



# Blue Knights Wisconsin VI

April 2012 Chapter Newsletter

**President**

Jim Kindt  
jimkindt@yahoo.com

**Vice President**

Carl Karwacki  
carl\_karwacki@att.net

**Secretary**

Dennis Hafeman  
bkwrongway1@aol.com

**Treasurer**

Brian Bortmess  
bbortmess@gmail.com

**Directors**

Ted Engelbart  
Chuck Homa  
Sandy Santoro

**Past President**

Joe Kubicek  
kubydoo@att.net

Visit your web site at:  
[www.bkwivi.com](http://www.bkwivi.com)



From Your Chapter Secretary

You know, sometimes it's nice to kick back and let others tell tall tales about their travels in the club. This month it's my pleasure to offer a couple of different authors for your reading enjoyment. Thanks to Ted Engelbart and President "Tiny" for contributing to our newsletter.

First up is Ted's summation of the WI II Bike Blessing: Some members of the Blue Knights VI just might have a bike a little more blessed than some others. Yep, on Saturday, April 14th the following attended the bike blessing in Jefferson which was hosted by Blue Knights WI II.

Chris Koch came to Hustisford and met up with Ted & Pat Engelbart and Mike Stroessner. We then rode to meet up with Al Schoessow and Kenn Ziebell in Ashippun. Then Al led our little group to Wisconsin Harley. Mike Zivicki and Jesse Benitez met us at Wisconsin Harley and the eight of us rode to Jefferson with a large contingent of the Rock River Hog Chapter.

The group rode to St. Mark's Lutheran where we were met by Jim Bagurdes and Al and Judy Miller. There were plenty of donuts and coffee. After the blessing each participant received a Blue Knight 2012 Bike Blessing decal. After the blessing we all rode over to the Sullivan Saloon in Sullivan and had a plentiful delicious lunch. It was a great day to ride with friends and especially for a good reason.

Thanks Ted. Sounds like everyone had a great time. Our president found his inner writer and submitted an article about the 2012 Spring GLRC in Niagara Falls, NY. His submission can be found on the next page.

I want to close my column this month with a little legal update. Governor Snyder of Michigan signed Public Act 98 of 2012 into law recently. This law gives riders the option of wearing a helmet. The law states that the rider 1) must be over 21, 2) must have 2 years riding experience or safety training and 3) must carry \$20K additional insurance. If you meet these qualifications you have the option of riding lidless in the State of Michigan.

*"Wrongway" Dennis*

## 2012 Spring GLRC

The Spring GLRC in Niagara Falls, NY was a good way to start the 2012 riding season, although riding was not on the agenda. There was some snow - about half an inch, some rain, and temperatures down to the 30's.

Joe & Doni, Dennis & Laura, and Patti & I piled into my SUV about 7:30pm on Wednesday, March 28th and drove straight through to Niagara Falls. After we grabbed breakfast the hotel allowed us to check into our rooms early and get some sleep. That night we met with about 30 brothers and sisters at The Como Italian restaurant for dinner and conversation. Sandy arrived by plane and took a cab to meet us at the restaurant.

On Friday Joe, Dennis and Laura walked to The Falls to look around and then called the rest of us to pick them up, but Dennis must have been leading their group because we could not find them. When we did meet up we went to a couple of Harley dealers and a liquor store that was recommended for its selection of whiskies and scotch.

Then it was on to the hospitality room for some good times. Randy and Peggy had also arrived and we met with old and new friends. Our hosts served what seemed like an endless amount of pizza and great Buffalo wings. At 11:00PM the hotel staff came up and said we had to shut down due to guest complaints. They offered us the option of moving the festivities to a hallway off the lobby, though. After Joe and Dennis lugged the half barrel down to the lobby, the festivities continued 'til the wee hours.

Saturday was the business meeting where, among other things, we were updated on the 2013 summer GLRC which will be held in Muncie, IN. Joe gave an update regarding our hosting of the spring 2013 GLRC and ON VIII updated us on the 2012 summer GLRC in Collinwood, ON Canada. Of special interest for those that have not yet registered for the summer 2012 GLRC, the host chapter advised that they are able to accept registration in either US or Canadian funds. They made arrangements with their bank to cash checks paid in USD and will accept payment at par (USD equal to Canadian dollars). PA XVIII bid (unopposed) to host the spring 2014 GLRC in Erie, PA and Indiana XIII will host the summer 2014 near the Indiana/Kentucky border.

