



# Blue Knights WI VI

January 2013 Chapter Newsletter

*PLEDGE: As a Blue Knight, I pledge to act with honor and pride to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety by being an example of the safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights.*



The first meeting of the New Year, 2013, was held January 15<sup>th</sup>, at Alioto's Restaurant.

Newly elected President Joe Kubicek called the meeting to order at 7:02pm with a total of 21 members present (see roll call). President Joe Kubicek led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for our members who have transferred to Heaven I.

There were no new members or special guests in attendance, *so to speak*, just a couple of old faces with new titles! Secretary "in training" – Sandy Santoro and Director – Steve Bzdusek. Our newly elected VP – Dennis Hafeman is out vacationing "Down Under." I'm sure we will get a detailed report upon his return.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last chapter meeting (December 18, 2012) was made by Jim Crouse and seconded by Herman Kremkau. The motion passed.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Treasurer Bortmess read the financial report to the membership (report will not be published in this forum). President Kubicek questioned a decimal placement....and after a minor correction a motion to accept the report was made by Director Chuck Homa and seconded by Randy Winkler. The motion passed.

**QUARTERMASTERS REPORT:** Nothing new to report.

Past President Kindt suggested we sell our abundance of chapter pins at the GLRC registration. President Kubicek raised the question of needing a permit to sell them outside the chapter.

Kindt stated that several of the pin backs were breaking, and if anyone is having a problem with that to let us know.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 2013 Spring GLRC update: President Kubicek reported on the early Thursday arrival plans. He and Bob Barr went to Mader's to check on the menu options. A "bar food" menu was presented and appears to be workable. The plans for Thursday would include a bus trip to The Lakefront Brewery for a tour, then to Mader's for a bite to eat. Mader's seats approximately 40 in the bar

area and no reservations would be required but a call ahead would be appreciated. The tentative departure time would be 4:30pm.

Milwaukee Harley has offered their bus at no cost however we would need to compensate the driver, Bill Black.

President Kubicek will check on insurance.

**Vendors:** Scott Wysocki reports everything is going well!!

President Kubicek suggested a gun raffle, possibly through Gander Mountain. He briefly described how it could work and the options of upgrading the gun or a gift certificate for Gander Mountain.

Several questions were brought up on background checks done prior to our guest heading home.

Anyone interested in heading up a Gun Raffle, see Joe.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR re GLRC:**

Brewery tour fee? Any discounts? Bob Barr will check into it.

Friday plans? Harley Museum scavenger hunt, (you are on your own for this). Herman Kremkau will check into the possibility of other HD tours.

Large scale? Jim Crouse is still looking to procure one. (for largest chapter in attendance, by weight!).

Decorating/Entertainment Committee - we are still in need of someone to head this committee. Entertainment for Friday night (stereo, deejay, Karaoke or ???) and decorating for the Saturday night banquet (centerpiece design, etc).

Danny O'Toole asked if Milwaukee Harley had been asked to set a table up at the GLRC. He will ask them if not. He will also check with WI HD.

Milwaukee Harley is putting together an ad for our welcome book and will be including some kind of a discount for attendees. Chaz (Milw HD) has also asked if he could put a bike up in the hotel. We are waiting for word from the hotel on any restrictions.

If you know any dealers/business that would like to place an ad in the book, see Tiny. He will be the go-to guy until Laura gets back.

Tiny inquired on the amounts we have collected in 50/50's to get an idea on how much we have to spend on prizes.

He stated approximately 30 people are currently registered.

We have to start thinking about getting raffle prizes, booze, gas cards, soda, water..... Either get donations or we will be buying it. Tiny asks if you collect any soda or water please bring it after or at the next meeting.

If anyone knows where you can get soda/water cheap or anyplace that will donate let us know ASAP.

**HOSPITALITY ROOM:** Director Homa inquired if we should have someone pour beer or tend bar..... He is putting a tentative schedule of helpers to monitor the beer and hospitality room. Chuck reports all is good so far and he has several helpers who have volunteered!!!

**DOOR PRIZES:** I (Sandy) have flyers for you to take tonight so you can help work on getting donations. I will be putting together a schedule for Friday (noon till end of night) and Saturday (all day thru dinner) to man the raffle tables and sell tickets!!!

