



Blue Knights Wisconsin VI

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From Your Chapter Secretary

The words “it’s almost here” keep rattling around my head as I sit here banging out another issue of the newsletter. Why, you ask? Well, it could be a number of different reasons. The first day of spring is a mere month away (March 20); a time when a man’s thoughts turn to motorcycling. Of course some of you have taken advantage of this mild winter and did a little riding all winter long. It won’t be long before we all fire up the bikes for another season in the saddle. I know I’m getting antsy, but this just doesn’t seem like the cause of my recurring refrain.

Maybe it’s the start of Daylight Savings Time (March 11). What could be more soul stirring than losing an hour of sleep and having to run around the house resetting a dozen clocks? Nah, that can’t be it.

Perhaps it’s St. Patrick’s Day (March 17) that calls to my liver like a siren’s song. Okay, I’m German, but aren’t we all a wee bit Irish on St. Patrick’s? While I look forward to a big bite of corned beef, and raising a dram or three of Jameson and a cold Guinness to my lips to indulge my inner leprechaun this still doesn’t seem quite right.

I know; it has to be the GLRC! The 2012 Spring GLRC is the kickoff event of another great riding season with the Blue Knights. Ah, Niagara Falls! This will be my fourth time there, and I never get tired of seeing them. If you’ve never experienced the majesty of The Falls, here’s a perfect opportunity to see them *and* enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Blue Knights. The event starts Friday, March 30, and ends Sunday, April 1. Check out the registration form that’s attached to this newsletter for all the particulars. I know that our brother and sister Blue Knights in NY V will be hosting another excellent regional convention.

“Wrongway” Dennis



Minutes of the February 21 Chapter Meeting

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Kindt at 7:02 PM on Tuesday, February 21, 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.** Director Chuck Homa introduced prospective members Mark and Christine Koch, both retired MPD officers.
- 4) **Reading of the minutes of the last meeting (01/17/12).** 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 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 Mike Zivicki and seconded by Robert McDermott. The motion passed.
- 6) **Quartermaster's report.** Quartermaster Bagurdes stated he had nothing new to report. He did state that he had received some bottles of booze for the booze raffle. President Kindt stated that it is important that members donate at least 2 bottles for the raffle, and initially stated that there was one more meeting before the event (corrected-there are two more meetings before the dance) and members are encouraged to bring their donations to the meetings and get them to Jim Bagurdes.
- 7) **Old business.**
 - A) **2012 Dance.** Co-Chairperson Santoro provided the report (Co-Chairperson Fisher-Waliszewski was not present). She stated that she has admission tickets for anyone who wanted to sell them. She also stated that they are still in need of door prizes. She stated she can e-mail donation letters and dance flyers to anyone who wants them. Jim Bagurdes stated that he has booze raffle tickets.
 - B) **2012 Secondary Charity Committee.** Committee Chairperson Kristi Bleickardt announced the organizations the chapter was donating to and the amounts they will receive. They are: Stars and Stripes Honor Flight (\$200), Blue Knights COPSRUN (\$200), Fisher House of Wisconsin (\$200), Holiday Lake Area Shop with Cops (\$100), and Special Olympics (\$100). After brief discussion Secretary Hafeman stated he would obtain the checks from Treasurer Bortmess and send out the donation letters and checks.
 - C) Joe Kubicek spoke briefly regarding the 2013 Spring GLRC, which is being hosted by WI VI. He stated that he will be meeting with the host hotel on March 3 to sign the contract. He had no further information at this time.
 - D) **There was no additional old business discussed.**
- 8) **New business.**
 - A) **International/GLRC updates.** Secretary Hafeman stated that at the last International Board of Directors meeting several proposals were discussed and voted on. Proposal 2011-003 regarding an increase in membership dues had already been passed. Author Koen Hutse from the European Conference was directed to draft a resolution which will be voted on at the General Membership meeting as this proposal requires a bylaw change. Proposal 2011-0013 addressed outsourcing the International officer election to an independent company. This proposal was tabled. Proposal 2012-001 was a request by PA 18 to leave the Tri State Conference and join the GLRC. The motion was defeated (4 for, 8 against, 4 abstaining). Joe Kubicek explained that PA 18 and NY 26, both members of the Tri State Conference, have payed conference dues to the GLRC and are considered associate members of the GLRC. Proposal 2012-002 was a request for CO 3 to leave the Southwest Conference and rejoin the West Coast Conference. The proposal was withdrawn after the proposal regarding PA 18 was defeated. Proposal

