



# Blue Knights WI VI

March 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.*

**CHAPTER WEBSITE:** [www.bkwivi.com](http://www.bkwivi.com)



The 2013 March Blue Knights meeting was held March 19<sup>th</sup>, at Alioto's Restaurant. President Joe Kubicek called the meeting to order at 7:10pm with a total of 26 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.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting (Feb. 19th, 2013) was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Dennis Hafeman. The motion passed.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Treasurer Bortmess read the financial report to the membership (report will not be published in this forum.) A motion to accept the report was made by Carl Karwacki and seconded by Michael Stroessner. The motion passed.

**QUARTERMASTERS REPORT:** Jim Bagurdes reports, there is nothing to report.

President Kubicek surprised our quartermaster with an abundant supply of old, I'm talking 'real old' pins from the 2002 GLRC; WI VI pins from the 90's; "furbies" from our international along with blue and red lanyards. He even found a one of a kind red (prototype) bag from the 2007 International which we will raffle off after the 50/50 tonight.

Tiny chimed in and stated there are a few welcome bags (containing half off admission to the Harley Museum) and 1 medium t-shirt (purple) left over from the GLRC. It was unanimously decided that all items will be on a table for your taking

after the meeting.....except the t-shirt as Mary Davey found a home for it!!

#### **OLD BUSINESS: GLRC**

President Kubicek summed it up correctly..... BRAVO TO ALL!!!!

The bar was fantastic. Mary and Gary did an awesome job setting everything up! The booze was incredible! There was plenty of soda and snacks.

Registration: Patty and Tiny along with die hards Peggy and Bob McDermott manned the tables practically non-stop. Bob Barr's Thursday night deal was a big hit.

We fed 171 at the banquet (only charged for 168.)

The pizza party was more than plentiful, even with it being a Friday during Lent.

The beer amounts were perfect.....all in all we had a very fun and successful event. There was a small bar bill, less than one hundred dollars (only because we didn't meet the hotels quota.)

Thanks to all who helped and/or contributed in one way or another. This was a team effort and we took home the game ball!!!

Tiny reports we made enough money to fully fund our Assist an Officer fund and top off the general charity fund!!!! If you wish to see the figures contact Tiny. I will not be publishing them in this format.

Danny O'Toole made a motion to make a \$250.00 donation to the St. Johns Military Academy (honor guard) in recognition of their services for our GLRC. The motion was seconded by Robert McDermott. Motion passed

#### **CHAPTER INSURANCE:**

George Markopulos was going to attend tonight's meeting to give us a summary of

the insurance policy we recently took out. George showed up early and stated he was not feeling well. He left the information with Mike Zivicki and asked him to give it to Sandy.

Joe assured us that we now have insurance and there was a rider for our past event (GLRC.)

#### **BLUE KNIGHT OF THE YEAR:**

President Kubicek announced the Blue Knight of the year.....drum roll.....

Without any question, suggested by two separate fellow Knights and unanimously agreed upon by the board, the award goes to Jim Crouse!!!! Yeah Jim!!



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

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

President Kubicek announced that Doni and He finally got the dream home they have been working toward for years and will be moving this Thursday. So as of NOW he was stepping down as President and handing over the position to Dennis Hafeman our current Vice President.

Dennis graciously took over the reins (honestly I was expecting tears) and immediately announced that at the next meeting (April 16<sup>th</sup>) there will be

nominations for the Office of President. He stated he is planning on running for the position and encourages everyone to consider running for a board position, including the president. If you have the intent to run and cannot be at the next meeting, forward a letter stating your intent prior to the meeting.

Elections will be held at the May meeting. Be aware that depending who wins the president's position other positions may become open.....hummm, should I ??? ☺

#### **NEW BUSINESS.....from the floor:**

Past President.....Joe Kubicek wanted to remind us that a while ago he suggested the possibility of us hosting another International. At the time he said he would just do some checking. With his house ordeal and the GLRC, that was kind of put on the back burner. He stated he did place a call to the Hilton and spoke to Donna Geracie; she referred him to Courtney. Joe stated he has not heard back from them as of yet. He is encouraging someone to take the reins on this.....if you are serious the bid has to be made by May 1.

#### **INTERNATIONAL/GLRC UPDATES:**

Dennis gave a brief summary of the GLRC meeting. He first started out by thanking his Sergeant at Arms (Tiny) for controlling the loud group in the back of the room.

There were no big items discussed; just a couple of house cleaning items that were taken care of. One item was.....

-When bidding on a GLRC have a proposal with dates, times and costs....

Dennis stated there were several of the candidates running for the International Offices in attendance at our GLRC. Several of our members took advantage of that and were able to speak to them first hand. Dennis emphasized that these guys

are the ones at the top making the big decisions for the club; it is good to get to know them to be better informed when you vote.