Nominations were also held for GLRC officers for the 2012-2014 terms with the elections to be held at the summer GLRC at the Blue Mountain resort. The nominations went as follows:

GLRC International Representative - Bill Haylett and Stacey Cieminecki  
GLRC Chairman - Dennis Hafeman (unopposed)  
Vice Chairman- Gayle Murnane and Thomas Peed  
Secretary - Glen Wheat and Pam Carlton  
Treasurer - Joe Kubicek (unopposed)

On a related note, our current GLRC International Representative John Gordon announced that he will be running for the B.O.G. Chairman's position.

After the meeting it was off to Canada for lunch and to check out The Falls from their side; an amazing sight. It was even more amazing when we went down into the tunnels behind The Falls - a sight that should be on everyone's "bucket list".

That evening we enjoyed good food and company at the banquet, as well as raffles, awards and a comedy show before saying our goodbyes 'til the next GLRC.

Jim Kindt  
President WI VI

## Minutes of the April 17 Chapter Meeting

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Kindt at 7:05 PM on Tuesday, April 17, 2012.
- 2) President Kindt led the chapter membership in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a moment of silence for our brother Blue Knights in need.
- 3) **Introduction of new members/special guests.** Guest Jim Ortiz was present, but nobody introduced him.
- 4) **Reading of the minutes of the last meeting (03/20/12).** A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Jim Bagurdes. The motion passed with one opposed.
- 5) **Treasurer's report.** Treasurer Bortmess was not present; Secretary Hafeman read his monthly financial report (the contents of which will not be published in this forum). There was no discussion regarding the report. A motion to accept the report as published was made by Jim Crouse and seconded by Kenn Ziebell. The motion passed.
- 6) **Quartermaster's report.** Quartermaster Bagurdes stated that he has a few t-shirts bearing the chapter colors left. His stock is: 1 size 2X blue short sleeved, 2 size medium blue long sleeved, 3 size large long sleeved, and 4 size large gray long sleeved. The costs are \$12 for the short sleeved shirts, and \$15 for the long sleeved shirts. Members interested in purchasing any of these shirts can contact Jim Bagurdes. Joe Kubicek suggested bringing the shirts to the May meeting.
- 7) **Old business.**
  - A) **2012 Dance.** Co-Chairperson Santoro made the report; Co-chairperson Fisher-Waliszewski was not present due to a recent surgery. She stated that she has received several last minute gifts and has collected money from ticket sales. She is also taking any donations. Currently she has three half barrels of Miller brand beer on hold with the hall, and will evaluate after these are finished before tapping any more. The hall is donating soda free to any non-drinkers and riders. A system for identifying these people will be provided. The hall is also offering pulled pork for \$5 a plate and Italian sausages for \$4. The food is not a cost to the chapter. The hall is supplying two bartenders, and is handling the set up and post event hall cleaning. Ticket sales have been good, with several advance sales being made. Co-chair Santoro reminded everyone that admission is \$10 at the door. She further stated that enough raffle items have been gathered to put on at least three good raffles of 10-15 items each. She will have different colored tickets available for each raffle. Doni Kubicek has volunteered to help with the 50/50 raffle and decorating the hall. Jim Bagurdes will coordinate with Joe Kubicek when running the booze raffle. Several bottles of booze have been collected, but numbers are far lower than previous years. Kim Fisher had arranged a DJ for music; Mike Zivicki asked if karaoke was available and Sandy did not know but would ask. Jim Crouse asked if the Loyal Few MC had been sent a flyer; Secretary Hafeman stated he would send one to them and had already sent the flyer out state wide and to Illinois. He stated he would send another copy out. Jim Crouse suggested a thank you board be made up for all the event sponsors, and Co-chair Santoro stated she had one and would take care of it. Jim Crouse also volunteered his wife "Pork" to help with the bake sale and setting the board up. Co-chair Santoro stated that due to Kim's recent surgery she will be unable to lift anything, so she will need a lot of help. Many volunteered to assist. Chris Koch stated she had the raffle prize baskets and wrap, and Jim Bagurdes stated he had the bushels for the booze raffle. Co-chair Santoro stated that the doors open at 7:00 PM, and Joe Kubicek suggested that the doors open to the membership at 4:00 PM. Co-chair Santoro stated she'd check on when the chapter could be admitted. President Kindt reminded all members that this is

our sole charity event and ALL MEMBERS whether working the event or not are expected to pay for admission. There was nothing further reported.