2012-003 was for the acceptance of a donated 2.5 acre parcel of land in Maine. Initially the proposal passed (12 for, 3 against), however this was unanimously overturned on 1-26-12 when it was found that the land was only valued at \$1,300.00 and the club would be unable to develop the land or build on it. Proposal 2012-004 was a housekeeping proposal, dealing with a chapter having their sales item left out of the International Sales Catalog. The proposal passed (13 for, 2 against). Proposal 2012-005 was a request by the European Conference to bid for the 2014 International Convention outside of the traditional third week of July. They are requesting to host the convention from June 22-29, 2014. The proposal passed (14 for, 1 against), however it was amended to state that any chapter bidding for the 2014 International Convention can host it any week in June or July; this change only affects the 2014 convention. Proposal 2012-006 regarded setting up a recruiting booth during Law Week in Washington DC at a cost of \$3,000.00. The proposal passed (12 for, 2 against, 1 abstention).

- B) Ted Engelbart stated that he and Al Schoessow discussed recruiting new members. He suggested publishing a recruiting article in The Badge and the Sheriff's Department newsletter. After brief discussion Joe Kubicek stated he would send the contact information for The Badge to Vice President Karwacki and Secretary Hafeman.

C) There was no additional new business discussed.

9) Announcements/Good of the Order.

- A) Secretary Hafeman read an e-mail from Lori Bednarek thanking member Jim Bagurdes and the membership of WI VI for locating an old style MPD patch for her. The patch is a gift for her husband, who is a Blue Knight in Indiana.
- B) Secretary Hafeman read an e-mail regarding a sponsored charity ride. Carolyn Barns, the wife of a BK Wales 1 member is riding from the UK to Bansang Hospital in Gambia, Africa on a Honda C90 scooter. The trip is 4,000 miles. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so on their web site:
www.scootersinthesahara.co.uk.
- C) President Kindt again stressed the upcoming dance. He stated that at this meeting the secondary charitable fund was depleted and two other large donations to injured officers were being made. He stressed the necessity of raising money to replenish these two funds, reiterating seeking out donations and selling tickets.
- D) Secretary Hafeman stated that the 2012 membership cards are in. He asked all the members who received their cards check them over for accuracy. Bob McDermott stated that several years ago he asked the International President if the date you joined the Blue Knights could be included on the card. He was informed that this could be done; Bob stated that it still hasn't. It was pointed out by Joe Kubicek that the year a member joined the Blue Knights in on the front of the membership card.
- E) Bob McDermott stated that he called Bessie at the International Office regarding the Blue Knights credit card, and was informed that the card was no longer available. He also stated that this year he will have been a member of the Blue Knights for 34 years and will be 75 years old. He received a round of applause.
- F) Joe Kubicek stated that there are two new bottles of scotch being featured by Alioto's. They were recently added to their stock at his suggestion. He encouraged the membership to indulge "Dutch treat."

G) There were no further announcements made or information discussed.

10) Next meeting date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Alioto's.

- 11) The 50/50 drawing was held, with \$60 being won by Dennis Hafeman and \$60 going to the chapter treasury.
- 12) A motion to close the meeting was made by Tom Listinsky and seconded by Joe Kubicek. The meeting was officially closed by President Kindt at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



ROLL CALL

Dennis Hafeman, Jim Kindt,
Brian Bortmess, Jim Bagurdes,
Joe Kubicek, Andre and Kristi
Bleickardt, Steve Bzdusek,
Robert Barr, Steve Schultz,
Herman Kremkau, Ted and Pat
Engelbart, Kenn Ziebell, George
Markopoulos, Mike Zivicki, Gary
and Mary Davey, Robert
McDermott, Danny O'Toole, Tom
Listinsky, Carl Karwacki, Sandy
Santoro, Scott Wysocki, Chuck
Homa, Mark and Chris Koch
(guests)

