



Blue Knights Wisconsin VI

January 2012 Chapter Newsletter

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From Your Chapter Secretary

The annual WI VI Christmas party is officially in the record books. And what a weekend it was, and not necessarily for all the right reasons. As you've all read in a very last minute e-mail, the MPSO Union Hall will no longer be available to us for rental. The current MPSO board is focusing on their membership and "union issues" and has decided to get out of the hall rental business. It would have been nice to know that more than three days before our party. I could go on ranting, but it'd be a waste of time. Before I go any further I want to thank Joe Kubicek for scrambling at the last minute and obtaining the use of Milwaukee HD's game room for us. Thanks Joe, all it took was a phone call and buying a 2012 Ultra Limited! That's taking one for the team (and NO, the chapter won't pay for your bike).

Milwaukee HD was a much better venue, with plenty of things to keep one occupied beyond socializing. A pool table, shuffle board, foosball table, and several vintage video games kept some entertained. Our very own North Pole Dancer Sandy Santoro demonstrated her moves on the "dancer" pole, keeping others entertained. Of course the place had a too familiar problem for me. Our Nescoes kept tripping the circuit breakers, which made for some tense times getting the food ready. Just before the dinner bell was rung, President "Tiny" and I had the pleasure of bestowing the 2011 Blue Knight of the Year award to chapter road captain and safety officer Bob Barr. Congratulations Bob; you deserve it. The appreciation plaques for Bay View Printing and Minuteman Printing were also displayed, and Mike Zivicki and Kevin Porter will make the presentations to the companies at a later date.

All said, while it was a last minute change of location, the turnout was pretty good and everyone seemed to be having a good time. I want to personally thank the following individuals for making the party successful: George Markopoulos and his "hook" Frank, for securing some tasty eats for the chapter, Director Sandy Santoro for demonstrating another considerable talent of hers; cake baking, and finally Joe and Doni Kubicek for getting the beer/soda/snacks. You all made my job easier.

"Wrongway" Dennis

Minutes of the January 17 Chapter Meeting

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Kindt at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 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 brothers in need. He also included a special prayer for Past International President Dave Mulford who recently suffered a mini stroke. The stroke affected his speech, but he is expected to make a full recovery.
- 3) **Introduction of new members/special guests.** Jim Ortiz, retired MPD was introduced.
- 4) **Reading of the minutes of the last meeting (12/20/11).** A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Jim Bagurdes. The motion passed.
- 5) **Treasurer's report.** Treasurer Bortmess was not present. President Kindt 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 Jim Bagurdes and seconded by Mike Stroessner. The motion passed.
- 6) **Quartermaster's report.** Quartermaster Bagurdes stated that long sleeved wicking shirts are the hot new item according to Will Enterprises. He did not have costs for shirts, but said that Will could print anything the chapter would want on them. He also stated that supposedly the Outlaws threatened the Axemen MC (firefighter club) over their putting "Milwaukee" on the bottom of their shirts.
- 7) **Old business.**
 - A) **2012 Dance.** Co-Chairperson Santoro provided the report (Co-Chairperson Fisher-Waliszewski was not present). She stated that she now had dance tickets. The cost would be \$10 across the board. She is still looking for donations, and has donation letters available. She also said that Doni Kubicek would be helping her with decorations, and she did not believe that she needed any additional help with set up. She stated that she currently has three bags of raffle prizes, but is still looking for additional items. President Kindt asked each member to provide at least three bottles of quality booze for the booze raffle. Jim Bagurdes stated that he currently has 10 bottles for the raffle. It was suggested that members ask taverns they frequent for booze donations, and Joe Kubicek suggested that Bob Barr contact some of the restaurants the chapter patronized for brunch/dinner rides and see if they'd make a booze donation. President Kindt stated he'd look into obtaining baskets.
 - B) **2012 Chapter Christmas Party.** Secretary Hafeman stated that the party appeared to be a success in spite of the last minute change in venue. He briefly explained why the MPSO Union Hall was made unavailable to the chapter. Overall 41 members and guests attended. The total cost to the chapter was \$556.14. Hall rental was \$250, with an additional \$150 paid to an employee of Milwaukee HD who had to stay on the premises for the duration of the event. Food and drink cost was \$256.14. George Markopoulos' friend Frank again provided the main entrees free of charge to the chapter.
 - C) **2012 Secondary Charity Committee.** Committee members Bob Barr and Mike Stroessner were present; Chairperson Kristi Bleickardt was not present. President Kindt stated that this was the time when the committee would be taking suggestions for donations made from the secondary fund; Secretary Hafeman stated that \$830.07 was available for these donations. President Kindt went over the guidelines for donations from this fund, and Secretary Hafeman stated that he had already e-mailed the guidelines to all three committee members. Five recommendations for donations were made: The Honor Flight, the Fischer House (a facility similar to the Ronald McDonald house for adult military vets; being built on

the VA Hospital grounds), Blue Knights COPS RUN, Special Olympics, and Lake Area Shop with Cops. The Secondary Charity Committee will discuss these recommendations and have their decision made by the February 21 meeting.

- D) **Chicago Motorcycle show.** Steve Schultz stated that as of today he has five people interested in attending the show. He had not received any e-mails from any of the other Wisconsin chapters. Steve stated that he has to have a firm commitment by January 31. He will check with ABATE and see if any of their members are interested in going. Steve stated the cost is \$24 if 40 people commit; this is admission and the cost of the bus and driver. The cost would decrease with 50 attendees. The date is Sunday, Feb. 12, with the bus leaving the park and ride lot at HWY 45/Watertown Plank Rd at 8:30 am. The bus would make another stop at the Ryan Rd. park and ride to pick up any south siders.