- B) **2013 Spring GLRC.** Joe Kubicek made a report about the status of the hotel. He informed the membership that due to several issues with the Wyndham he revisited two other hotels; the Radisson on N. Mayfair/W. North Ave., and the Double Tree downtown. Joe stated that a contract with the Wyndham had not been signed, and explained some of the issues with this venue. He went on to say that the Double Tree hotel was also aware of some of the issues with the Wyndham, and consequently did not improve on their initial offer. The Radisson did improve their offer, lowering the room rates to \$82 per night. For \$89 per night two occupants could each receive a breakfast. This information was presented to the membership at the spring GLRC. The voting members informed Joe that the bid had been won by WI VI, and it was up to the chapter to handle this and make the best decision regarding a venue. Joe stated that he would contact the Radisson and obtain a contract from them after pursuing a few more concessions. Parking at the Radisson is free, and is in an attached parking structure. Jim Bagurdes expressed some concerns that he heard from Wauwatosa police regarding criminal activity. President Kindt stated that committees would be formed in the fall for the convention, and asked members to start thinking about how they can help.

- C) **Uniform Committee.** Jim Crouse stated that there was nothing to report. He suggested that members go to Walmart and purchase a navy blue dress shirt and dress pants. The issue was tabled until May.

**There was no further old business discussed.**

8) **New business.**

- A) **International/GLRC updates.** Secretary Hafeman stated that at the spring GLRC not a lot of business was discussed, despite the meeting running two and a half hours. He stated that of particular interest were the dates and locations for the upcoming GLRC conventions. The 2013 Summer GLRC will be in Muncie, IN, from 8/23-25. Camping will be available for \$20 a night. The 2014 Spring GLRC will be hosted by PA 18 (dates to be established), and the 2014 Summer GLRC will be hosted by IN 13 (dates to be established) in the Columbus, IN area. Joe Kubicek explained that PA 18 is currently a chapter in the Tri State Conference, and they have tried to leave the Tri State and join the GLRC. This attempt was defeated at the International level, but the International suggested the two conferences work this issue out. He stated Secretary Hafeman is going to sit down with the Tri State board in fall to try to resolve this issue. Secretary Hafeman stated the other item of interest from the GLRC was the nominations of GLRC officers. He stated that three of the offices had multiple candidates running. He stated that for the office of International Rep current GLRC Chairman Bill Haylett was running, as was Stacey Cieminecki from Michigan. Secretary Hafeman stated that he had been nominated to the office of chairman, and was running unopposed. Gayle Murnane of Illinois and current GLRC Secretary Tom Peed were nominated for Vice Chairman. Glen Wheat of Indiana and Pam Carlton of Ontario were nominated for Secretary. Joe Kubicek was nominated for Treasurer; he is also running unopposed. Secretary Hafeman stated that the three opposed offices will be voted on at the summer GLRC in Ontario in August, and at that time he and Joe Kubicek will assume their offices. He encouraged members to contact any long time chapter members who know the candidates if they want to learn about them. President Kindt, as the voting member of the chapter, will cast the vote for the candidates at the convention. President Kindt stated that he will base his vote on the direction of the chapter unless he does not receive any feedback. Otherwise he will vote as he sees fit.

**There was no additional new business discussed.**

9) **Announcements/Good of the Order.**

- A) Secretary Hafeman stated that the day after the March meeting he received a thank you letter from Special Olympics for our contribution.

