



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Presentation to Brother Walter Knight his Tenure Honorary Membership certificate for 20 plus years as an honorary member of West Virginia II. Advise of the upcoming events that we might attend and requesting more of our members to attend the 2022 Winter MDC conference. Conference is February 11th – 13th, 2022 at the Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Remember that the chapter will reimburse you for your event registration.

**Just received this message from Clarksburg VFW about Veterans Day Parade.

ED, we will be having the ceremony at Jackson Square at 11 AM. Our main speaker will be the Secretary of State, Mac Warner. We will not be having the customary parade with bands, youth groups and others this year. Following the ceremony, approximately at noon, there will be a small procession of veterans led by the Police Honor Guard marching an abbreviated route from Jackson Square around 4 short blocks and back to the VFW. We regret that they uncertainty of government and health dept restrictions had not allowed us to do our customary planning to invite the entire community again this year. We intend to return to our traditions next year.

Thank you for you and your organization's continued interest and support. Please come to Jackson Square on Nov 11 if you are able.

The following members were nominated for office for the chapter.

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| President | Ed Martin |
| Vice President | Jim Enoch |
| Secretary | George "Robby" Robinson |
| Treasurer | Marty McNulty |
| Directors | Lou Stevens |
| | Andy Kolb |
| | Terry Queen |

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 11th, 2021 will be at the 19:00 Hours (7 PM) at Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. We will have pizza before the meeting.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 11th, 2021 will be at the 19:00 Hours (7 PM) at Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

Hope this finds my Brothers, Sisters, family members, and membership of Blue Knights WVII are in good health and spirits? Cooling off, n rain forecasted so if your out and about ride n drive safely and pay attention to your surroundings. Kelli has Doctor appointment tomorrow and I have a Veterans appointment on 11-1-21. Hope membership will consider blood drive/mammogram for Wild Wonderful Knights 2022. Please make room reservations it's a great time. Take care. Love n miss you all.

Respectfully,

George D. "Robby" Robinson

Blue Knights WVII Secretary

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

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

Motorcycle Safety Tips for Autumn

Just because summer is over doesn't mean you have to stop riding your motorcycle. But if you're going to ride in autumn, make sure you're doing so safely.

Here are tips to prepare for riding your motorcycle in autumn:

Dress appropriately

In many U.S. regions, autumn temperatures can fluctuate greatly over the course of a single day. Morning might start out in the 30s but by mid-afternoon, it could be over 70. Counter these weather changes by dressing in layers.

Leather jackets are perfect for autumn bike riding. In summer, it's often too hot, but in the fall, a leather jacket is a great piece of protection from the wind and dropping temperature. If you buy one that has a removable lining, then you can even wear it if the weather gets warm again.

Also bring multiple pairs of gloves with you if you use your bike to commute. A thick pair could be ideal on a cold morning, but on your ride home, if the temperature has picked up, you might want something lighter or fingerless.

Look out for riding hazards

Leaves, twigs and other debris from trees often fall into streets during this time of year. While your bike can withstand running over a single leaf, road debris should generally be avoided. Hidden under some leaves could be something sharp that could give your bike a flat tire or potentially cause a road accident.

Have rain gear

Keep rain gear stashed on your bike if possible. The rain paired with chilly weather could cause hypothermia, or at the very least impair your riding ability. According to a 10-year study by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, [11 percent of all vehicle accidents](#) are caused by rain. Make sure you're prepared in every way you can be for it.

Ride with Pride,

Walter Knight

Road Captains

TIPS FOR WINTERIZING YOUR BIKE

It's easy to prepare your motorcycle's physical body for storage during the winter months, but ensuring its fluids are ready, too, are often overlooked. Follow the quick guide below to help your motorcycle look and function as it should once it comes out of storage for the winter, so your first ride of the spring can be just as great as when you first purchased it.

Stabilize fuel and prep the battery.

Unleaded fuel begins to deteriorate after about three to four weeks. To help keep fuel from becoming sludgy and oxidizing or turning into varnish, run the engine for at least 15 minutes after adding a quality fuel stabilizer. Keep the tank full, to prevent moisture from building up and rusting the gas tank. Hooking the battery up to a battery tender or trickle charger (for under a half hour each day), can save your battery throughout the winter to be used again in the spring.

Change oil and inspect tires.

After stabilizing fuel, perform an oil change to prevent oxidization from prolonged lack of activity.

Use the same quality of oil that you would typically use in your car. A synthetic oil will ensure a good ride and quality lubrication when you re-open your bike to ride again in the spring.

Deflating tires and re-inflating them for storage during winter months will help eliminate any moisture build-up and ensure proper inflation. If you can, elevate your bike during storage to keep tires in good shape and uncracked as the air compresses in the cold. Using a good tire cleaner will keep tires looking fresh.

Clean and lubricate.

Make sure your motorcycle is completely clean of dirt, bugs, salt and sand before storing. Traces of these items can cause corrosion and rust when sitting for long periods of time. Once you've cleaned it with a soft sponge or cloth, polish your bike with a quality polish. Include the bike body, any chrome parts and the saddlebag. Be sure to lubricate the chain, so that it is not rusted when you take your bike out in the springtime. If you think of it, lubrication again mid-winter will ensure rust stays away. Keeping your motorcycle's fluids at their best during the cold months of winter will help it run best once it's out of storage. These can be quick and easy ways to keep your motorcycle looking and functioning great.

