



April 2025 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Now that my health is getting better, I am looking at going out about once a week for a ride. Maybe for an hour maybe all day but I want to ride. It may be anyway of the week. If you are interested on going, please let me know. I would like to see our chapter riding again. Maybe not meet and ride as a group but maybe everyone meets at a location for a lunch and then a short group ride, something like that. We should still do a few group rides. Also be nice to support other club events and us going as a group.

What do you all think about us trying to fix up the meeting side of the building and putting in a TV and a couch so members could stop in to just relax and watch a game on TV and to bother the guest playing the machines.

Ride with Pride

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

All membership cards have been sent out and everyone should have received theirs by now.

Reserved picnic pavilion for chapter picnic and paid the \$75.00 fee. Working with caterer now. Would like some ideas as to what food to have at the picnic. Hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, mac salad, and desserts. Information on Heart Camp and Car Show. Heart camp is all volunteers, including doctors, nurses and other medical personnel that help with the camp. It cost about \$550.00 per person at the camp. This cost is basically for lodge and food.

I am hoping to get some type of flyer or poster that each member can have a few of them to hand out to other Law Enforcement members when they go to a training or stop by another agency. Hope to have them by June.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Greetings Brother Knights. With the warmer weather coming we all will be getting our bikes out if you haven't already done so. Just please watch out for other drivers because some won't be watching for you. Our next meeting will be on May 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

Hope to see you there.
Be safe out there.

Respectfully,
Lewis "Lou" Stevens
Blue Knights WVII Secretary
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TREASURER'S NOTES:

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart and Ride with Pride. You are the faces of West Virginia II.

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Chapter Safety Officer

'Caution-Warning-Danger' Signal

Lead bike Alert - Follower Reaction

By: James R. Davis

Among the many responsibilities of the lead bike is communications. Whether the lead bike has (or uses) a CB or not, it is essential for the safety of the group that signals be used to convey much needed information.

An obstruction in the road, for example, must be pointed out - literally by pointing at it.

An expected lane change needs to be announced using turn signal lights. (Note that many groups tend to also use left arm signals announcing left or right turns but I am completely against that particular practice as having two hands on the grips is far too important, particularly if speed adjustments are being made in anticipation of the turn.)

There are lots of group specific hand signals that have come about over time. For example, patting the top of the head, in some groups, means 'smoky' (a policeman) ahead. Hand on top of the helmet forming a knife edge vertically means, to some groups, 'ride in single file' while in others the left arm pointing up at a ninety degree angle with a single finger pointed to the sky means the same thing.

Whatever the group practices are they should be announced at a pre-ride briefing so that all will understand them.

But one signal does not seem to get mentioned very often yet it turns out to be the most important one of all - the 'general warning' or 'Caution-Warning-Danger' signal.

Whenever the lead bike sees something, anything, that might become a threat to the group or that may require the group to slow down or stop quickly then the lead bike must double tap his/her front brake to advise the rest of the group. This double tap of the front brake causes a double flash of the brake lights. Whenever you see a double flash of brake lights ahead of you your reasonable and automatic response **MUST BE** to duplicate the signal (with a double tap of your own) and then to **SLOW DOWN**.

This accomplishes three things at once: it passes along the warning, it insures that your brakes are 'covered', and it adds space between you and the bike ahead just in case you will need it.

If it turns out that the threat is not real, nothing has been lost.

If, after 10 seconds or so nothing has happened, you can resume normal spacing and speed.

This is such a fundamentally important and useful signal it should become an international standard, in my opinion.

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Ride with Pride,

Walter Knight

Chapter Safety Officer

Road Captains

Tips for Riding....

1. Slow down a little. That S curve is sharper than you think!
 2. Just because your bike can go 100 mph between two stoplights doesn't mean you should do it.
 3. Maintenance is that un-fun thing you do to keep from walking home!
 4. When in doubt, always take a jacket. When not in doubt, still take the jacket.
 5. It always seems farther back home than it was to your destination. Don't ride so far that it stops being fun!
 6. Ride safe! No one wants to attend your funeral and talk about how much you loved bikes. They want to go riding with you and talk about what a great time you had.
 7. Stop for gas even if you don't need it. You may wish you had later.
 8. Chrome won't get you laid, unless you're already good looking.
 9. WAVE!!!! Even if the rider is on a scooter or a different brand. They just might be saving for their "Dream" motorcycle.
 10. Don't ride beyond your skill level trying to keep up with the rider in front of you.
 11. Keep your passenger feeling safe. They're riding with you because they trust you. Don't scare them & ruin motorcycling for them.
 12. Buy quality rain gear. Being wet when it's warm is tolerable. Being wet when it's cold is miserable.
 13. Riding 500 miles a day on the interstate is do-able. Riding 500 miles a day in the mountains is impossible. Allow yourself time to "see the sights".
 14. The larger the group, the longer it takes to get there.
 15. The "ride" is about the Journey, not the destination.
 16. Remember to have fun.
- Life, and riding, is not a contest. You can't win them all.