- B) Secretary Hafeman read a flyer about an upcoming ride on May 26, 2012. The ride is the "Support the Brotherhood" law enforcement ride benefitting COPS. Registration is from 8-10AM (cost of \$20 per rider/\$30 with a passenger). The ride departs from the House of Harley (6221 W. Layton) and rides through the Holy Hill area with a noon bike blessing, then returns to the House for a BBQ. Also on this day is the Nation of Patriots Ride out of Wisconsin HD in Oconomowoc at 9:30 AM.
- C) Secretary Hafeman stated that he received an e-mail about the upcoming 2012 International in Tyler, TX, listing some of the events taking place during the week. He stated that he had received several kitchen magnets for the event, and offered them to anyone who wished one.
- D) Andre Bleickardt spoke about the upcoming Police Unity Tour, which will be going on May 10-12. The tour supports an officer who will ride his bicycle 300 miles to the Police Memorial in Washington DC in May to honor of a fallen officer. For a \$12 donation a challenge coin can be purchased, otherwise tax exempt donations can be made to the following web site:  
<http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/kenneth-hoffmann/2012-police-unity-tour---chapter-i>. Secretary Hafeman stated that he received this flyer from Andre, and had forwarded it to the chapter membership and to the other BK chapters in the state.
- E) Bob McDermott had three items to speak about. The first was regarding the CCW training conducting in Deerfield. He stated that the course took approximately 20 minutes to fire (50 rounds with left and right hands), and for \$30 per gun he was certified for concealed carry. His second was a question about the location of the chapter's rivet at the HD Museum. Joe Kubicek supplied directions to its location, and stated that the rivet had some damage due to skateboarders. Bob's last issue was directed to President Kindt; Bob wanted to know where the gavel was. President Kindt stated his wife failed to pack it.
- F) Chuck Homa stated that there was a good turnout to the benefit for Bob Garcia. He stated that he had received a thank you card from Bob and his family for the contribution the chapter made to him.
- G) Mike Zivicki stated that he received the Retiree Police Officer's newsletter, and the chapter was written up favorably. He also stated that next year we should begin soliciting donations and ticket sales from the MPA sooner for our fundraiser dance.
- H) Jim Crouse stated that he had spent ½ hour on the phone with Brookfield PD Officer Gilger, who was grateful for our donation to him. Jim also met with Officers Vrtochnick (MPD) and the Franklin PD officer struck by the train; all were very grateful for the chapter's support. Jim invited these officers to attend the upcoming dance. He will follow up with all parties to see if they are interested in attending.
- I) Joe Kubicek suggested that the chapter's half of the 50/50 drawing be saved and used to purchase quality door and raffle prizes for next year's GLRC. He stated that this worked well when we did it for 2007 International. There was no discussion on the matter, and it was tabled until the May meeting.

**There were no further announcements made or information discussed.**

10) **Next meeting date: Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Alioto's.**

11) The 50/50 drawing was held, with \$50 being won by Carl Karwacki and \$50 going to the chapter treasury.

12) A motion to close the meeting was made by Jim Crouse and seconded by Mike Zivicki. The meeting was officially closed by President Kindt at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis H. Hafeman  
Secretary, Blue Knights WI VI



## ROLL CALL

Dennis Hafeman, Laura Duff, Carl Karwacki, Jim Kindt, Joe Kubicek, Sandy Santoro, Chuck Homa, Bob McDermott, Jim Bagurdes Jr., Scott Wysocki, Mark Meyer, Steve Schultz, Tom Listinsky, George Markopoulos, Jim Crouse, Andre and Kristi Bleickardt, Danny O'Toole, Kenn Ziebell, Chris and Mark Koch, and Jim Ortiz (guest)

## 2012 UPCOMING EVENTS

2012 Spring MWRC June 8-10  
Winona, MN (MN I) [www.blueknightsmwrc.com](http://www.blueknightsmwrc.com)

2012 Wisconsin State Convention June 15-17  
Green Bay, WI (WI X)  
[www.blueknightswixv.com/custom\\_1.html](http://www.blueknightswixv.com/custom_1.html)

2012 International Convention July 22-27  
Tyler, TX (TX XXXIV)  
[www.blueknightstx34.org/convention2012.html](http://www.blueknightstx34.org/convention2012.html)

2012 Summer GLRC August 17-19  
Collingwood, Ontario, Canada (ON VIII)  
[www.bkglrc.com/bkevents](http://www.bkglrc.com/bkevents)

2012 Fall MWRC September 7-9  
Omaha, NE (NE II)  
<http://home.comcast.net/~wayneschwartz/MWRC/events.html>

2012 Fall Tri-State October 5-8  
Gettysburg, PA (PA XXIV)  
[http://www.blueknightsny4.org/files/PA\\_24\\_31st\\_Fall\\_TSC\\_Convention\\_1.pdf](http://www.blueknightsny4.org/files/PA_24_31st_Fall_TSC_Convention_1.pdf)



Happy Birthday

Peggy Paddock-April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Carl Karwacki-April 7<sup>th</sup>  
Michael Zivicki-April 27<sup>th</sup>

## Chapter Rides

Brunch rides are held the  
**Second Sunday (10:00 AM)**

AND

Dinner rides are held the  
**Fourth Wednesday (6:00 PM)**

Rides begin in March and run  
through November

Meeting location is the park and  
ride lot adjacent to the Milwaukee  
Children's Center  
HWY 45 and W. Watertown Plank  
Road