The March BOG meeting highlights:

-Persona non gratis list....need guidelines.

-Outsourcing elections starting next year.

-Change one word in the constitution, and to or (re: member status.)

Get detailed information on the International web site.

Robert McDermott asked if we could all get a copy of the International by laws. We will check but it is not likely. He was instructed along with all the members to go to the International web site.

**YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO GO TO THE INTERNATIONAL AND GLRC WEB SITES AND READ WHAT GOES ON. THIS IS YOUR CLUB!!**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Mike Zivicki mentioned anyone going to Muncie might want to get their rooms early....there aren't many. Dennis stated he has several registration forms for the Summer GLRC on the front table tonight and they list 3 hotels.

Information regarding the possible presence of OMG at the Harley Davidson 110 was made available. As always be aware of your surroundings.

Blue Knight Scholarship forms are available on the International web site. You will need to fill out an application and write an essay (this year's essay is on social media and how it affects your moral values.) This is open to all off our children. Check out the web site for the details.

Membership cards.....they are here!! I will bring them to the next meeting.

**Reminder:** If you have changed your address since January and I know some of you have, make sure you are updating it with the International Offices. I send them one list a year, after that it is your responsibility. With elections coming up you want to make sure it is up-to-date. Any questions please contact me. Sandy.

Bob Barr reminded us of the Deerfield Pistol and Archery Range outing. Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>. An evening of fun on the range then out for pizza at the Pickle Tree. Event starts at 4:00pm. Contact Paul Serdyski if interested. Bob also mentioned the Stockys go cart night, however I just learned it was cancelled.

Allen Schoessow reminds us of the Annual WI II bike blessing to take place April 6<sup>th</sup> (rain date April 13) at St. Marks Evangelical Lutheran Church, 324 S Sanborn Ave, Jefferson, WI.

Joe reminds us he will be packing up Thursday and is in need of a few strong bodies to help load up the truck. 7:30am start time!!!

Tiny reminds us that Joe is NOT leaving our chapter so keep using him!!!

We were informed tonight that Kathleen Likeness, the sister of Mark Koch and sister in law of Christina Koch was called home before her time. No other information was available. Our condolences go out to the Koch family.

**50/50 Drawing:** \$60.00 to winner, Robert McDermott and \$60.00 to the chapter.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Jim Crouse at 8:20pm, seconded by Carl Karwacki. Motion passed.

### **RIDES:**

Our first brunch ride was held on Sunday March 10. Thirteen (and one half) brave souls weathered the 41 degree temperatures, one tenth of viability and rain to meet at Apple Hollar.

We were met by a friendly staff that was passing out samples of (yes Chuck, FREE) warm apple cinnamon cake donuts, bloody mary's and bread pudding!!!! It was a meal before the meal! The food was GREAT and plentiful and there was much to reminisce about after the GLRC.

The restaurant manager invited us to visit them again for an ice cream and apple pie motorcycle ride in the summer. She took several pictures of us and said she would put them on their web page.

This will be a must do for everyone to go back to!!

Well after a filling breakfast lots of chatter and a half barrel of coffee we hopped back into our cars.....and bid farewell. Hope the next ride we can be on 2 wheels!



Fraternally,  
Sandy (LTS) 498



### **ROLL CALL**

Bob McDermott, Danny O'Toole, Jim Bagurdes, Chuck Homa, Jim Kindt, Steve Schultz, Jim Ortiz, Carl Karwacki & Janis, Gary & Mary Davey, Jim Crouse, Sandy Santoro, Joe Kubicek, Dennis Hafeman and Laura Duff, Mike Zivicki, Tom Listinsky, Bob Barr, Kenn Ziebell, Scott Wysocki, Allan Miller, Brian & Joanne Bortmess, Herman Kremkau



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



### **BOARD MEMBERS**

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Chuck Homa

#### **PAST PRESIDENT**

Joe Kubicek



### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Kristi Bleickardt, March 3

Ed Marynik, March 8

Robert McDermott, March 23

Mark Koch, March 29



Wishing all of those who are not feeling well to feel better!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS 2013**

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 14-19  
Hot Springs, AR (AR IV)

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

2013 Fall MWRC                             September 13-15  
Broken Arrow, OK

2013 fall TSC                                 October 11-14  
Harrisburg, PA (PA V)

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

Special thank you to Director Chuck  
Homa. He procured a DVD of the  
opening ceremonies from our 2007  
International. Due to technical issues  
we were not able to show it on the  
big screen however if you hung  
around after the meeting we were  
able to play it on Sandy's laptop.

What memories!!

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY April 16<sup>TH</sup>,  
2013, 7:00PM, ALIOTO'S. SOCIAL  
HOUR STARTS AT 6:00PM**