



Blue Knights Wisconsin VI

December 2012 Chapter Newsletter

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From Your Chapter Vice President

Yes, you read that correctly; I'm officially no longer your chapter secretary! After two years I now have the distinct honor of passing the torch to our new secretary. And as long as I'm on the subject of new chapter officers, here is the lineup for your 2013-2014 WI VI chapter board:

President: Joe Kubicek

Vice President: Dennis Hafeman

Secretary: Sandy Santoro

Treasurer: Brian Bortmess

Immediate Past President: Jim Kindt

Directors: Steve Bzdusek, Chuck Homa, and Ted Engelbart

DUES ARE DUE!!! If you haven't mailed them in you have until the January 15, 2013 chapter meeting to pay up. Failure to renew on time will cost you \$40 and you'll have to fill out another application. As an added bonus International will consider you a member not in good standing until you renew. So get your dues paid! Along that line, please keep Sandy updated on any changes in address, phone and/or e-mail. Besides keeping the chapter roster current, we have to keep International updated. Having your contact information current is critical this year for receiving your ballot for International Executive officer elections. You can't vote if they can't send you a ballot.

The 2013 Spring GLRC is just around the corner, and we're looking for your help. WI VI has a reputation in the Blue Knights for putting on a great convention. But that kind of success requires the hard work and dedication of all of us, and not just a handful of members. Contact event Chairman Joe Kubicek and find out what he needs done.

Laura and I wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

"Wrongway" Dennis

Minutes of the December 18 Chapter Meeting

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Kindt at 7:07 PM on Tuesday, December 18, 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.** None were present.
- 4) **Reading of the minutes of the last meeting (11/13/12).** A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by President Kindt and seconded by Kevin Porter. The motion passed.
- 5) **Treasurer's report.** Treasurer Bortmess was not present due to an illness. The financial report will not be published in this forum. A motion to accept the report was made by Robert McDermott and seconded by Mike Stroessner. The motion passed. President Kindt also provided a financial report for the Packer/Bear game.
- 6) **Quartermaster's report.** Quartermaster Bagurdes was not present; no report given.
- 7) **Old business.**
 - A) **2013 Spring GLRC.** Joe Kubicek made a report on the status of the convention. He stated that Dennis Hafeman, Laura Duff and he had gone to the Harley-Davidson Museum and met with an event planner to set up a scavenger hunt. The museum already has a "team building" scavenger hunt form, which they'd provide to the members attending, along with a clip board and pen. At this time they are offering reduced ticket prices of \$12; regular admission tickets cost \$16.

Joe further stated that he, Laura, Dennis and Bob Barr went to the Great Lakes Distillery, which is down the street from the museum. They took the tour, which lasted about an hour with a tasting afterwards. Joe was interested in having this tour for early arrivals on Thursday night. The tour is free, with a \$5 charge for the tasting. At the distillery they met with Jim Klisch from Lakefront Brewery who also offered a brewery tour with a tasting to follow. Originally the idea was to have dinner at Motor, the HD Museum restaurant following the tour, but it was decided that this would be emphasizing the museum too much. Joe then explained that they then went to Mader's Restaurant on N. Old World Third St., where dinner would be an option (showing off the German heritage of the city) after the Lakefront Brewery tour. He stated that he spoke with Bill Black, an employee of Lamer's Bus Line. Black stated that if the chapter chartered a school bus through Lamer's the cost would be \$25 an hour; if chartered through him the cost would be \$75 for the night, with compensation of his time costing between \$100-\$150. Joe stated that the bus would pick up our guests at the hotel around 4:30 PM and convey them to the Lakefront Brewery for a 5:00 PM tour. The cost of the brewery tour is \$6, for which you receive a commemorative pint glass and four generous samples. The tour/tasting would last until approximately 6:30 PM, at which time guests would be conveyed to Mader's if they wished, or back to the hotel if they wanted dinner on their own. At this time Mader's will not lower their dinner price or allow lunch items on the menu. The restaurant bar, The Knights Bar, features over \$3 million in medieval armor, weapons and art work. Joe was asked if he checked on a "pre sporting event menu;" he did not. Director Homa wondered at what time the hospitality suite would be opened Thursday night, and he was informed that this was his committee's decision. Director Homa also suggested having menus available at the time guests arrive so they can see the prices; Joe stated he put links to the restaurant, bar and art gallery in the last issue of the GLRC newsletter. President Kindt asked how many the rooms would hold, and Joe informed him that

the back room could easily accommodate 45 and 75+ upstairs; the restaurant routinely handles walk in groups of 15-20 without problems.

President Kindt stated that the pin order has been placed for a total cost of \$525. He urged chapter members to get their registrations in. He further passed around a paper asking committee chairs and members who would be working the event (and not just attending) to sign up for worker's shirts. Members not interested in working the event could purchase worker's shirts for cost. He further stated that if a member gets one of the worker shirts but isn't "working" there will be an expectation that the member will help our guests if asked. President Kindt stated that he will offer 50-60 event shirts for sale, keeping the number small to avoid being stuck with an overstock after the event.