**SECONDARY CHARITY COMMITTEE:**

Get your suggestions into a committee member (Chuck Homa, Kevin Porter, Steve Lisniewski) by next meeting. There is \$1,606.00 dollars available. If you have a charity that you are interested in and it fits into the by-laws, contact a committee member !!!

**DUES/RENEWALS/CONTACT INFO UPDATE:** Make sure your contact information is up to date!!! The meeting date was the final day to pay your dues for 2013. If you missed it you will now need to submit a new application (late renewal) and pay a \$5 late fee.

**OLD BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**  
NONE!!!!!!!!!!

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Bob Barr suggested the ABATE of WISCONSIN, Riding Out Winter Party, Sat Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00pm until midnight- \$12.00 in advance/\$15.00 at the door, includes beer, soda, live music. \$4.00 chicken dinners to first 250 ppl. American Serb Hall, 5101 W Oklahoma Ave., Milw. WI.

Chuck Homa suggests going to the Motorcycle show In Illinois. Feb 8-10. It will be held at the Donald E. Stevens Convention Center. He went last year and had a great time!!

Jim Crouse stated that he attended the showing of, 'Heroes Behind the Badge'. It is a MUST SEE for any law enforcement person or wanna-be. It was a HUGE reality check - not a dry eye in the whole theater. All the monies made that night

were donated to the Shielded Hearts and National Law Enforcement Memorial. This is a documentary of the brave men and woman who put their lives on the line and survived. Every 54 hours-the thin blue line fades to black.....get more info at; [www.shieldedhearts.org/heroes-behind-the-badge/](http://www.shieldedhearts.org/heroes-behind-the-badge/) Also on DVD (yes Chuck it is on VHS too)

Chuck Homa's search for a treadmill has been fulfilled.....thank you Joe for the offer of a harness with a stick and a dollar bill tied to the end.....I hear he upgraded to the \$5.00 bill and he is still running toward it!

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2013, 7:00PM, ALIOTO'S. SOCIAL HOUR STARTS AT 6:00PM**

**50/50 DRAWING: \$105.00 collected. \$52.00 to the chapter and the winner, PAUL SERDYNSKI left with \$53.00. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!**

Motion to close the meeting was made by Robert McDermott at 7:54pm, and seconded by Chuck Homa. Motion passed.

A note from your secretary..... This newsletter is YOUR newsletter. With that being said, I am encouraging you to get involved by sending me information on any rides or trips you have taken.....places of interest, pictures to share.....recall and legal notes.....and yes Randy, even your favorite dish you like to cook. So I can do my best to make your reading a pleasure!  
With your help.....This Can Be Done!!!

Fraternally,

Sandy (LTS) 570



### **ROLL CALL**

Bob McDermott, Danny O'Toole, Jim Bagurdess, Scott Wysocki, Chuck Homa, Jim Kindt, Robert Barr, Steve Schultz, Herman Kremkau, Paul Serdynski, Jim Ortiz, John Wiesler, Randy Winkler, Carl Karwacki, Gary & Mary Davey, Steve Bzdusek, Andre Bleickardt, Jim Crouse, Sandy Santoro, Joe Kubicek, Brian Bortmess



Brunch rides are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (10am)

Dinner rides are the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday (6pm)

Rides run March through November

Meeting location is the park & ride lot adjacent to the Val Phillips Center (Childrens Detention Center) HWY 45 & Watertown Plank Rd



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Chuck Homa

#### **PAST PRESIDENT**

Jim Kindt



### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Doni Kubicek, Jan 15

Ellen Wysocki, Jan 15

Laura Duff, Jan 17

Danny O'Toole, Jan 17

Tina Chappell, Jan 30



It appears everyone is feeling good!!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS 2013**

2013 Spring GLRC:                      March 1-3  
Wauwatosa, WI (WI VI)

2013 Joint RGC/MWRC                  June 13-15  
Eureka Springs, AR (AR II/MO I)

2013 WI State Convention              June 21-23  
Racine County Fairgrounds (WI XI)

2013 International Convention      July 14-20  
Hot Springs, AR (AR IV)

2013 Summer GLRC                      August 23-25  
Muncie, IN (IN I)

2013 Fall MWRC                          September 13-15  
Broken Arrow, OK

Check the International and conference  
web sites for further information and  
registration forms.

## **GLRC NEWS AND UPDATES**

Nothing new to report.

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS & UPDATES**

Nothing new to report.



