



Blue Knights Wisconsin VI

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From Your Chapter Secretary

Let me start off this month's newsletter by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that one year has already passed since becoming your chapter secretary (and your GLRC vice chairman). It's said that time flies when you're having fun, and I'd have to say that's true based on how quickly 2011 came and went. And personally speaking, while the year had its share of headaches and sad times, the good times always had a way of paving over those potholes in the road of life.

There are a couple of housekeeping issues I'd like to address as I start the second half of my secretary term. If you're a loyal reader of this newsletter, you know that Joe Kubicek started listing members and their significant other's birthdays when he was secretary; a practice I've since continued. If you haven't seen your honey listed, drop me an e-mail with their name and birth month and day and I'll get them on the list.

Dues are due! The cutoff date for renewals is the annual chapter Christmas Party (Saturday, January 7, 2012). After that you'll have to pay the late renewal fee (\$40.00) and submit a new application. Remember, dues are \$30.00 if you receive the newsletter electronically, and \$35.00 if you get a paper copy mailed to you. PLEASE let me know if there's been any change in your personal info (address/phone/e-mail) ASAP. The renewal package is due back to the International headquarters in late January and any updates need to be addressed in the paperwork.

It's not too early to start planning your Blue Knights related travels. The list of upcoming 2012 events in the newsletters will continue to be updated as more info becomes available. In addition I'll be sending out registration forms to all of you as they become available to me. You can also get registration forms and hotel info for these conferences by accessing the links embedded in the events section.

Stay warm, and let's start hoping for an early spring!

"Lost in America,"

"Wrongway" Dennis

Minutes of the December 20 Chapter Meeting

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Kindt at 7:01 PM on Tuesday, December 20, 2011.
- 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.** James Ortiz (retired MPD) was introduced as a prospective member.
- 4) **Reading of the minutes of the last meeting (11/15/11).** A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Sandy Santoro and seconded by Dan Schmerse. The motion passed with one opposed.
- 5) **Treasurer's report.** Treasurer Bortmess read his 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 Mike Zivicki, and seconded by Chuck Homa. The motion passed.
- 6) **Quartermaster's report.** Quartermaster Bagurdes stated that he had nothing new to report. He stated that he had been unable to go to Will Enterprises to research shirts, but will go after January 1.
- 7) **Old business.**
 - A) **2012 Dance.** Co-Chairperson Santoro provided the report (Co-Chairperson Fisher-Waliszewski was not present). She stated that there was not a lot of new information since the last chapter meeting. She is still asking members to collect door prizes and booze. She has flyers printed, but it is still too early to begin distributing them. At this point dance tickets have not been printed out. She and Kevin Porter will get together and work on getting them done. A question about the location of the dance ledger was asked, and Secretary Hafeman stated that he would check the chapter records to see if he could locate it and a sample dance ticket. Co-Chair Santoro stated that donations are good so far; Jim Bagurdes stated that he is the person collecting bottles of booze for the raffle.
 - B) **2012 Chapter Christmas Party.** Secretary Hafeman stated that he had received a phone call from Jim Crouse, who was asked to secure the MPSO Union hall. Currently the MPSO has not sent out the necessary paperwork to rent the hall, but the chapter is "penciled in" for the day. The annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2012. The doors will open at 6:30 PM. Secretary Hafeman further stated that he will coordinate food with George Markopoulos again, and will work out beer purchase. Sandy Santoro stated she would make a cake for the party.
 - C) **2011 Blue Knight of the Year.** President Kindt stated that today is the last day that nominations will be accepted. He further stated that after the regular meeting the executive officers and directors are to remain to discuss the nominees. Secretary Hafeman informed the membership that as of today one person has been nominated.
 - D) **2012 Secondary Charity Committee.** President Kindt stated that if there were no volunteers he would appoint members to serve on the committee. He further stated that once the committee was in place he would like to have recommendations for donations made at the January meeting. Joe Kubicek nominated Bob Barr, who accepted. Kristi Bleickardt and Mike Stroessner both volunteered. President Kindt stated that he would like to appoint an executive board member to the committee to oversee it, and was informed that this job already belongs to the chapter vice president. Secretary Hafeman stated he would e-mail the guidelines to the three committee members.
 - E) Jim Bagurdes stated that he has booze raffle tickets available for members to sell.
 - F) **There was no further old business discussed.**