Rene Noe, Terry Queen, Walter Knight, Andy Kolb, and John "Spot" McCloud

Chaplain's Corner

Del Parris, Chaplain

Quartermaster

Chapter items are at the clubhouse. If you need something contact me or one of the staff at the clubhouse. We have a lot of items on sale, please purchase something today. New shirts, hats, and new coins are in. Remember if there is an item that you think the chapter should purchase and have on sale, please bring it up at a meeting so we can vote on it.

Rene Noe
Quartermaster

Committee Report

Joke for the Day

A worldwide survey was conducted by the UN. The only question asked was: "Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?" The survey was a huge failure. In Africa they didn't know what "food" meant. In Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant. In Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant. In China they didn't know what "opinion" meant. In the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant. In South America they didn't know what "please" meant. And in the USA they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.

From Membership

UP COMING EVENTS

2025 EVENTS

May

2025 Spring Mason Dixon Conference, May 23rd to 25th, 2025: Hosted by North Carolina VIII, Greenville, NC. Winter MDC at the Holiday Inn Greenville, 203 SW Greenville Blvd, Greenville, NC 27834. Room rate is \$129.00 per night plus taxes and includes breakfast. Call hotel at 252-355-8300, ask for Mason Dixon Conference Block. Registration for the event is \$110.00 per person. Contact person is David Newton at David.newton53@yahoo.com

June

2025 Wild & Wonderful Knights Weekend Rally: Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Elkins, WV. June 13th – 15th, 2025. FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS CALL: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 50 Martin St, Elkins, WV, call 304-630-2266; TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE BLUE KNIGHTS GROUP, Rooms \$125.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$30.00 per person before May 15th, 2025, and \$60.00 after May 15th.

July

2025 West Virginia II Summer Picnic, will be Saturday, July 12th, 2025 at the Westover City Park, 500 DuPont Rd, Westover, WV 26501. *Picnic starts at NOON until 3 PM.* Brothers Enock and Luzader has set this up. Food is going to be catered.

August

2025 MDC Fall Conference/49th Annual Blue Ridge Rally; Culpeper, VA, Aug 29 - Sept 1, 2025. Hosted by VA II, Baymont Hotel, Culpeper Inn, Event includes breakfast buffet, (540) 825-1253, Blue Knights Virginia – II, P.O. Box 2264, Merrifield, VA 22116-2264. Contact Dan Rivard 703-314-1012 or VA2@blueknights.org.

Sick, Ill, or in Distress: Brother Gerry Menendez is ill and also his brother Steven passed away on March 4th, 2025. Brother Wikert's wife Linda has lymphoma. Brother Stevens has the flu. Brother LePera just had stents put in his heart and needs one more. Brother Stevens' girlfriend has been having heart problems. Please pray for these families.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, May 8th, 2025 at 7 PM.
Location will be the Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

Drawing: April drawing is \$10.00. Brother Richard Jones name was drawn but he was not present. May drawing will be \$15.00. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing.

Members in Attendance: Fred LePera, Jim Enoch, Don Wilkert, Mike Neely, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Zach Kesling, Chuck Luzader, Del Parris and Bill Bradley.

Guest: None

Facebook: Marty McNulty, Sherry Hunt, Lou Stevens, Tobey Pannuty, Leslie Pruitt, Larry Bailey, Jean-Paul Renaud, Frontis Fallow, Rebecca Scott Green, Steve Hamling, Kelli-Anne Robinson, Doug Baker and Bob Rhodes.

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ARE YOU A MEMBER YET?

Hey, just to let you know that if you are a Blue Knight member you can join the Justice Federal Credit Union for just \$5.00 and also get one of their credit cards.
It would be great to get as many chapter members as possible to join up.