Steve then spoke about a piece of motorcycle luggage he has for sale. He is selling an Iron Rider bag. The bag is designed to fit on touring bikes that have a luggage rack only; this will not work on bikes with tour packs. He is asking \$100.

- E) **There was no additional old business discussed.**

8) **New business.**

- A) **International/GLRC updates.** Secretary Hafeman stated that there are several proposals being voted on at the International Board of Directors meeting on January 18. They are: a proposal to outsource the voting process for International officers to an outside company with possible electronic balloting; a proposal to have PA 18 transfer from the Tri State Conference and join the GLRC; a proposal to have CO 3 transfer to the West Coast Conference from the Southwest Conference; a proposal to accept a donation of 2.5 acres of land in Maine; a proposal to publish an item in the next BK News should that item be omitted from the sales catalog in error; a proposal to allow the European Conference to bid for the 2014 International Convention outside of the third week of July; and a proposal to host a recruiting booth at the cost of \$3,000 during Law Week in Washington DC. He stated he would have the results at the February meeting.

- B) Jim Crouse wanted to speak about making donations from the Assist an Officer Fund. He requested donations of \$500 each be made to Officer Frank Vrtochnick (MPD-struck by a hit and run driver) and Paul Gilger (Brookfield PD-also struck by an auto and now without health insurance). The request was unanimously approved by the members present. President Kindt stated he would make sure Treasurer Bortmess got the checks to Jim Crouse for presentation.

- C) **There was no additional new business discussed.**

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

- A) Secretary Hafeman spoke about the 2012 Spring GLRC. The event will be held from Friday, March 30-Sunday, April 1 in Niagara Falls, NY. He stated that new registration forms were sent out; the new forms have the host hotel information on them. Room rates at the Sheraton at the Falls is \$77.00 + tax per night. The host hotel is a few blocks from the Falls. Registration is \$65 for adults, children under 13 is \$30. He stated that the new registration forms would be sent out with the January newsletter. Secretary Hafeman stated that he had received a forwarded flyer from Sandy Santoro for a free tour of Niagara Falls. The tour is being put on by the Blue Knights, and will be on March 31 from 1:15 PM-3:15 PM. They are requesting a head count no later than March 24.

- B) The chapter sang Happy Birthday to member Dan O'Toole (71) and Web Mistress Laura Duff (33) both of whom celebrated their birthdays today.

- C) President Kindt read an e-mail from Lori Wendt, whose husband Bill is a member of IN 1. She is looking for a Milwaukee PD patch circa 1951-1963. Any member who may have such a patch and wishes to send it to her can contact Secretary Hafeman.

- D) Secretary Hafeman gave an update on Vice President Karwacki who had recently undergone shoulder surgery.
 - E) Secretary Hafeman spoke about Davor's Ring. The ring was developed as a fund raiser by the Blue Knights of Austria I for the family of Davor Javorski, the President of Croatia 1, who was killed in a motorcycle accident in 2008. To obtain the ring a Blue Knight must ride 1,200 kilometers (745 miles) in 24 hours, visiting two other Blue Knights chapters along the way. Secretary Hafeman stated that there are only 100 rings club wide, and only six have been won by Americans. He stated that back in August of 2011 he and Joe Kubicek undertook this ride, and had been notified that they both had qualified to receive the ring. He further stated that a few days earlier he had received both his and Joe Kubicek's rings from Austria. At this point Secretary Hafeman presented Davor's Ring to Joe Kubicek on behalf of the Blue Knights of the European Conference. Secretary Hafeman stated that he had been notified that all 100 rings have now been given out, and this fund raiser is officially over. The list of the 100 recipients will be published later this year.
 - F) Bob Barr spoke about the Ride out Winter party, hosted by ABATE 1. The event is on Saturday, February 4 from 4:00 PM-12:00 AM at Serb Hall. Tickets are \$12 if purchased before the event, and \$15 at the door. They are also having a chicken dinner which is an additional \$3. This is a non-color wearing event. Money raised will help ABATE with their continued campaign for biker's rights.
 - G) Chuck Homa stated that the 11th Annual PPS Reunion will be on Sunday, January 29 from 5:30 PM-9:30 PM at Callie's Grill. Contact him for further info.
 - H) President Kindt encouraged members to sell tickets to our upcoming dance. He stated last year attendance and chapter participation was poor, and reminded everyone that this is our sole fund raising event.
 - I) **There were no further announcements made or information discussed.**
- 10) **Next meeting date: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Alioto's.**
 - 11) The 50/50 drawing was held, with \$48 being won by President Kindt and \$47 going to the chapter treasury.
 - 12) A motion to close the meeting was made by Mike Stroessner and seconded by Herman Kremkau. The meeting was officially closed by President Kindt at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis H. Hafeman

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Secretary, Blue Knights WI VI





2012 UPCOMING EVENTS

March 30-April 1

June 8-10

June 15-17

July 22-27

August 17-19

September 7-9

October 5-8

Chapter Rides

AND

Destinations TBD



Doni Kubicek-January 15th
Ellen Wysocki-January 15th
Laura Duff-January 17th
Daniel O'Toole-January 17th
Tina Chappell-January 30th

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: _____