2012 UPCOMING EVENTS

2012 Spring GLRC March 30-April 1
Niagara Falls, NY (NY V) www.bkglrc.com/bkevents

2012 Spring MWRC June 8-10
Winona, MN (MN I) www.blueknightsmwrc.com

2012 Wisconsin State Convention June 15-17
Green Bay, WI (WI X)
www.blueknightswixv.com/custom_1.html

2012 International Convention July 22-27
Tyler, TX (TX XXXIV)
www.blueknightsstx34.org/convention2012.html

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

2012 Fall MWRC September 7-9
Omaha, NE (NE II)
<http://home.comcast.net/~wayneschwartz/MNIVBlueKnights/images/Spring2012RegistForm.pdf>

2012 Fall Tri-State October 5-8
Gettysburg, PA (PA XXIV)
http://www.blueknightsny4.org/files/PA_24_31st_Fall_TSC_Convention_1.pdf



Happy Birthday

Julian Gonzalez Jr.-February 3rd
Phyllis O'Toole-February 4th
Kathy Homa-February 5th
John Wieseler-February 9th
Larry Thompson-February 10th
Jackie Thompson-February 11th
Jim Crouse-February 14th
Allan Miller-February 17th
Edward Kunicki-February 21st
Kenn Ziebell-February 23rd
Will Parzyszek-February 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

Hello Blue Knights,

I hope today finds you doing great!!! Sorry for the long delay.

I am honored to be able to pass on to you the information regarding this year's KORT competition. Please forward this email or copy and paste it into a new one to send to all of your chapter members, other Knights in your community or those you are connected with in other communities.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE TOURNAMENT:

Outer Banks, NC

Thursday Night Costume Theme: King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table

Date: Thursday, Oct 11 - Sunday, Oct 14, 2012

Hotel: Comfort Inn on the Ocean, 1601 S. Virginia Dare Trail, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948 (252) 441-6333

Name for Blocked Rooms: Blue Knights

Cost: \$89.00 per night for Double on Street Side or \$104.00 per night for Double on Oceanfront -- reservations are on your own

IF Comfort Inn fills up the alternative hotel is:

Hotel: Travelodge Nags Head Beach Hotel, 804 N. Virginia Dare Trail, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948 (800) 873-4914

Cost: between \$80.96 - \$107.96 per night depending on beds, pets and number per room

Primitive Campgrounds: Adventure Bound, 1004 W. Kitty Hawk Rd, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949 (252) 255-1130 or toll free: 1 (877) 453-2545

Cost: \$8.00 plus tax if you organize a group of 10 or more -- they want the point person to collect the money and give to them (\$8.94 each)

Web: www.adventureboundnc.com --- only 4 miles from the Comfort Inn

Note: no pop-ups nor RVs -- just tents -- bath-house has electricity and hot water

Other Campgrounds:

Joe & Kay's in Kill Devil Hills -- no group rates and no reservations tent camping is \$25 per person per night (252) 441-5468

Cape Hatteras KOA in Rodelthe is closed until March 1 (252) 995-5850

Kitty Hawk's RV Park in Kitty Hawk only self-contained RV sites available -- no tents because they have no bath-house (252) 261-2636

Ride With Pride,

Pastor Kenny Craig, Chaplain

"The Best Knight 2011"

Blue Knights PA XXV

Email: pastor.kenny@yahoo.com or knightstournament@yahoo.com

Mobile: 850-516-3684

Spring GLRC Conference 2012 – Hosted by NY V

30 Mar - 01 Apr 2012

Sheraton At The Falls Hotel, 300 3rd St., Niagara Falls, NY.

1-800-325-3535 - Rooms: \$77.00 + tax per night

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____ # of Children: _____

Address: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Adults: _____ x\$65.00 (\$75.00 after March 1, 2012) \$ _____

Children under 13: _____ x\$30.00 (\$40.00 after March 1, 2012) \$ _____

Children under 3 – free _____

Total amount in US Funds \$ _____

Includes event pin, hospitality room, Fri. & Sat., Banquet Saturday followed by comedy show!

Mail to: Blue Knights NY V, 6727 Derby RD. Derby NY 14047

Booked before March 1, 2012 are eligible for 3 chances to be upgraded to Executive King Suite and one chance to be reimbursed for the 2 night stay.

Contact: Gary Hubert bigstash1954@aol.com at 716-432-2387

Please pick your dinner choice for each registered guest:

Beef: _____

Chicken: _____

Vegetarian: _____