Destinations TBD

**Wis. State Convention 2012-Green Bay**  
**RETURN TO TITLETOWN - PARTY ON THE FOX**  
**June 15-17**

**Hosted by WIS. X At the Brown County Fairgrounds 1500 Ft. Howard Ave. on the shores of the Fox River in DePere, WI.**

**FRIDAY NITE - ALL YOU CAN EAT TACO BAR**

**SATURDAY MORNING - EGGS, BACON, PANCAKES COFFEE AND JUICE**

**SATURDAY EVENING – GRILL YOU OWN TENDERLOIN STEAKS**

**SUNDAY MORNING – COFFEE, JUICE AND ROLLS**

**FREE BEER AND SODA (BRING YOUR OWN BOOZE) – ALL WEEKEND, ALSO FEATURING WIS. X'S FAMOUS "APPLE PIE" WITH ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY NITE.**

**SATURDAY ACTIVITIES: GROUP RIDE FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS TO DOC'S HARLEY DAVIDSON HOME OF THE TIMELINE BARBQ AND SALOON, ZOO AND MUSEUM. ALSO YOU MAY WISH TO VISIT THE CASINO OR LAMBEAU FIELD. CAMPING ON SITE - \$20.00 PER NITE, \$25.00 WITH ELECTRICITY & WATER. SEVERAL HOTELS WITHIN 2 -3 MILES.**

**Pre-Registration \$50.00 per person – After May 1 2012 - \$55.00 per person**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guest (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Camping Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ No Electricity \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity \_\_\_\_\_ # of Nites \_\_\_\_\_

Total Registration submitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**For Camping information call 920-448-4075 Camping reservations must be in by May 1, 2011**

Mail checks or money orders to: BK WIS X

Randy Lind

2110 Kassner Dr. Green Bay, WI 54304

For ? Or information – [danenelsen@msn.com](mailto:danenelsen@msn.com)

Aloft Hotel - 920-884-0800 465 Pilgrim Way, Green Bay, Wis. room rate \$70+tax per night.

We have 12 rooms blocked until Memorial Day.

This is a very nice hotel, with a bar and is located 1.5 miles from the convention site, straight down Broadway/Ft. Howard Av. Normal rates run \$99-129 per night.

Baymont Inn - 920-494-7887 2540 S. Oneida St. Green Bay, Wis. room rate is \$49+tax per night. We have 10 rooms blocked until May 15.

This hotel is located on S. Oneida near the Hwy 41 overpass and is about 3-4 miles from the convention site.

Both hotels have king and double queen rooms available. When making reservations, the rooms are blocked under "Blue Knights Wisconsin."



# Blue Knights<sup>®</sup> International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.



## Midwest Regional Spring Conference

Blue Knights<sup>®</sup>



Mid-West Regional  
Conference

**June 8-10, 2012  
Winona, Minnesota**



### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest/Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

#### COST

Postmarked	Thru April 30	On/after May 1	Children under 12	Quantity	Total Registration
	\$75.00	\$85.00	FREE		\$

#### BANQUET CHOICE

(Choose one per registrant)

Choices	Beef	Chicken breast (with herb cream sauce)	Vegetarian	Child meal
Quantity				

#### CONFERENCE SHIRT

Short Sleeve (S - XL = \$15 / XXL - 6XL = \$17)

Long Sleeve (S - XL = \$20 / XXL - 4XL = \$22)

SIZE	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
Short Sleeve Quantity									
Long Sleeve Quantity									
Sub-Total									

(Shirt design on page 1)

Total Shirt Cost      \$

**Grand Total**      \$

**Send Registration to:** **Blue Knights MN I**  
1648 Whitehall Pl.  
Shakopee, MN 55379

**Questions:**

Brian Gadd, President  
(507) 828-6503  
[bgadd@live.com](mailto:bgadd@live.com)

Eric Engrav, Director  
(507) 313-1638  
[eric.engrav@gmail.com](mailto:eric.engrav@gmail.com)

Mark Roussopoulos, Sec/Web Master  
(651) 353-7270  
[bkiv@embarqmail.com](mailto:bkiv@embarqmail.com)

**Riverport Inn**  
900 Bruski Drive  
Winona, MN 55987

[www.riverportinn.com](http://www.riverportinn.com)  
(800) 595-0606 (507) 452-0606

\$79.99 per night.

Ask for the Blue Knights rate.  
Room rate available Wednesday  
thru Monday.