at noon; Early birds start at 2 and main games start at 3 pm. Bingo will be at Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg, WV.

December

2024 Harrison County Area Annual Toy Run: Sunday, December 1, 2024, bikers will meet at South Harrison High School parking lot at noon and kickstands up at 1:00 pm.

2024 West Virginia II, Friday, December 13th, 2024. West Virginia II - chapter Christmas meeting/party Westover VFW, Post 9916, 340 Holland Ave, Westover, WV 26501. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm.

2025 EVENTS

February

2025 Winter Mason Dixon Conference, February 14th – 16th, 2025: Hosted by Maryland I. Winter MDC at the Holiday Inn, 10000 Baltimore Ave, College Park, Maryland. Room Rate is \$124.00 plus taxes. Call hotel at 240-542-1226, ask for Mason Dixon Conference Block. Registration for the event is \$105.00 per person.

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 Bradley had surgery in September and things are not going well. Please say an extra prayer for him. Brother Wikert advised that he has been having shoulder problems for a while and may need

surgery. He got shots in the shoulder and right now he is without pain. Becky Green still has cast her wrist.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, November 14th, 2024 at 7 PM. Location will be the Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

Drawing: November drawing is \$25.00. Sister Martin's name was drawn but she present. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing. The January drawing will be worth \$5.00.

Members in Attendance: Fred LePera, Ron Watson Jr, Don Wikert, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Mike Neely, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Andy Kolb, Lewis Stevens, Marty McNulty, Ethel Tyler, Zach Kesling, and Etan Kesling.

Guest: Becky Green.

Facebook: Bill Bradley, Ruth Medwith Stone, Susie Enoch, Pam Poisson, Byron Hope, Chuckie Diaz, Walter Knight, and Johnny John.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be **January 9, 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.

VISA® REWARDS CREDIT CARD

GIVE BACK

Each time you use your Blue Knights® VISA Rewards Credit Card, we'll **GIVE BACK** to the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.

Receive a **\$50 VISA Statement Credit** when you open a new card.**

JUSTICE
Federal Credit Union
Federally Insured by NCUA.

The advertisement features a VISA Rewards Credit Card with a blue and silver design. The card is shown against a background of a red and white striped awning. The text 'GIVE BACK' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. Below it, a smaller line of text explains the promotion: 'Each time you use your Blue Knights® VISA Rewards Credit Card, we'll GIVE BACK to the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.' At the bottom, a blue banner contains the offer: 'Receive a \$50 VISA Statement Credit when you open a new card.**' The Justice Federal Credit Union logo is in the bottom right corner, with the text 'Federally Insured by NCUA.' below it.