- B) **Packer/Bear game.** President Kindt stated that the event was a great time, with great chili and 45 overall in attendance. Mitchell's Tavern was an excellent host. Chuck Homa said that he left before the hat was passed to collect tips for the bartenders. Several other members said that they, too, left before the collection was made. Those that missed out kicked in another \$42 and that will be given to the bartenders.

- C) **There was no further old business discussed.**

8) **New business.**

- A) **International/GLRC updates.** Secretary Hafeman stated that all three proposals before the Board of Directors last month passed. He advised anyone interested in what was passed to look up the info in the last meeting minutes. Secretary Hafeman further stated that electronic voting for International Executive officers will not be taking place; electronic voting is illegal in the State of Maine. The BOD will have to rescind the two proposals regarding electronic voting before the ballots are mailed. Elections take place in July of 2013.
- B) **WI VI annual chapter Christmas Party.** President Kindt stated that the hunting lodge where we had held the Packer/Bear game in the past was only available to us on January 4, 2013 (Friday night). There was no other location available for the club to use. President Kindt gave three options: have the party at the hunting club, cancel the party outright or meet for dinner at an undetermined restaurant. After much discussion it was decided to table the party for 2013, and entertain a possible summer cookout. Sandy Santoro's residence was suggested.
- C) **Secondary Charity Committee appointments.** President Kindt asked for three volunteers for the 2013 Secondary Charity Committee. Steve Lesniewski, Kevin Porter, and Chuck Homa all volunteered. **REMINDER:** suggestions for donations can be e-mailed to the committee members prior to the chapter meeting per guidelines. Chapter members are able to make suggestions for them to consider up to and including at the next meeting and the committee would be able to meet and discuss those suggestions afterward. They will then submit their report at the February meeting.
- D) **Nominations for chapter honorary members.** President Kindt asked the three honorary members present to leave the room. Present were Steve Schultz, Gary (and Mary) Davey, and Scott Wysocki (George Markopoulos was not present). Joe Kubicek made a motion to renew all four honorary members; seconded by Kevin Porter. After discussion a vote was called for; the vote to renew all four honorary members was unanimous.
- E) **Elections of chapter officers.** At the beginning of the meeting Director Santoro, Web Mistress Laura Duff and Mary Davey were asked to count the ballots for the presidential election. Director Santoro gave the results to Secretary Hafeman, who announced that the winner of the election and new chapter president was Joe Kubicek. Outgoing President Kindt stated that he's enjoyed the last four years. The ballots will be retained by Secretary Hafeman for 30 days and then destroyed. Secretary Hafeman then cast one ballot each for Vice President Dennis Hafeman,

Secretary Sandy Santoro, Treasurer Brian Bortmess, and Directors Chuck Homa, Ted Engelbart, and Steve Bzdusek, officially electing them to office.

F) President Kubicek mentioned that 2013 GLRC dues are due; Past President Kindt stated they would be paid after the meeting.

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

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

A) **There were no announcements made or information discussed.**

10) **Next meeting date: Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7:00 PM at Alioto's.**

11) The 50/50 drawing was held, with \$48 being won by Sandy Santoro and \$47 going to the chapter treasury (earmarked for the 2013 Spring GLRC).

12) A motion to close the meeting was made by Robert McDermott and seconded by Kenn Ziebell. The meeting was officially closed by Past President Kindt at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis H. Hafeman
Vice President, Blue Knights WI VI





ROLL CALL

Dennis Hafeman, Laura Duff,
Robert McDermott, Jim Ortiz,
Kenn Ziebell, Mike Stroessner,
Gary and Mary Davey, Julian
Gonzalez Jr., Tom Listinsky,
Steve Schultz, Chuck Homa, Jim
Crouse, Robert Barr, Sandy
Santoro, Scott Wysocki, Kevin
Porter, Steve Lesniewski, Carl
Karwacki, Jim and Patti Kindt,
and Joe Kubicek

2013 UPCOMING EVENTS

2013 Spring GLRC Wauwatosa, WI (WI VI)	March 1-3
2013 Joint RGC/MWRC Eureka Springs, AR (AR II/MO I)	June 13-15
2013 Wisconsin State Convention Racine County Fairgrounds (WI XI)	June 21-23
2013 International Convention Hot Springs, AR (AR IV)	July 14-20
2013 Summer GLRC Muncie, IN (IN I)	August 23-25
2013 Fall MWRC Broken Arrow, OK	September 13-15

Check the International and conference web sites for
further info and registrations forms



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mary Davey-December 5th
Tom Listinsky-December 7th
Francine Peterson-December 14th
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