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

Chaplain’s Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WWII**

Quartermaster

You can stop by the clubhouse at any time and purchase the items. If I am not available one of the staff members can help you with your purchased.

**Rene Noe
Quartermaster**

MDC Safety Officer

Motorcycle Accident Statistics & Facts:
Most Common Causes - RevZilla

TOP 3 RISK FACTORS
(x Times More Likely To Crash)

- INTERSECTIONS**
 - 41x - Unmarked Intersections
 - 8x - Driveways/Parking Lots
 - 3x - Traffic Signals
- AGGRESSIVE RIDING**
 - 18x - Aggression
 - 9x - Inattention
- ROAD HAZARDS**
 - 12x - Evasive Maneuvers

Did you know?
We motorcyclists often complain drivers are out to get us, but we are nearly twice as likely to plow into the back of another vehicle than we are to have one pull out into our path.

3 TIPS TO REDUCE RISK

- 1. LOOK FURTHER AHEAD**
Keep your eyes focused further up the road to detect potential hazards with more time to react.
- 2. SCAN FOR ESCAPE ROUTES**
As you survey the road ahead for danger, actively visualize your hypothetical escape route.
- 3. RIDE DEFENSIVELY**
Don't outride your line of sight, don't get impatient or angry, and look out for #1—no one else will.

From Motorcyclist Daily Environmental Exposure Studies and Road Risk Analysis by RevZilla.com
Please Note: These statistics are based on data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and are not intended to be used as a basis for legal action. For more information, please visit <http://www.nhtsa.gov>

REVZILLA

Whatever you ride,
Ride Safe, Ride Often, and Ride with Pride
Robert Bud Overby

Joke for the Day

A salesman dropped in to see a business customer. Not a soul was in the office except a big dog emptying wastebaskets. The salesman stared at the animal, wondering if his imagination could be playing tricks on him.

The dog looked up and said, "Don't be surprised. This is just part of my job."

"Incredible!" exclaimed the man. "I can't believe it!"

Does your boss know what a prize he has in you? An animal that can talk!"

"No, no," pleaded the dog. "Please don't! If that man finds out I can talk, he'll make me answer the phone as well!"

Committee Reports

The 2022 Spring Mason Dixon Conference will be hosted by West Virginia II Memorial Day Weekend 2022. The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Elkins, WV.

Conference will be May 27 – 29, 2022. Make sure you book your room now. Some of us will be

going up on Thursday, May 26th. If you know of any vendors please try and get them to set up at our event.

Nominations from the Floor

Nominations for President:

Brother Stevens nominated Brother Ed Martin.

No other nominations.

Nominations for Vice President:

Brother Watson nominated Brother Jim Enoch.

No other nominations.

Nominations for Secretary:

Brother Longwell nominated Brother Robby Robinson.

Brother Stevens nominated Brother Don Wikert; Brother Wikert declined.

No other nominations.

Nominations for Treasurer:

Brother Stevens nominated Brother Marty McNulty.

Brother Longwell nominated Brother Ron Watson; Brother Watson declined.

No other nominations.

Nominations for three (3) directors:

Brother Wikert nominated Brother Lou Stevens, Brother Andy Kolb and Brother Terry Queen.

No other nominations.

Election will be at the November meeting and the officers will start their offices on January 1st, 2022.

From Membership

None

UP COMING EVENTS

November

Harrison County Toy Run: November 28, 2021 at South Harrison High School, Lost Creek, WV. Lineup before 12:30 pm. Kickstands up at 1 PM.

December

2021 West Virginia II, Friday, December 10th, 2021, West Virginia II - chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm. Ballroom A.

2022 Events

2022 Winter Mason Dixon Conference, February 11th – 113th, 2022. Delaware I is hosting the Winter MDC at the Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center, 1 Baltimore Ave, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. (On the Boardwalk) Room Rate is \$79.00 plus taxes. Call hotel at 800-422-0600, ask for Blue Knights Group #10376. Registration for the event is \$95.00 per person.

2022 Mason Dixon Conference/Wild & Wonderful Knights, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Elkins, WV. May 27th – 29th, 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, 2018, and \$90.00 after May 1st.

Drawing: October drawing was \$40.00. Brother Del Parris's name was drawn and he was not present. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing. November drawing with be worth \$45.00.

Sick, Ill, or in Distress: Brother Del Parris brother passed away last week in South Carolina. Brother Marty McNulty wife Tammy is still in pain, doctors can't find out why. Brother Lou Steven woman has another cast on her right arm. Brother Chuck Luzader has had 2nd operation (hernia/screen). Please keep all these families in your prayers.

Members in Attendance: Jim Enoch, Fred LePera, Don Wikert, Lewis Stevens, Ron Watson, Andy Kolb, Bill Longwell, Walter Knight, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin.

On Facebook: Marty McNulty, Robby Robinson, Kelli Robinson, Scott Hunt, Bud Overby, and Mike Neely.

Next Meeting Location

**Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 11th, 2021 at 7 PM.
Blue Knights West Virginia II Clubhouse.**

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The advertisement features a blue and white color scheme. On the right side, there is an image of a VISA Rewards credit card with a blue and white design, including the Blue Knights logo. The card is shown against a background of a red and white striped surface, possibly a bedspread or a tablecloth.