8) **New business.**

- A) **International/GLRC updates.** Secretary Hafeman stated that there was nothing new to report.
- B) **Nominations for 2012 WI VI Honorary Members.** President Kindt asked the honorary members and Mary Davey to leave the room during the proceedings. At this time Joe Kubicek nominated Gary Davey as an honorary member, seconded by Mike Zivicki. There was no discussion. The nomination was voted on and unanimously approved. Kevin Porter nominated Scott Wysocki as an honorary member, seconded by Chuck Homa. There was no discussion. The nomination was voted on and unanimously approved. Dennis Hafeman nominated George Markopoulos as an honorary member, seconded by Al Schoessow. There was no discussion. The nomination was voted on and unanimously approved. Bob Barr nominated Steve Schultz as an honorary member, seconded by Joe Kubicek. There was discussion relative to this nomination. After discussion the nomination was voted on; 18 voted for and 7 (one in absentia) against. The nomination passed. President Kindt then asked three times if there were any further nominations for honorary member, and hearing none closed the nominations. The honorary members and Mary Davey were returned to the meeting room and congratulated.
- C) Vice President Karwacki stated that dues are due no later than the chapter Christmas Party. Renewals are \$35 if you receive a paper copy of the newsletter; \$30 if you opt to receive the newsletter via e-mail. Any renewals after January 7 will require the member to resubmit an application, and will be charged \$40.
- D) Joe Kubicek initiated discussion about award certificates. He stated that last year the chapter gave a framed certificate of appreciation to George Markopoulos' friend for the food he provides for the annual Christmas Party. He suggested having these framed certificates made for Bay View Printing and Minuteman Printing; both companies provide the dance and booze raffle tickets to the chapter free of charge. After discussion President Kindt asked for a show of hands approving this suggestion; the suggestion was unanimously approved. Secretary Hafeman stated that he would have the certificates and plaques made through a local trophy company.

E) **There was no further new business discussed.**

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

- A) Steve Schultz spoke about the upcoming motorcycle show in Chicago. The event runs the weekend of Feb. 10 through Feb. 12, 2012. Steve stated that the chapter could charter a school bus (no restroom facilities) which seats 48, or a motor coach (restroom facilities) which seats 54. There was a four dollar difference per attendee depending on which mode of transport is taken. He stated that with 40 people attending the cost for the motor coach would be \$24 per person; this included the admission ticket but not any food or drinks on the bus. He stated that he was looking at Sunday, Feb. 12 as the day this would be done, with a departure time of 8:30 AM. The events hours are Friday from 3PM-9PM, Saturday 9AM-2PM and Sunday 9AM-5PM. Steve stated that he would need a firm commitment and the money at the January meeting. During ensuing discussion it was determined that the park and ride lot on Watertown Plank Road would be a good meeting point; it was also suggested having a south side meeting point. Steve stated that the bus would drop attendees off and return at a set time to pick them up. Bob McDermott stated that parking at this event is \$15. Joe Kubicek suggested notifying chapters WI II and WI XI; Secretary Hafeman stated he would send out an e-mail to both chapter presidents.
- B) Secretary Hafeman announced the birth of Sandy Santoro's grandson. 8 lb 11 oz Giovanni Francesco Edward Mineo was born 12/7/11.
- C) **There were no further announcements or information discussed.**

- 10) **Next meeting date: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Alioto's.**
- 11) The 50/50 drawing was held, with \$71 being won by Dan Schmerse (who subsequently donated the money back to the chapter) and \$71 going to the chapter treasury.
- 12) A motion to close the meeting was made by Joe Kubicek and seconded by Al Schoessow. President Kindt officially closed the meeting at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis H. Hafeman

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Secretary, Blue Knights WI VI



ROLL CALL

Dennis Hafeman, Jim Kindt, Carl Karwacki & Janis Smolinski, Brian Bortmess & Joanne Cook, Jim Bagurdes, Tom Listinsky, Robert Barr, Joe Kubicek, Jim Ortiz (guest), Steve Schultz, Gary & Mary Davey, Mike Zivicki, Chuck Homa, Mark Meyer, Scott Wysocki, Sandy Santoro, Julian Gonzalez Jr., Dan Schmerse, Kevin Porter, Mike Stroessner, Allen Schoessow, Kenn Ziebell, Pete Simet, Paul Serdynski, Andre & Kristi Bleickardt, and Jesse Benitez

2012 UPCOMING EVENTS

2012 Spring GLRC Niagara Falls, NY (NY V)	March 30-April 1 www.bkglrc.com/bkevents
2012 Spring MWRC Winona, MN (MN I)	June 8-10 www.blueknightsmwrc.com
2012 Wisconsin State Convention Green Bay, WI (WI X)	June 15-17 NO LINK AVAILABLE
2012 International Convention Tyler, TX (TX XXXIV)	July 22-27 www.blueknightstx34.org/convention2012.html
2012 Summer GLRC Collingwood, Ontario, Canada (ON VIII)	August 17-19 www.bkglrc.com/bkevents
2012 Fall MWRC Omaha, NE (NE II)	September 7-9 NO LINK AVAILABLE
2012 Fall Tri-State Gettysburg, PA (PA XXIV)	October 5-8 NO LINK AVAILABLE



Happy Birthday

Mary Davey-December 5th
Tom Listinsky-December 7th
Francine Peterson-December 14th
Jim Backes-December 18th
Mike Stroessner-December 28th

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



WI VI CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Saturday, January 7, 2012

M.P.S.O. Union Hall
2900 W. Forest Home Av.
Milwaukee

Doors open at 6:30 PM and close
when the last person leaves!

Food, beer, and soda provided
BYOB